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**Call for proposals for young scholars and doctoral students: Deadline January 16<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

**Jean-Pierre Chupin**, director of the Research Chair in Competitions and Contemporary Practices in Architecture (CRC, Université de Montréal, Canada), and  
**Joris van Wezemael**, director of the Socio-spatial Complexity Lab (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) invite young scholars and doctoral students to contribute to the 2012 CRC International symposium:

**"International Competitions and Architectural Quality in the Planetary Age"**

This international symposium will gather renowned competition experts, chief editors of architecture journals and researchers studying contemporary architectural issues through the filter of competitions from 8 countries (Canada, Switzerland, France, USA, Sweden, Belgium, Germany and Brazil) or more.

This gathering will be held at the Université de Montréal, on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There will be three main track sessions and a special session devoted to young scholars, which is addressed by this call for proposals. The themes of the three main track sessions are:

- 1 – The capacity of international competitions to tackle local issues
- 2 – The capacity of competitions in general to activate the critical debate on architectural quality in an international landscape of media
- 3 – The capacity of digital archiving of competition projects to enhance the building of a planetary architectural culture.

The fourth session will be devoted to short presentations by young scholars and doctoral students. The theme of this special session is:

*How does the internationalization of design, construction services and construction markets affect (the appropriateness of) competitions? How do the (1) local and the global, and the (2) economic, cultural, ecological and aesthetic, intertwine in jury-based decision-making ?*

The proposals will be reviewed by an international scientific committee on the following schedule:

- **January 16th 2012:** reception of proposals in English language  
(500 words = hypothesis + details on case studies + biographical elements and institutional affiliation)
- **January 22th 2012:** 6-8 proposals selected, email confirmation to authors
- **March 1st 2012:** Draft of conference-paper in English (5000 words)
- **March 16th + 17th 2012:** Montreal conference
- **April 15th 2012:** Final paper + illustrations
- **Summer 2012:** publications

Please submit proposals in English to both:

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Additional information available at:

- Chaire de recherche sur les concours et les pratiques contemporaines en architecture: [www.crc.umontreal.ca](http://www.crc.umontreal.ca)
- Laboratoire d'étude de l'architecture potentielle: [www.leap.umontreal.ca](http://www.leap.umontreal.ca)
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