

Editorial

Dear friends,

I am really happy that a long story has come to a good end: The European Urban Research Association (EURA) is now a registered association according to German law! Although EURA developed successfully during the last years it was not a legal entity. Therefore, EURA was for example not able to sign the contract for our journal *Urban Research & Practice*.

Currently we are (still) negotiating with the local tax office the conditions under which EURA will be recognised as a non-profit organisation. Although the charter of EURA agreed at the last general assembly was drafted according to suggestions made by the local tax office EURA has not been recognised as a non-profit organisation until now. Perhaps we have to amend the current charter at a general assembly to be held during the next EURA conference. I am still optimistic that also this step will be done successfully.

Finally, I am also very happy that our board members Panos Getimis and Nikos Hlepas have been again successful in mobilising the funding for our next summer school (see page 3 of this newsletter). PhD students who are either individual EURA members or study at institutional EURA members do not have to pay the registration fee.

During a visit in Barcelona I had a chance to discuss with people from United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Based on the expertise of EURA members we identified the following three fields where EURA could collaborate with UCLG:

- The development of an “Index on Local Government and Decentralization” (ILGDF) within a project UCLG have with the European Union on “Support to Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries”.
- Policies for positioning and integrated development for intermediary cities (i.e. cities and towns up to 500.000 inhabitants).
- Local migration policies

The secretariat will inform all EURA members about the perspectives of the collaboration with UCLG when details of this new partnership have been clarified.

Finally, I like to inform you that a change in the secretariat has taken place. Sonja Löber is pregnant and has been replaced by Sylvia Pannowitsch. I like to thank Sonja for the excellent job she has done so far and wish her all the best. Sylvia, like Sonja, is a junior researcher at the Institute of Political Science, TU Darmstadt.

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The aims of EURA

- To encourage international exchange and co-operation in relation to urban research
- To stimulate and encourage interdisciplinary and cross-border urban research
- To contribute to urban policy debates.

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Conference News and Information

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EURA EVENT – VIENNA 2012

URBAN EUROPE – CHALLENGES TO MEET THE URBAN FUTURE

20 - 22 September 2012, Vienna, Austria



The next EURA Conference “Urban Europe – Challenges to Meet the Urban Future” will be held at Vienna University of Technology from 20th to 22nd of September 2012 right in the heart of the old city center of Vienna. It is organized by the Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning, Vienna University of Technology.

Cities are both drivers of economic, technological and organizational development and the places of remarkable social change. Scholars from diverse disciplines as well as practitioners will reflect on the actual urban situations and the main challenges and outline outcomes and solutions and collect critical and practical relevant theses and results to stimulate debates on the European urban future.

In particular it addresses the governance of cities that have to deal with contradictory challenges between economic competitiveness and social cohesion, technological aspects of energy management (‘smart cities’) and settlement growth, shrinking cities, increasing segregation and environment protection. There is a need for new forms of governance to integrate the increasingly different interests of heterogeneous urban societies and to come up with growth coalitions that combine competitiveness and responsibilities for balanced developments.



Keynote Speakers:

Dagmar Haase (Professor at Humboldt University Berlin and UFZ Leipzig, Germany)

Zorica Nedovic-Budic (Professor at University College Dublin, Ireland)

Track Sessions:

Track 1	Aim, Process and Deficits of the Joint Programming Initiative "Urban Europe"
Track 2	Patterns and Driving Forces of Long-Term Urban Dynamics
Track 3	Competitive and Inclusive Metropolitan Development and Governance
Track 4	Vulnerable and Resilient Cities
Track 5	Metabolism of Urban Areas - Resource, Energy and Land Use
Track 6	Innovation Hubs and Living Labs

The **General Assembly** will be held on Friday, 21 September 2012, at 05.00 p.m.

Agenda:

Wednesday, 19.09.2012	
18:00	Pre-conference Reception
Thursday, 20.09.2012	
09:00	Registration
11:00	Opening Plenary Session
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Track Session I
16:00	Coffee
16:30	Track Session II
Friday, 21.09.2012	
09:00	Plenary Session
11:00	Coffee
11:30	Track Session III
13:30	Lunch
15:00	Track Session IV
17:00	General Assembly
19:00	Conference Dinner
Saturday, 22.09.2012	
09:00	Track Session V
11:00	Coffee
11:30	Closing Plenary Session
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Mobile Workshops
17:00	Return
19:00	Conference Dinner

For **further information** on the conference and **registration** at www.eura2012.org!

EURA EVENT - ATHENS 2012

CLIMATE CHANGE: GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND LOCAL RESPONSES (Summer School)

2 – 4 July 2012, Athens, Greece

EURA EVENT

The 2012 Summer School on "Climate Change: Global Challenges and Local Responses" is organized by EURA (European Urban Research Association) and hosted and financially supported by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) which serves as its acknowledged think-tank.

This year's summer school will take place from Monday 2 until Wednesday 4 July 2012 in Athens.

The main topics of this year's summer school are:

1. Urban Planning and Local Responses to Climate Change
2. How to Explain Different Local Responses to Climate Change
3. Struggles about Responses to Climate Change at the Local Level
4. Cities, Europeanization and Multi-level Governance: Governing Climate Change through Transnational Municipal Networks

The 2012 Summer School aims to organize specialized courses for Ph.D. students whose research topics are related to the fields of climate change, environmental governance and the different types of relevant policies.

