



## EAAE Newsletter

### Fragile, International Student Conference

Sint-Lucas Architectuur

Brussel, Gent

The recent publication of *Searching for the Just City. 'Debates in urban theory and practice'* (Marcuse, et al., 2009) illustrates that the neoliberal discourse is under pressure and that people from different fields are increasingly questioning this way of looking at the world.

For Simone (2010, p. 3), "cityness refers to the city as a thing in the making". More than ever cities are more than built up space, morphological composition or architectural spectacle. They reflect the strong intertwining of space and people, they are about lived realities, as, using the words of de Certeau, the city has truly become a "practiced place" (1984: 117).

The aim of the conference is to bring together students and young academics who will be our future influential thinkers and who will reflect on how space and architecture are putting the people back in the centre of their disciplines ...

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### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium on University Rankings and Quality Assurance in Europe 2011

Silken Hotel, 14th April 2011

Brussels



The concept of university rankings is rapidly becoming one of the most important tools used by both students and academic professionals across the world. Currently, there are 33 countries which possess some form of rankings system, and the field continues to grow both domestically and internationally. Universities use them to define their performance, professional reputation and status, whilst students use them to choose their future place of study and research. What originated as a consumer product aimed at undergraduate domestic students has now become both a manifestation and a driver of global competition and a battle for excellence in itself.

As the higher education sector is recognised as one of the key drivers of economic growth, the productivity, quality and the status of research produced by institutions can be used as a vital indicator. Therefore, it is critical to develop a new methodology for assessing European Universities...



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