

CALL FOR PAPERS

Documenting Local Histories

M.A.S.A. JOURNAL

(First Edition; National Bi-annual Research Publication)

About The Publication

To encourage inquiry and research, M.A.S.A. (Maharashtra Association of Schools of Architecture)- a pioneer in improving the quality of Architectural Education through various academic activities addressing the Students, Staff, Professionals and Society in the state of Maharashtra, has announced the launch of **M.A.S.A. Journal**- a bi-yearly national publication.

The Journal is conceived as a peer-reviewed research publication intended to excavate new thoughts, examine existing thoughts under a new light, explore questions related to architecture, planning, landscape, environment and urban scenarios and address various strategies to find related answers.

Through writings- case studies, documentation of events- present and past, articles, reporting of monologues and/or interviews, the journal would focus on delivering a brief yet acute description of the theme of the publication issue.

Themes of the biannual edition will be declared in the **M.A.S.A. Newsletter** from time to time.

M.A.S.A. Journal encourages submissions from architectural, landscape, and urban academicians & historians; conservationists and activists; independent scholars; architects; scholars in related fields; and members of partner organizations for its first edition.

The Theme

To move ahead as a civilization, we need to understand our roots, how we have evolved and the effects of this evolution on the world. We need to tap into the accumulated knowledge to choose wisely. Thus the theme- '**Documenting Local Histories**'.

Through addition and modification of various layers and years of metamorphosis, the architecture and construction practices have evolved over time. This evolution in architecture and construction technology is phenomenal; and unless we do study them, we cannot appreciate the modern ones. History of our local region teaches us how the architecture is influenced by the local culture, religion, people and environment. The theme aims to study the evolution of various local regions by studying their historical background, communities, culture and the process in which the area evolved into the scenario witnessed today.

The **M.A.S.A. Journal** invites papers considering the following sub-themes:

- Culture & Communities
- Architecture and Planning
- Construction Technology & Materials
- Physical-chemical Environment such as Soils, Geology, Topography, Surface-water, Ground-water, Water Quality, Air Quality and Climate.

Submission Guidelines

The submissions will be in two phases:

- Phase I: Abstract Submission
- Phase II: Submission of Final Document/ Paper
- Contributors of shortlisted abstracts will be asked to send the final piece in the format mailed to them.

Phase I: Abstract Submission

The guidelines for abstract submission are as follows:

- **Content Requirement:** Title, 3-5 keywords, Corresponding authors' names, Affiliation, Contact Address, Telephone, Email Address, Selected Sub-theme for the Abstract
- **Number of Authors:** Maximum three in no.
- **Length:** 200-300words
- **Format:** Microsoft Word (.doc)
- **File Size:** 2MB (including images if any)
- **Mode of Submission:** via email to masajournal2017@gmail.com
- **Submission Deadline:** July 30, 2017
- **Notification of Acceptance:** by Aug 15, 2017

We look forward to seeing your work!

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