Apart from the scientific exchange among Ph.D. candidates and acknowledged teachers, the Summer School seeks to create linkages among the participants of different national and cultural backgrounds.

The local organizers have planned an interactive programme for on-going research and several workshops with constant guidance from the tutors. More specifically:

- Tutors will give inputs by lectures and discussion with the participants
- Supplementary literature, suggested readings and course syllabus concerning each topic will be distributed to the participants prior to the Summer School
- Participants must prepare an extended abstract (1.200 words) of their Ph.D. research, which will be forwarded to the tutors by the 15th of June.

- Concerning supervision of participating PhD students, each tutor will be responsible for 5 students, whose Ph.D. research is closer to their topics. After the introducing plenary session (first day), a kick-off meeting of each group (tutors plus "her/his" students) will take place. Furthermore, a second working group meeting (final evaluation meeting) will take place during the last day of the summer school.
- PhD students are going to present their own research in the sessions, following the thematically related lecture of "their" tutors (20' plus 10-15' discussion on each presentation). All students will attend every lecture and all sessions and be able to take part in all discussions.
- There will be a final plenary session for summing up the results and the evaluation of the summer school.

The **final programme** of the 2012 Summer School is available [here](#).

All practical information regarding the Summer School can be found on the websites of:

EURA <http://www.eura.org/>

ICBSS <http://www.icbss.org/>

EURA EVENT – ENSCHEDE 2013

CITIES AS SEEDBEDS OF INNOVATION

4-6 July 2013, Enschede, Netherlands

EURA EVENT

Introduction of the theme

Innovation is at the heart of the European Union's *Europe 2020 strategy*. As part of this strategy the EU wants to turn the Union into a genuine Innovation Union. The EU's ambition is to develop the Union into a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy. As Peter Hall has demonstrated in his monumental book "Cities in Civilisation", historically cities have been and are always like to remain the seedbeds where major social and economic transformations in our societies are initiated and developed. Oftentimes these transformations are induced by developments in the domains of science and technology. But as Hall has emphasized, although "*the force of technological change sets the challenges which society has to face*", the impact of technological change is by no means mechanistic. Rather "technology in its headlong march also creates choices and opportunities; and

faced with those, *urban societies can and must decide for themselves the way they want to go*. As so often before, technological progress is paradoxically villain and hero: on the one hand destroying jobs and firms and entire industries and ways of life; on the other, creating vast new economic opportunities and solving intractable problems of urban society. *But the way we use it will depend on us*" (Hall 1998: 987-988; emphases added). Therefore our proposal is to organise the 2013 EURA Conference around the theme CITIES AS SEEDBEDS FOR INNOVATION.

Main questions

In the 2013 EURA Conference we want to focus on a wide range of issues that pertain to the main question: How do urban actors who collectively decide over and shape the urban landscapes and societies of the future deal with the challenges of the 21st century? In dealing



with this complex question we aim to bring together leading urban scholars to present work

that enhances our scientific understanding of the dynamics of city innovations. How do actors in urban societies across Europe (and beyond) make their choices, face challenges and use opportunities for smart, sustainable and inclusive development of urban societies? But, in line with the mission of EURA, the conference should also provide a forum for more applied scientific work aimed at establishing links between the worlds of academia and urban practitioners.

Provisional program

In keeping with the successful format of previous EURA Conferences we envision that in addition to plenary sessions at the beginning and the end of the event there will be a total of five or six thematic tracks.

For the plenary sessions we for the moment are considering the following options (themes and names are suggestive rather than definitive, and we are in the process of engaging key note speakers).

1. Cities as seedbeds for innovation
2. The dynamics of governance innovations in cities
How do governance innovations diffuse in networks of city governments?

3. Community Leadership and City Innovations: some lessons from European cities
4. Innovations and collaborative the governance in urban regions
5. The Nano-City: Small is beautiful!

The provisional themes provide the basis for the following six conference tracks. For each track a tentative indication is provided for the main theme and the main question to be addressed.

1. Designing cities of the future: towards smart cities!

What is the impact of new socio-economic developments and technological change (in e.g. ICT, nano-technology and domotics) on the design, planning and construction of our cities?

2. The triple helix in theory and practice

What is the role of universities, business and governments in providing for successful entrepreneurship and innovations, inclusive growth and employment in cities and urban regions?

3. The road from RIO 20+: implications for a new local agenda for sustainable growth

This year world leaders will convene in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the UN conference on sustainable development. Twenty years' ago Rio was the place where the influential Local Agenda 21 was initiated. How do we enhance the ecological sustainability of European cities?

4. Integration and social inclusion in the city of tomorrow

What is the impact of socio-economic and technological change for the social fabric of our cities? What are the implications for the social integration of immigrants and underprivileged groups in urban society? And is it possible to retain or even strengthen the traditional function of the city as a ladder for upward social mobility?

5. Determinants and effects of innovations of urban governance

In this track two main questions will be addressed. First: how do the institutions and decision-making in networks of urban governance condition the introduction of innovations in city governance and urban adaptations to new socio-economic developments? Second: what is the impact of urban innovations (new policies and new procedures and technologies) on the quality of

governance, both in terms of public performance and democratic legitimacy?

