



International Planning History Society

IPHS

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Re: IPHS Book Prize 2020

Dear Mary Corbin Sies, Isabelle Gournay, and Robert Freestone

The committee appointed to review nominations for the third prize, for the best planning history edited work, has completed its deliberations and we are writing to advise you that your book *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press 2019) has been selected to receive the prize for 2020. Congratulations on your success!

The committee's commendation reads as follows:

Dealing with 23 iconic planned communities, built in six continents from the early nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries, the book addresses the issue of how visionary spirit comes to terms with reality and the challenges of change. Fascinating in its historic scope and drawing on the broad interdisciplinary perspective of the 25 prominent authors involved, the book not only encourages comparative analysis but also argues that in the future the cross-fertilization of the strategies deployed by single cases may contribute to achieve ongoing liveability and resilience, thus sustaining these planning legacies.

Although the third book prize is awarded to the editors, we would like to remember on this occasion the beautiful and inspiring contribution of Sandra Annunziata to this book on the history and gentrification of the Roman neighbourhood, Garbatella. An outstanding academic and dedicated researcher Sandra passed away suddenly last year. She was a young, uncompromising, and immensely talented scholar, who served as a reference for a whole generation of urban researchers in Italy.

Traditionally, as part of its biennial conference program, IPHS holds a Prizes and Awards event to announce and celebrate the winners of its various prizes and awards. However, the 19th IPHS Conference, which was due to be held in Moscow from 5-8 July 2020, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, and regrettably, the Society is unable to recognise your achievement at an event this year. The IPHS Council is yet to decide on the date for its next conference, but once the decision is made you will be advised, and we hope that you will be able to attend that conference so that you can be congratulated in person at a rescheduled prizes and awards ceremony. In the meantime, IPHS will announce the winners of its 2020 prizes and awards on the Society's website and Facebook page.

Awardees who receive a monetary prize as part of their award will be contacted individually so that arrangements can be made for the transfer of funds to them.

Should you wish to use the information about your IPHS 2020 award for professional reasons before the Society can hold its formal award ceremony, you are welcome to do so.

Congratulations again on receiving the third prize for the best planning history edited work for 2020.

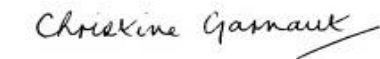
Yours sincerely



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