

Call for Session Proposals

Society of Architectural Historians
79th Annual International Conference
Mexico City, Mexico, April 15–19, 2026

Conference Chair: Swati Chattopadhyay, SAH Vice President, University of California, Santa Barbara

Local Co-Chairs: Catherine R. Ettinger, Michoacan University of San Nicolas de Hidalgo and Cristóbal Andrés Jácome Moreno, National Autonomous University of Mexico

The 79th Annual Conference of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) will be held in Mexico City from Wednesday, April 15 to Sunday April 19, 2026. The Society invites everyone interested in the history of the built environment to submit a proposal to chair a session at the conference.

Since the principal purpose of the SAH Annual International Conference is to inform conference attendees of the general state of research in architectural history and related disciplines, session proposals covering every period in the history of architecture and all aspects of the built environment, including landscape and urban history, historic preservation and cultural heritage are welcome. The scope is global.

Sessions may be theoretical, methodological, thematic, interdisciplinary, pedagogical, revisionist or documentary in premise and have broadly conceived or more narrowly focused subjects. Sessions that embrace cross-cultural and transnational topics are particularly welcome. Session proposals that focus on Mexico City, Mexico, and Central America, in particular, are encouraged. They may address critical issues in architecture in any period or topics that intersect architecture with archeology, environmental studies, landscape design, and art history.

Each session will comprise 5 papers, with each presentation allotted a duration of 20 minutes. SAH encourages diverse presentation formats. In every case, the subject should be clearly defined in critical and historical terms. Proposals will be selected on the basis of merit and the need to create a well-balanced program.

NEW for 2026 - Call for Sessions as well as the Call for Papers will be published in both English and Spanish. Session proposals should be submitted in English.

SAH welcomes SAH Affiliate Groups, SAH partner organizations, and other groups in the field to submit a proposal to organize a session. The Society also seeks proposals for sessions that further the goals of the [SAH IDEAS Initiative](#): Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accountability, and Sustainability. We are thus seeking sessions that explore the intersection of architecture and social justice, inclusion and exclusion, diversity, transparency, accessibility, borders and conflicts, systemic inequalities, and methodological challenges.

Since late submissions cannot be considered, it is recommended that proposals be submitted before the deadline.

Additional Information

- [Process for Annual Conference Session Selection](#)

Submission Guidelines

Session proposals must be submitted online by **11:59 pm Central Standard Time, on Thursday, January 9, 2025**. Conference Chair Swati Chattopadhyay and members of the Annual Conference Session Selection Committee will review and select the session proposals.

Prospective session chairs must include the following in their proposal:

- A session title not longer than 65 characters, including spaces and punctuation
- Summary of the subject and the premise in no more than 300 words
- Your name, professional affiliation (if applicable), address, telephone, and email address
- A current CV (2 pages max)

[SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL](#)

Session proposals MUST be submitted through the online portal by the deadline to be considered.

Submitters (maximum of 2) of accepted session proposals may be asked to revise their proposal for the Call for Papers of their session (no more than 300 words). The Call for Papers will be published on the SAH website on March 25, 2025, and distributed in subsequent SAH Newsletters. See the [2025 Call for Papers](#) for examples of session descriptions (beginning on page 5).

SAH membership is required to chair or present research at the Annual International Conference, thus non-members who are selected to chair a session or deliver a paper will be required to join SAH in August-September 2025 when conference registration opens for session chairs and speakers.

Session chairs are expected to fund their own travel and related expenses to participate in the conference. A copy of the Session Chair Guidelines that includes deadlines and step-by-step processes will be distributed. Session chairs are required to pre-register for the conference in August-September 2025.

Key Dates

January 9, 2025, 11:59 pm CST - Deadline to submit a session proposal

March 3, 2025 - Session selection notification begins

March 17, 2025, 5:00 pm CDT - Revised session proposals due

March 25, 2025, 3:00 pm CDT - Call for Papers opens

June 5, 2025, 11:59 pm CDT - Call for Papers closes

June 9, 2025 - Session Chairs start reviewing paper submissions

July 9, 2025 - Session Chairs make final selection of papers and notify speakers

August 12, 2025 - Mexico City Session Chair and Speaker registration opens

September 30, 2025 - Mexico City Session Chair and Speaker registration closes

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