6. Open track

In the recent Tri-Lateral City Conference in Bristol, where representatives of three innovative European cities and academics discussed city innovations and the lessons to be drawn from their project in thinking systematically about strategies for successful city innovations. For a discussion of this initiative see, the contribution of Robin Hambleton and Joanne Howard to an earlier edition of the EURA Newsletter.

Organisation and logistics

The conference's focus on cities as the seedbeds for innovation is timely because the EU has indicated that future EU research and innovation programs will focus on Europe 2020 objectives and particularly the Innovation Union. Focusing on this theme will be a good way to provide a forum where EURA and its membership can position themselves in relation to the EU research agenda.

The University of Twente, being a founding member of EURA, considers it an honour to be given the opportunity to host the 2013 EURA Conference in



Enschede. The conference theme is at the very heart of the mission of the University of Twente and its priority research

institute the Institute for Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS). The IGS performs multi-disciplinary research and postgraduate research training in the field of the governance and management of technological and social innovation. In this, issues of co-ordination, steering and the operation of (networks of) institutions in both public and private sectors are core research foci, based on a multi-level, multi-actor perspective.

EURA Board member prof. dr. Bas Denters is scientific director of the IGS's research program Innovation of Governance, and the scientific Board of the IGS under the direction of prof. dr. Kees Aarts fully supports the initiative and will provide financial support for organizing the event. The University of Twente is a modern campus-based university with excellent new facilities for staging the conference.

EURA EVENT – PARIS 2014

EURA/UAA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN STUDIES: City Futures '14 – What role for cities as strategic players in a global era?

June 2014, Paris, France

EURA EVENT

Professor Christian Lefevre outlines plans for an international conference on city futures to be held in Paris in June 2014

City Futures International Conferences – the background

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) and the



European Urban Research Association (EURA) have a long established sister relationship. We have encouraged intellectual dialogue between urban scholars in North America and Europe, we attend each other's conference, and we have

organised two successful international conferences on 'city futures' in the past.

The first such conference, *City Futures- an international conference on globalism and urban change*, was held in Chicago, on 8-10 July 2004. Organised by the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at UIC, this event attracted 250 participants from 36 countries and 160 papers were presented. The second, follow-up conference, held five years later in Madrid, was the *City Futures '09* conference, held on 4-6 June 2009. This event was around twice the size of the initial Chicago conference. Around 500 scholars from 50 countries participated. Both the conferences furthered international dialogue and academic understanding and many scholarly outputs and collaborations. There are more details about both these international conferences on the EURA website: www.eura.org

A City Futures '14 Conference in Paris – the general idea

The proposal presented here builds on this earlier track record of successful transatlantic collaboration. The intellectual case for furthering international exchange relating to urban studies is, if anything, much stronger than it was when we embarked on the

idea of joint conferences some ten years ago. The forces of globalisation have gathered pace, and a joint EURA/UAA conference in Paris in 2014 will play a valuable role in encouraging urban scholars, particularly younger scholars, to examine the changing role of cities in a comparative context.

The Paris conference – the institutional context

The year 2011 has seen the birth of an important national “Urban Research Pole” in France. The Laboratory of Excellence relating to “Urban Futures” (*Futurs urbains*) brings together two universities, several graduate schools, more than 10 research centers, and about 300 researchers in the urban domain. The years 2012 and 2013 will see the emergence of the largest institute of Urban Planning in France, the “Ecole d’Urbanisme de Paris” (or Paris School of Planning) with the merger of the two oldest institutes of urbanism (the French Institute of Urban Planning (IFU) and the Paris Institute of Urban Planning (IUP)).

In that context, the June 2014 conference on City Futures will be a highly symbolic event because it will be the first international event of the new Paris School of Planning.

This event will be organized by a local committee, chaired by Professor Christian Lefèvre (present Director of the French Institute of Urban Planning).



The committee will be composed of the Head of the Urban Futures Research Pole and its major research labs have all already confirmed their support for the 2014 conference.

City futures '14 – What role for cities as strategic players in a global era? [Provisional title]

The organisers would like to promote critical consideration of the idea that cities are emerging as strategic players on the international stage. In the modern era of globalization, cities compete in order to attract capital, firms and people. Strategic activities

are very often presented as a key element of success in the competition between cities at the international level, and many urban areas have embarked on the production and implementation of strategic activities



(strategic plans, etc.) to respond to globalization and territorial competition. They are doing so either by adopting a sectoral approach (e.g. strategies regarding economic development) or, in some cases, by adopting a more holistic approach (master plans, general strategic plans, etc.).

The overall aim of the conference is to examine a range of questions relating to strategic urban governance and strategic city development. Questions that could be explored include: What strategies are being tried out by cities in what context and why? What is the evidence on the success or otherwise of these various strategic efforts? More fundamentally, do cities have the capacity to produce strategic action or is this a chimera? Theoretical as well as empirical contributions will be welcomed and we will, of course, particularly welcome papers that compare and contrast the experiences of cities in different countries.

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BERLIN 2012

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS: URBAN ENERGIES

10-11 October 2012; Berlin, Germany

The German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development in conjunction with the Standing Conference of Federal State Ministers and Senators responsible for Urban Development, Building and Housing, the German Association of Cities and the German Association of Towns and Municipalities invites you today to the international congress "Urban Energies" which takes place on October 10 and 11, 2012 in Berlin.

2012 commemorates the fifth year anniversary of the adoption of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities. This offers occasion and motivation to expand on its topics and goals. Current urban development policies and topics will be discussed by representatives from politics, planning, science, economy and civil society at this compact, two-day programme.

