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Call for Papers

The 1st MIT Asia Real Estate Symposium
July 31 - August 1, 2023, Cambridge MA

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology launched the Asia Real Estate Initiative (AREI) at the MIT Center for Real Estate in 2022. As international travel restrictions have eased, the Center is hosting its first **Asia Real Estate Symposium on MIT's Campus from July 31 to August 1, 2023**.

The central theme of AREI is sustainable real estate and urban development in Asia, which has exhibited explosive urbanization. As real estate accounts for a substantial proportion of the world's energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable development in Asia will benefit not only countries in the region, but global communities as well. AREI champions sustainable, innovative approaches to Asian real estate. It facilitates collaborations among scholars with backgrounds in economics, finance, urban planning, technology, among other disciplines. It promotes cross-border dialogue within Asia and across continents to create knowledge towards sustainability and urban economic vibrancy.

The 2023 MIT Asia Real Estate Symposium will advance research by engaging scholars on a global level. Submitted studies shall emphasize an Asian context, and selected papers are encouraged to focus on the following, non-exhaustive list of areas:
- The future of live-work-play dynamics and real estate.
- Integration of technology in real estate that enhances sustainability.
- Innovative real estate finance and business having implications for sustainability.
- Valuation of sustainable real estate.
- Public policy on real estate having implications on sustainability.

Ten to twelve papers will be selected for the academic program that spans one and a half days. Authors of the papers presented at the symposium will be invited to submit revised papers to a planned **special issue of the *Journal of Real Estate Research***. The normal peer-review procedure applies.

MIT Center for Real Estate will sponsor two nights of hotel accommodation for presenters and discussants. If a visa to travel to the United States is required, the participant is responsible for the visa application. The Center will provide an invitation letter.

The **paper submission portal** is available via this **LINK**. A completed paper is required for the submission. The **submission deadline** is May 8, 2023. Submitting authors will be notified of results by May 19. Accepted papers will be sent to discussants the following week.

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General information about the symposium can be found on the MIT Center for Real Estate website. For issues relating to the paper submission or inquiries regarding the symposium's academic program, please email wcliao@mit.edu to contact Wen-Chi Liao, Visiting Associate Professor, MIT Center for Real Estate, and Associate Professor of Real Estate, NUS Business School.