

CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS



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In the framework of the **“Crime and Urban Violence”** Social Science Research Project, researchers and academics are invited to present unpublished papers to be debated at the international level during the **“Violence in neighbourhoods in Latin America. Its determinants and intervention policies”** Conference. A selection of the works presented at the Conference may be published in the May 2012 issue of the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism Housing Institute’s INVI Journal (more information on the INVI Journal at <http://revistainvi.uchile.cl>).

Interested parties should send **summaries no later than Friday, July 15 2011** to violenciaurbana@fen.uchile.cl. These should be no more than one page long on letter size paper, indicating the study objective, conceptual framework, hypothesis or investigation questions, research methodologies, results summary (or at least of expected results) and bibliographical references. Summaries should be sent with a pre-registration form according to the attached format.

Summaries will be evaluated according to the relevance of the theme and scientific rigor, to select those to be presented at the Conference. Authors must hand in a written version of their papers in digital format on presenting them at the Conference, with a minimum length of 6000 words and a maximum length of 10,000 words. Those who wish to may fine tune their papers after presentation at the Conference for the version to be published in the INVI Magazine, according to INVI Magazine publication rules, within two weeks of the event.

The final works will be arbitrated according to INVI Journal editorial policies. Therefore, the acceptance of summaries to the Conference does not guarantee publication of papers. Likewise, it is not a condition of participation in the International Conference to send final papers to INVI Journal.

Summaries, Conference presentations and final papers to be published in INVI Journal will be accepted **in Spanish, English or Portuguese.**

The International Conference on “**Violence in neighbourhoods in Latin America. Its determinants and intervention policies**” has the aim of contributing to the explanation of the phenomenon of violence in neighbourhood contexts from an interdisciplinary perspective as well as contributing to the design of intervention policies from a comparative, regional and international perspective.

Finally, **relevance of themes in papers** to be presented in the International Conference will be decided by the following criteria: analytical (with an explanatory proposal), empirical, qualitative or quantitative, original, multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary studies that examine the manifestation of violence and crime in neighbourhoods, its causes, aggravating factors, consequences for quality of life and governability, its local, urban and spatial expressions, as well as challenges for State institutions, public policies, the justice and prison system, prevention and control. Papers on spatial components of violence from an ecological perspective in the wide sense, including social aspects, are of special interest. Likewise, papers with explanatory foci addressing factors, causes or problems relevant to analysis and intervention or treatment by policies for the control and/or prevention of violence in neighbourhood contexts of large Latin American cities in recent decades are of interest as well.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Milestones	Dates
Summary reception deadline	Friday, July 15
Publication of summary evaluations and paper acceptance for the International Conference.	Tuesday, July 26
Publication of International Conference Programme (date and time of presentations)	Thursday, September 29, 2011
International Conference	Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6, 2011
Deadline for reception of papers to be published in INVI Journal	Thursday, October 27, 2011
INVI Journal Peer Evaluation	Monday, October 31 to Friday, December 2, 2011
Deadline for author corrections based on INVI Journal peer evaluation.	Friday, December 16, 2011