Please keep these dates available in your schedule. You will receive a detailed congress programme and further information regarding registration in due time at www.sbca.de.

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LILLE 2012

FLOW MODELLING FOR URBAN MANAGMENT

13-14 June 2012, Lille Grand Palais, France

This conference organized by the French Research Network on "Urban Modelling" in partnership with the University of Lille 1, aims to bring together researchers, architects, urban planners, engineering and design companies, urban stakeholders and city authorities in the field of urban flow modelling (metabolism, mobility, logistics, physical phenomena -natural and anthropogenic-, social and economic phenomena, biodiversity, etc.) and its use as a tool for governance and decision making, for urban design and evaluation of urban project impacts and evaluation of risks.

To view the presentation of the conference, the preliminary program, and to register: <http://www.weezevent.com/Modelisation-des-Flux-et-Amenagement>

ANKARA 2012

26th SILVER JUBILEE AESOP CONGRESS

11-15 July 2012, Ankara, Turkey

The Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) will hold its 26th Annual Congress in Ankara, Turkey, **from 11 to 15 July 2012**. As 2012 will also mark the 25th Anniversary of AESOP our aim is to celebrate the occasion with the participation of many distinguished guests and keynote speakers, along with a number of special sessions and activities. The Congress will also provide the setting for stimulating workshops, round-table discussions, and exciting excursions, during which issues of spatial planning and development specific to Ankara may also be explored.

We believe that the congress motto "**Planning to Achieve/Planning to Avoid**" is an umbrella for a wide spectrum of planning concerns, and explicitly expresses the variety of functions planning has to accommodate in the face of the material conditions of the modern world. Global warming, environmental and ecological degradation, depletion of natural resources, natural and man-made hazards, and economic crises affect our modes of production, consumption, and mobility patterns, demanding for new strategies in socio-spatial organization and conduct.

Participants to the congress are expected to contribute to the dilemmas of growth/decline, vulnerabilities/resilience, and the contemporary relevance of planning in theoretical and practical terms, while pointing to the strengths and weaknesses of educational systems, and problems of local and regional geographies.

We welcome our colleagues to a vibrant environment of sociable discussion.

Local Organizing Committee: Prof.Dr.Melih Ersoy; Assoc.Prof.Dr. Ela Babalik-Sutcliffe; Prof.Dr.Murat Balamir

Further information

<http://www.arber.com.tr/aesop2012.org/index.php/home>

LYON / SAINT-ETIENNE 2012

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: THE NEOLIBERAL CITY: A CREDIBLE THESIS?

13-14 September 2012, Lyon / Saint-Etienne, France

For now more than two decades, the signs of a cities comeback and of the reinforcement of urban and metropolitan governments have multiplied. The emergence of figures of great urban leaders, the reinforcement of metropolitan institutions, the enlargement of the range of policies implemented by urban governments but also the launch of major urban projects and the organization of major events are all elements which attest this trend.

For some, this urban renaissance took place under the signs of entrepreneurialism and neo-liberal agendas. Whether liberal or conservative, urban governments seem to have the same agendas and priorities: creating the best conditions to attract businesses, investors, tourists, and the so-called "creative classes" rather than ensuring the reproduction of labor and the redistribution of the benefits of urban growth. The obsession with growth and competitiveness appears to be widely shared by urban policymakers, making them some of the prominent operators of the neoliberal globalization.

However, other readings nuance this picture of a standardization of neoliberal urban agendas and policies. From one city to another, from one national context to another, differences express in the weight given in urban policies to the competitiveness objectives and those of the struggle against inequalities. What if there were still many varieties of urban policies as there are varieties of capitalism and welfare state? And if behind the highly visible flagship urban projects and events, there were discrete policy choices that were able to change drastically the life of urban dwellers from one city to another.

Organized over two days and gathering the best international specialists of urban studies, the symposium "The neoliberal city: a credible theory?" aims to take stock of this controversy and to confront the research results derived from various disciplinary perspectives: political science, sociology, geography, economy, etc.

This conference is the inaugural event that will celebrate the opening of the "[AlterVilles](#)" master degree. The Altervilles master degree is offered by Université Jean Monnet Saint-Étienne and by Sciences Po Lyon, members of Université de Lyon. It is a master degree with both research and vocational training intended to train professionals of urban policy and strategy making with a focus on the research of alternatives to mainstream solutions.

The detailed Conference programme is available [here](#).

Information and registration : please send an email to Anne-Cécile COULET: anne.cecile.coulet@univ-st-etienne.fr

GOTEBORG 2012

FHP WORLD CONGRESS: INCLUSIVE CITIES IN A GLOBAL WORLD

16-19 September 2012, Goteborg, Sweden

Many cities throughout the world are about to embark on major urban transformation projects. For whom and with whom are we transforming and developing our cities? How can social planners and city developers together with other bodies contribute to counteracting growing social segregation in our cities? What are the new tools available to us?

These are the main issues that will be addressed at the IFHP World Congress 2012 with the theme Inclusive Cities in a Global World – sustainable urban development with a specific focus on the social dimension.

The Congress will examine the interrelationship between the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The aim is to increase our understanding of different ideas related to urban development – from the immediate environment and the city as a whole through to the global level.

