

January 28, 2020

**RE: Call for Contribution**

Dear Colleagues,

The Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) is planning a conference in October 2020 to review the Architecture Continuum – from formal education to internship, examination, licensure, and lifelong learning through practice and continuing education. The conference theme, *Architecture Continuum: Collaborate, Educate, Integrate* brings together the CACB and its collateral organizations to examine *“how to make the architecture education continuum better integrated for students, educators, interns, and practitioners?”*

In an effort to engage the broader architecture community in setting the stage for the conference, the Conference Committee is issuing an open call for ‘Issue Papers’ – reflections - on relevant topics regarding the current and future state of architectural education. Once collated and summarized, the Conference Committee may use these written submissions to frame the discussions at the October 2020 conference. In the months leading up to the conference, the Conference Committee will summarize the papers and distribute the documents to conference delegates. To encourage maximum dialogue, it is expected that issue papers will also be posted on the CACB website where they will be available to stakeholders and the public. If those submitting their issue papers want them to remain confidential, they should contact the Chair of the Conference Committee at [2020conference@cacb.ca](mailto:2020conference@cacb.ca).

Having identified a preliminary list of potential topics and trends, the Conference Committee now invites stakeholders to join the discussion by identifying issues and providing, if possible, additional documentation that explores at greater length specific topics in architectural education and internship. These topics can include, for example, speculative visions of the future, changing modes in professional practice or education, the needs of students and interns, or regulatory issues. Recommendations for changes to the CACB Conditions and Procedures are also welcome.

**Format of the Issues Papers:**

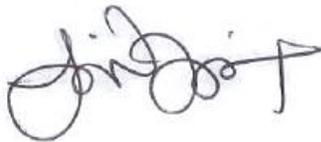
Authors are expected to use the attached **Issue Identification Form** to identify the issue and the context, to support analysis and arguments with data and background information, and to conclude with recommendations for action. Authors are also encouraged to submit, in addition to the Issue Identification Form, more developed Issue Papers, if possible. These additional Issue Papers are not limited in length but the Conference Committee requests that they be clear and concise. **Please send the Issue Identification Forms and the Issue Papers to [2020conference@cacb.ca](mailto:2020conference@cacb.ca) by March 13, 2020.**

The expected outcome of this conference is to identify critical issues regarding the Architecture Continuum. The conclusions and recommendations emerging from the conference will be translated into advisory proposals for alterations to the accreditation and certification processes to be considered by CACB.

Please note that participation in the 2020 Conference will be by invitation only. The delegates from the Canadian Council of University Schools of Architecture (CCUSA) and the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) will be nominated by their respective organization, and since the topic of architectural education directly affects students and interns, the delegations from CCUSA and CALA will include representatives from both groups of future architects. The Conference Committee believes that the education of professional architects is a partnership between our academic and professional institutions, and has proposed a theme that we hope will generate recommendations and proposals for action in a lively discussion that reflects shared goals and a true spirit of collaboration between the schools and the territorial and provincial regulators.

Sincerely,

2020 Conference Committee



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**CACB 2020 CONFERENCE**

**ISSUE IDENTIFICATION FORM**

**Name:**  
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This form should be used to identify Issues within the Architecture Continuum which will feed the dialogue at the CACB 2020 Conference in October 2020. This form can be a standalone document or used as a cover page for an additional companion paper.

<p><b>Name of Issue</b> <i>In 5 or 6 words, "label" the issue</i></p>	
<p><b>Issue Description</b> <i>In a paragraph or two, describe the issue more fully.</i></p>	
<p><b>Context</b> <i>Provide details of the background that give rise to this issue</i></p>	
<p><b>Relevance</b> <i>In a few sentences, state why this issue is important and should be discussed at the 2020 Conference</i></p>	