

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
Interest Group Report: **Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG)**
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Mission

The mission statement was revised at the ACSP 1999 Chicago conference. The revised version reads as follows:

To work together as planning educators and students to create, integrate and share global perspectives in planning education and research. To foster an understanding of the global perspectives in planning education and research. To foster an understanding of the global context of local and regional issues; an appreciation of and respect for cultural, economic, and political dimensions of planning; and the recognition of the rich array of planning processes that can be fully appreciated only by learning about what is being done in other countries.

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Selected Landmark Events Related to GPEIG

- 1990 Publication of book: *Breaking the Boundaries: A One World Approach to Planning Education*, Plenum Press. Based on a meeting held at MIT in 1988. Editor: Sanyal, Bish. Authors: Farokh Afshar, Hooshang Amirahmadi, Tridib Banerjee, Jay Chatterjee, Hemelata Dandekar, Louise Dunlap, Salah El-Shakhs, Omar Ertur, Ralph Gakenheimer, Gill-Chin Lim, Mohamed Qadeer, Bish Sanyal, Mark Schuster
- May 1990 Conference on “Global Approaches to Planning Education,” Center for Comparative Studies in Development Planning, School of Architecture and Environmental Design, SUNY Buffalo. Organized by Himi Jammal, Director of the Center and Bish Sanyal, MIT. Thirty-three participants including most of the chapter authors of *Breaking the Boundaries*.
- April 1991 ACSP authorizes the creation of a National Commission on Globalizing North American Planning Education. This results from Himi Jammal’s presentation of a paper at the May conference to the ACSP Executive Committee with the proposal that such a commission be established. The Commission initiates work soon after. Chair: Himi Jammal. Members: Farokh Afshar, Hooshang Amirahmade, Hemelata Dandekar, William Goldsmith, Deborah Howe, Alan Kreditor, Linda Lacey, Gill-Chin Lim, Riad Mahayni, Paul Niebanck, and Bish Sanyal.
- 1994 Final Report issued of the ACSP National Commission, titled *Global Approaches to North American Planning Education*. Himi Jammal, Chair and Editor. Recommendations accepted by ACSP.
- January 1996 A proposal (drafted by Hooshang Amirahmadi) was submitted to the ACSP President to form a Society of Planning Educators for International Development within ACSP. This idea was formed during informal discussions during the 1995 ACSP in Detroit. The response from the ACSP leadership was that ACSP could not have a society within and the appropriate form of organization should be an interest group. Some people involved in this proposal were Hooshang Amirahmadi, Gill-Chin Lim, Weiping Wu, and Tridib Banerjee.
- April 1998 Workshop on Global Integration and comparative Approach to Planning organized by the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT (Bish Sanyal). Purpose: To develop a precise agenda for the Standing Committee on Globalization and Planning, discuss participation in upcoming ACSP conference and new initiatives for the Committee. Cambridge, MA. Thirty participants.
- Fall 1998 GPEIG formally accepted as an interest group by ACSP and established as such. Co-Chairs elected: Tridib Banerjee and Ruth Yabes.
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- Spring 2001 Special Issue on “Globalization and Planning” in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Guest Editors: Farokh Afshar and Keith Pezzolli.
- Fall 2002 GPEIG formally adopted the by laws. Co-Chairs elected.
- Summer 2003 No global track in Leuven. Report by Co-Chairs, see attachment.