The Congress will have two main themes:

- a) How can social planners and city developers together with other bodies contribute to counteracting growing social segregation in our cities?
- b) Many large cities around the world are about to embark on major urban transformation projects, such as the old port area in Gothenburg. For whom

and with whom are we transforming and developing our cities and what are the new tools available to us?

On the first day, we will introduce the knowledge needed to manage uncertainty and complexity with study tours and seminars in the afternoon. The second day will focus on the political visions and ambitions meeting future challenges, both by international presentations and site visits. The final day will discuss the tools for tomorrow with several workshops and a final plenary discussion.

More information, including on study visits and confirmed keynotes, can be found on the Congress website: www.ifhp2012goteborg.se.

BARCELONA 2012

AQR-IREA WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL AND URBAN ECONOMICS: INNOVATION AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

18-19 October 2012, Barcelona, Spain

The aim of this workshop is to bring together cutting-edge research papers on innovation and knowledge diffusion, and their linkages with regional economic performance. Particular attention will be paid to papers dealing with the mechanisms and actors of innovation and knowledge diffusion (knowledge spillovers, networks, skilled labour mobility, university-industry linkages).

The lectures of the Workshop will be given by Philip McCann (University of Groningen) and Karen Maguire (Regional Innovation Unit, OECD).

Call for papers

Although the Workshop will focus on empirical papers, theoretical studies are also welcome. The accepted papers (around 8) will be presented in plenary sessions that will complement the two keynote speakers' presentations. Papers should be sent in pdf format to aqr_workshop@ub.edu / aqr@ub.edu before **June 11th, 2012**. Detailed abstracts will also be considered, but full papers will be favoured. Travel and accommodation costs for successful papers will be covered by the organisers.

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For further information, please visit the workshop website <http://www.pcb.ub.es/aqr/workshop2012> or contact aqr_workshop@ub.edu.

PARIS 2012

GOVERNING THE METROPOLIS: POWERS AND TERRITORIES. NEW DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH

28-30 November 2012, Paris, France

Today, large metropolises face a governance challenge, since their political, social, economic and cultural fabrics are embedded in the two major trends of decentralization and globalization. Decentralization, beginning in Europe in the early 1980s and at later points in many other countries of the world, has given more legitimacy and access to local players, local authorities and urban residents, opening up access for actors from the bottom. Globalization has introduced new players such as international or supranational organizations and associations, global firms and multi-national companies, opening up access for actors from the top.

The questions surrounding the construction of metropolises – defined as new political, economic, social and cultural territories, – is the central theme of this call for papers. The construction of the metropolis refers to the many obstacles of various kinds which must be overcome in this process, notably political, financial and fiscal, social and cultural barriers. The construction of the metropolis also relates to the projects and policies that need to be elaborated and implemented in order to give it substance: housing and services, transport and mobility, economic development, immigration, planning and design, etc. To address these topics, the perspective is clearly metropolitan rather than urban or local, as the issues to be tackled at the metropolitan scale differ from the urban or local as they take place in ill-defined human settlements, unlike those more clearly encompassed by institutional perimeters.

The construction of metropolises has given rise to controversies in academic debate as well as in society as a whole. The “Governing the Metropolis: Powers and Territories. New Directions for Research” conference which will take place in Paris in

November 2012 aims to discuss these controversies, particularly – but not exclusively – the four detailed below.

Organized by the city of Paris, Laboratoire Techniques, Territoires et Sociétés (LATTS, University Paris-Est) and Centre d'Etudes Européennes (CEE, Sciences Po)

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PARIS 2013

URBAN FUTURES CONFERENCE: EMERGING INTERDISCIPLINARY CHALLENGES FOR UNDERSTANDING, PLANNING AND CREATING THE CITIES OF TOMORROW

January 16-18 2013, University of Paris-Est, France

LABEX **Urban Futures** is a federation 13 research institutes focused on planning, architecture, the environment and transport. Its creation was driven by the fact that many of the major challenges facing the cities of tomorrow span several disciplines.

The **Urban Futures** inaugural international conference will focus on four core cross-disciplinary areas of research that the federation is committed to developing.

Assessing innovative approaches which accompany the intertwined processes of globalisation and metropolisation is crucial ([Call for Papers #1](#)). The rationale behind territorial development and the circulation of knowledge brings into play complex interactions between economic trends and social transformations. More generally, it involves changes in the means of projecting, planning and producing the physical aspects of cities (buildings, infrastructure, neighbourhoods, public spaces, etc.). Approaches and practices are changing scale and becoming more transversal.

Similar concerns exist in the field of modelling ([Call for Papers #2](#)). Sector models – on air and water quality, transport, land use, resistance to extreme events and climate change – have progressed significantly. The challenge today is to acquire the means to design more integrated approaches and the fit between modelling practices and the expertise that can be harnessed through political decision-making reflects this.

Cities of tomorrow will also face two major challenges: how to deal with new forms of

vulnerability and inequality on the one hand, and the challenge of becoming more resource-efficient.

With regard to new types of vulnerability and inequality ([Call for Papers #3](#)), we should first note that in Europe access to urban amenities is easier in city centres, where environmental policies are also most prevalent. Future mobility conditions could accentuate the divide between reclassified city centres and peripheral spaces where energy poverty could converge with economic insecurity. On a larger scale, exposure to natural risks often accentuates social vulnerability. All of this offers up new challenges both in terms of governance and technical innovation.

In terms of resource-efficiency ([Call for Papers #4](#)), it is obvious that even if multiple technical solutions are found, their implementation will require new socio-technical paradigms. “Short circuit” approaches tend to challenge traditional uses as well as the ways in which urban services are managed. Approaches to economic leveraging and public sector involvement also change over time, as does the fit with day-to-day urban temporalities.

Each of these four areas is the focus of a specific Call for Papers which we invite you to consult. We will favour proposals that tackle emerging or groundbreaking issues, i.e., by taking for example new thematic, (cross)disciplinary or epistemological approaches to urban questions.

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Recent Publications

This section provides news and information about recent publications on urban issues. If you have any material you would like to see in the next issue please forward it to aura@pg.tu-darmstadt.de.

A practitioner's view on neighbourhood regeneration. Issues, approaches and experiences in European cities

By Frank Wassenberg and Koos van Dijken
The Hague, 2011



Deprived areas are regenerated all across Europe. However, every country does it in their own particular way. There have been plenty of visits by both decision makers and researchers to view foreign experiences, but not by urban practitioners themselves. In this project daily workers in deprived areas in the six Eurocities of The Hague, Oslo, Berlin, Porto, Dresden and Preston visited each other's practices. They confronted scientific views with their own approaches and experiences. This report reflects their experiences on issues of balancing social and physical approaches, social mixing, durable quality, governance, empowering residents and financing. It is of help for urban practitioners in other places, for scientists for reflection, and for European officers.

You can download the report via the sites: www.eurocities.org; www.nicis.nl; www.emi-network.eu

Interested people can ask for a free copy of the report by post, by sending an email to: info@emi-network.eu

Re-Thinking the City. Urban Dynamics and Motility
by Vincent Kaufmann, translated by Jessica Faith Strelec
EPFL Press, 2011

Conditions for travel have changed and are still changing the world — a world experiencing what John Urry, among others, calls the 'mobility turn'. Since World War II we have been moving faster and going further — a fact that has profoundly changed our way of experiencing both the world and ourselves. The explosion of low-cost travel options has likewise had an important impact on the economy, leading to

the globalization of markets and transformations in modes of production. Thus is it no longer possible to think of nation-states as autonomous vis-à-vis one another, nor of cities or regions as homogenous spaces delimited by clear-cut borders. In short, societies, like Western cities, are redefining themselves through mobility. What does this mean for the city, for its governability and governance? The goal of this book is to assess the urban implications of the mobility turn. It will likewise explore the modern urban phenomenon from the point of view of the mobility capacities of its players, i.e., their mobility. In this same vein it asks that the reader consider the idea of a city or region as the product of an arrangement of a specific set of mobilities.

Further informations on:

<http://www.epflpress.com/livres/EPFL978-2-940222-47-6.html>

The Oxford Handbook of Urban Planning

Edited by Rachel Weber and Randall Crane
Oxford University Press, 2012

The Oxford Handbook of Urban Planning is an authoritative volume on planning, a long-established professional social science discipline in the U.S. and throughout the world. Edited by Rachel Weber and Randall Crane, professors at two leading planning institutes in the United States, this handbook collects together over 45 noted field experts to discuss three key questions: Why plan? How and what do we plan? Who plans for whom? These three questions are then applied across three major topics in planning: States, Markets, and the Provision of Social Goods; The Methods and Substance of Planning; and Agency, Implementation, and Decision Making. Covering the key components of the discipline, this book is a comprehensive, discipline-defining text suited for students and seasoned planners alike.

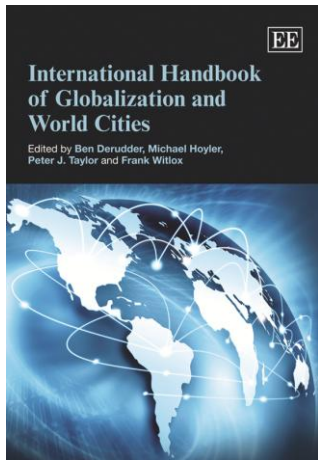
Features

- authoritative volume to cover all major aspects of urban and regional planning
- brings together top names in the field for indispensable reference work

Further information on [Oxford University Press](http://www.oxfordup.com)

International Handbook of Globalization and World Cities

Edited by Ben Derudder, Michael Hoyler, Peter J. Taylor, Frank Witlox
Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012



This Handbook offers an unrivalled overview of current research into how globalization is affecting the external relations and internal structures of major cities in the world.

By treating cities at a global scale, it focuses on the 'stretching' of urban functions beyond

specific place locations, without losing sight of the multiple divisions in contemporary world cities. The book firmly bases city networks in their historical context, critically discusses contemporary concepts and key empirical measures, and analyses major issues relating to world city infrastructures, economies, governance and divisions. The variety of urban outcomes in contemporary globalization is explored through detailed case studies.

Edited by leading scholars of the Globalization and World Cities (GaWC) Research Network and written by over 60 experts in the field, the Handbook is a unique resource for students, researchers and academics in urban and globalization studies as well as for city professionals in planning and policy.

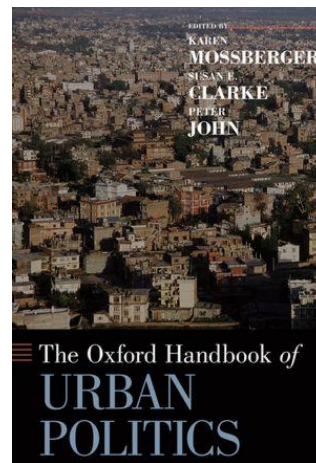
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Further information on www.e-elgar.com.

The Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics

Edited by Karen Mossberger, Susan E. Clarke and Peter John
Oxford University Press, 2012

The Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics is an



authoritative volume on an established subject in political science and the academy more generally: urban politics and urban studies. The editors are all recognized experts, and are well connected to the leading scholars in urban politics. The handbook covers the major themes that

animate the subfield: the politics of space and place; power and governance; urban policy; urban social organization; citizenship and democratic governance; representation and institutions; approaches and methodology; and the future of urban politics. Given the caliber of the editors and proposed contributors, the volume sets the intellectual agenda for years to come.

Features

- Unique collection of contemporary analyses of urban politics
- Presents material relevant to sociologists, demographers, and political scientists alike
- Features the work of top researchers in the field of urban studies

Further information on [Oxford University Press](http://OxfordUniversityPress)

Research News

This section outlines a project on urban research in Croatia

Analysis of financing options for development of Zagreb Judicial Square Complex

Project team: RebelGroup in partnership with the Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Razbor and Žurić & partners

The main objective of this project is to give recommendations to the Croatian Ministry of Justice, with regard to what is the best mode of financing construction and maintenance of the courts at the Justice Square. The Square is scheduled to accommodate the major national and municipal courts

and related services. After competition, the World Bank and the Croatian Ministry of Justice have committed an international consortium to develop funding and financing options for this project, relevant to the Ministry of Justice and the City of Zagreb.

The project includes analysis of financial options (including analysis of relocating of a number of courts from existing locations), recommendations of various financing models, fiscal impacts estimate and elaboration of implementation plan of selected model of financing. The draft of the Final report is expected by the end of June 2012.

Network Activities

In this section we publish two calls for the building of research networks on topics of urban research

PHD PROGRAMM IN SPARTIAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DIAP (Dipartimento di Architettura e Pianificazione) Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Chair: Prof. Costanzo Ranci

The PhD Program in Spatial Planning & Urban Development is addressed to international and Italian students, and is fully taught in English.

Focused upon research, this three year program is intended to establish a dialogue with the experiences of the best European and International PhD programs in planning, urban policies and design, urban studies.

The program is based upon the inter-disciplinary approach of Milan Polytechnic to design and territorial analysis.

The main courses and workshops are focused on the following topics:

1. **Cities in globalisation.** The processes of radical transformation of contemporary cities are explored through a comparative approach, with specific attention to new global developing cities and to European cities. The main issues addressed are the social, economic and territorial transformations that have been taking place in cities over the last two decades as a consequence of the globalisation process; the governance issue in fast growing cities; the

economic and technological change that cities are facing.

2. **Planning theory.** Different planning fields are explored through a critical and comparative approach. The main issues addressed are: paradigms, traditions and innovations in planning theory; spatial and land use planning, as related to citizenship and justice; comparative studies about planning systems; the relationship between planning theory and practice; visioning and strategic dimensions in planning, policies and projects.

3. **Urban and territorial policies.** Sector policies and their relationships with the problems of governance and government are analysed through a comparative approach. The envisaged policies are: welfare and cohesion, land use, mobility and infrastructures, environmental quality and housing.

Having a strong international orientation, the Program meets the demand for researchers who are skilled users of analytical approaches to urban problems, as well as to planning, management and implementation of urban policies. Doctors with such skills could be employed by Italian and international academic institutions, public bodies and research centres.

Academic board: Alessandro Balducci, Stefano Boeri, Massimo Bricocoli, Grazia Concilio, Remo Dorigati, Valeria Fedeli, Giovanna Fossa, Luca Gaeta, Ilaria Mariotti, Luigi Mazza, Scira Menoni, Corinna

Morandi, Stefano Moroni, Gabriele Pasqui, Marco Ponti, Davide Ponzini, Costanzo Ranci, Andrea Rolando

Advisory board: Louis Albrecht, Piero Bassetti, Luca Bertolini, John Forester, Robin Hambleton, Klaus Kunzmann

Scholarships: Three scholarships are granted to students to be enrolled in 2012.

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To get further information on scholarships and applications visit: www.polimi.it/dottorato

SECOND TIER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Survey on the councillors, political leaders/political executive and leading bureaucrats of the second tier of local government in European countries

Starting on January 1st, 2011

Little is known from a comparative perspective about the provinces, counties, départements, Landkreise etc. within the vertical structures of the political systems of European countries. The same is true for the horizontal power relations between the council, the political leaders or political executive and leading

bureaucrats at this level of territorial government, that means, the level of (a) local self-government located (b) just above the municipal level.

To have a closer look at this level of local government in European countries is not only interesting because a comparative analysis of its competences, financial resources and functioning as well as its historical development is missing. Furthermore, this level of local government has been affected during the last years in many countries by reforms or is at least addressed by reform debates.

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Institutional Member Profile

In this section we profile an institutional member: The Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning, Vienna University of Technology that will host the EURA conference 2012

Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning, Vienna University of Technology

The **Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning** was founded in 2004 as part of the **Faculty of Architecture and Planning** of **Vienna University of Technology**, the only institution teaching **Regional Planning and Development** in Austria. The Department has a vertical structure made up of independent Centres that are horizontally connected

with one another by working groups. The division of tasks and the co-operation between the Centres and the various working groups in research, teaching, and administration are special features of this organisational unit.

The Department co-operates with other university institutions, public administration, and private companies to meet its goal of developing centres of competence to help foster specific research topics relevant to planning and research skills that will give it an international profile.

Research

Research is conducted in an interdisciplinary fashion and focuses on the following core themes:

- Urban and regional studies
- Urban culture and public spaces
- European spatial planning and governance
- Spatial simulation and model building

Centres

The seven **research-oriented, theme-centred Centres** and their **research foci** are:

The centre of **Law** (*Head: Prof. Franz Zehetner*) focuses its research efforts on national and international spatial and environmental planning law, technology (transfer)-related law, and legal questions pertaining to data protection and information technology, as well as International, European and Austrian public procurement law.

The centre of **Regional Science** (*Head: Prof. Rudolf Giffinger*) is mainly concerned with locational evaluation of the the property and housing market, with urban and regional development, systems and development policies and also with GIS technology and spatial modelling.

The centre of **Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy** (*Prof. Michael Getzner, Head: Ass. Prof. Johann Bröthaler*) conducts research in public finance, federalism, and e-government, infrastructure economics and politics, and resource and environmental economics, as well as on urban and regional economics.

The centre of **Local Planning** (*Head: Prof. Rudolf Scheuvsen*) concentrates its research activities on the issues and challenges of resource-efficient, sustainable urban and settlement development, designs development, renovation and conversion processes in both urban and rural contexts, and supports decision-making processes using spatial simulations in combination with local information systems, multimedia communications and visual mock-ups.

The centre of **Transportation System Planning** (*Head: Assoc. Prof. Georg Hauger*) engages in economic and ecological evaluation of planning and measures, and carries out research on interrelationships between transportation system and settlement structure, in addition to multi-modal transport solutions to enhance efficiency, and traffic and transport safety.

The centre of **Sociology** (*Head: Prof. Jens S. Dangschat*) focuses on investigation in the areas of



urban and regional governance, urban culture, creative milieus, and new urban lifestyles, social inequality, segregation, and integration, as well as urban renewal and urban neighbourhood management, sustainable spatial development and mobility.

The centre of **Regional Planning and Regional Development** (*Prof. Sibylla Zech, Head: Dr. Thomas Dillinger*) concentrates its research on regional development strategies, besides endogenous regional development, and cross-border regional development and planning, but also territorial cohesion in Europe and gender mainstreaming in spatial planning.

Working groups

The working groups devote themselves to research tasks that cut across the sections and/or demand interdisciplinary approaches, thus enhancing the research performance through targeted co-operation between several Centres.

Working groups are independent units within the Department. Together with the Centres, they serve the goal of setting up an institutional network structure as a system for the future internal organisation of the Department.

At present the Department has **five working groups**, though this number may increase as new research themes emerge:

Interdisciplinary Centre of Urban Studies

Head: Dr. Oliver Frey

Interdisciplinary Centre of Development of Rural and Alpine Regions

Head: Dr. Helene Linzer

Interdisciplinary Centre of European Spatial Development

Head: Professor Rudolf Giffinger

Interdisciplinary Centre of Spatial Simulation and Modelling

Head: Dr. Andreas Voigt

Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR)

City of Vienna Visiting Professor 2012: Professor Maria Kaika

Head: Dr. Sabine Knierbein

Urban Research and Practice

Journal of the European Urban Research Association (EURA)

This section presents the general scope and targets of the journal
and present the contents of Volume 5, Issue 1, 2012

Urban Research & Practice is published in association with EURA and focuses on urban policy. The journal includes papers that:

- provide a systematic description of :
 - urban issues
 - urban developments
 - urban policies or
 - urban policy-making and policy implementation
- seek to explain variations in urban policies or urban governance cross-sectorally or cross-nationally or that seek to explain such variations over time
- analyse and/or evaluate the effects of urban policies or process of urban governance
- analyse European-wide factors that impact on urban areas, urban policies and urban governance

As well as traditional academic papers, the journal includes a policy section, a project report section and

book reviews. The policy section focuses on new policies launched at the European, national and regional levels that are of relevance to a wider audience. The project report section focuses on innovative projects being carried out at a local level (in cities or regions).

One of the key aims of the journal is to seek to bridge the intellectual and geographical 'divides' that currently exist in the field of urban affairs - specifically the North/South divide and the East/West divide and also the divides between distinct academic disciplines.

Since the journal was launched in 2008 it has gone from strength to strength. Now about to enter its fourth volume, the journal has been selected for coverage by SCOPUS, is receiving significant citations in the journals indexed by the social science citation index and has seen high levels of downloads.

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Please remember, that individual members of EURA qualify for a reduced individual journal subscription of 42 Euros per year (the normal individual subscription rate is 62 Euros per year).

EURA DEVELOPMENTS

We remind you of the contact data of the EURA Secretariat and present coverage of the members of the newly elected European Urban Research Association Governing Board.

From the 1st of February 2012 Sonja Löber has left the EURA Secretariat at the Institute of Political Science, Darmstadt University of Technology. Her former responsibilities have been transferred to Sylvia Pannowitsch. The contact and bank account details remain the same:

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