

**Editorial**

Dear friends,

The EURA Homepage has a new function. A blog gives members the opportunity to publish and comment posts in eight different categories. Have a look for further information on the last page of this newsletter and use this new way of getting directly into contact with each other!

I am also very happy to inform you that EURA is now officially recognised as a non-profit organisation. EURA was formally registered as an association last year but the process of being recognized as a non-profit body has taken additional time. This brings to a conclusion a lengthy process to establish EURAs legal status.

As discussed at the last General Assembly and the Board meeting in Vienna, EUROLOC and EURA have joined forces and will now jointly organize together their annual summer schools. The next summer school will be held in 2013 at De Montfort University, Leicester, UK (see page 11).

In this newsletter information will be provided about the next two EURA conferences, i.e. the one on ‘Cities as Seedbeds of innovation’ which will be held in Enschede in 2013, and the one on ‘City Futures (III)’ which will take place in 2014 in Paris.

Those who would like to organise the EURA conferences in 2015 and 2016 should send their proposals to the Secretariat before the end of April 2013. The same applies to proposals for future EURA workshops. The Board will take decisions on the next EURA conferences and workshops at its meeting in July in Enschede (immediately before the EURA conference 2012 starts). In particular colleagues from Eastern Europe are strongly encouraged to submit proposals.

Finally, I would like to inform you that I will step down from the post of President at the next EURA conference. I have been the President of EURA since 2009 and I think it is time for some of the younger members to take on this role. Therefore, all members are encouraged to look for candidates. The new president should be able to host the Secretariat because this will no longer be possible at the Technische Universität Darmstadt after I step down.

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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

This section provides news and information about international conferences in Europe and elsewhere.

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### EURA CONFERENCE 2013: Cities as Seedbeds of innovation

EURA EVENT

4-6 July 2013, Enschede, The Netherlands

#### 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 the theme for the 2013 EURA Conference is 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.

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

#### Plenary sessions

Opening Plenary Session

*Innovative Cities and Governance*

1. Europe 2020 and challenges for urban research in Europe (key note: to be confirmed)
2. Innovations in city governance (prof. dr. Karen Mossberger; confirmed)
3. Discussion

Second Day Plenary Session (to be confirmed)

*Technological change, governance and urban innovations*

1. The Nano-City: Small is Beautiful!
2. Green, Sustainable Cities and Governance
3. New Energy Overijssel: The case of Zwolle Muziekwartier

#### Conference tracks

Track 1: [Designing Cities of the Future: Towards smart, safe & liveable cities!](#)

Track 2: [Local Agenda 21: What has been achieved, and what's next?](#)

Track 3: [Innovations of Governance in Cities and Urban regions](#)

Track 4: [Integration and Social Inclusion: Europe's Youth and the City of Tomorrow](#)

Track 5: [Cities And Innovation In The Knowledge Society](#)

In the 2012 Vienna Conference EURA and the JPI Urban Europe co-organized a track related to the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe. On the basis of the positive experiences in 2012 the Management Board of Urban Europa and the EURA Board have expressed their interest in including a JPI Urban Europe track in the Twente Conference. Later we will provide details on this possible sixth track.

### Call for papers and panels

The call for papers and panels on these tracks is now open!

[Further information tracks and paper submission here.](#)

### General conference information:

[www.eura2013.org](http://www.eura2013.org)

Contact: [info@euratwente.org](mailto:info@euratwente.org)

### Important Dates (provisional)

- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012: Call for papers
- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013: Deadline for submission of paper proposals
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013: Notification of paper proposal acceptance
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013: Last date for „early bird“ booking
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013: Deadline for paper submission

### Mobile workshops

The University and IGS also have excellent contacts with partners in the region and there will be interesting opportunities for field excursions, including trips to the prize-winning (7<sup>th</sup> European Urban and Regional Planning Awards) new neighborhood development in Roombeek.



Moreover, we are considering an excursion to the new built stadium and the training facilities of FC Twente (including a presentation of the community outreach program of FC Twente). Other options also under consideration.

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## EURA-UAA JOINT CONFERENCE 2014: City Futures III

18-20 June 2014, Paris, France

EURA EVENT

### Institutional context

The year 2011 has seen the birth of an important national “Urban Research Pole”, the laboratory of Excellence “Urban Futures” (Futurs urbains) which brings together 2 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 birth 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 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 locally organized by a committee chaired by Christian Lefèvre, present Director of the French Institute of Urban Planning and composed of the Head of the Urban Futures Research pole and its major research labs which have all already confirmed their support for the conference. The conference will also be supported by EPAMARNE, the Planning public corporation of the East of Paris.

### Main topic: Strategic cities? A critical approach of cities as strategic players in the Globalization era.

In the Globalization era, cities are competing 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 in the production and implementation of strategic activities (strategic plans, etc.) to respond to globalization and territorial competition. They have do so either on a sectoral basis (e.g. strategy regarding economic development) or on a more transdimensional form (master plans, General strategic plans, etc.). The objective of the conference is to question the capacity of cities to produce strategic

action, the importance of such action to produce urban development. Theoretical as well as empirical contributions are expected.



The conference could be structured around **5 sub-topics**.

1. Are cities strategic players?

This subtopic will address the issues of collective actorness of cities and the capacity of cities to produce and implement strategies.

2. Economic competitiveness, sustainable development, social quality: Contradictions, Dilemmas and communalities in urban strategies:

This subtopic will focus on the content of urban strategies, how they try to combine the dimensions of competitiveness, quality of life and environmental quality and social development and how they succeed or fail.

3. The role of strategies in urban development

This subtopic will address the issue of the importance of strategies to produce urban development.

4. Urban versus metropolitan strategies:

This subtopic will address the issue of scale in the strategic activities of cities

5. The international dimension of urban strategies:

This subtopic will deal with the role of international activities of cities in the making of urban strategies and in their content.

**Important Dates**

- May-June 2013: Call for papers
- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013: Deadline for receiving paper proposals
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013: Approval/rejection of paper proposals
- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014: Draft Programme
- 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Papers received and Final Programme
- 18-20 June 2014: City Futures Conference

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**JOINT AESOP/ACSP CONGRESS:  
Planning for Resilient Cities and Regions**

15-19 July 2013, Dublin, Ireland

The Congress focuses on resilience which has become a new banner for various societal and related planning efforts in cities and regions across the globe. These ef-



orts generally aim to sustain the urban and rural viability and improve the quality of life for their residents amidst the global economic and socio-political crisis and climate change. The concept of resilience relates to the degree to which various environments and systems can tolerate changing conditions and circumstances before adapting and reorganising around a new set of structures

and processes. While the concept is sometimes understood only as resilience to climate change and geo environmental hazards, we propose its utility to planning and development be explored in broader terms – as an approach to the multifaceted nature of local and global challenges. In fact, one may consider the ability to adapt and change as an indicator of resilience.

The field of planning has long had a role in mediating the relationships and dealing with the complex and multiscale nature of development, drawing together environmental and ecological understanding with insights from social, economic and political theory, and applying these spatially in a built environment context. The contemporary challenges require innovative and sustainable solutions in the creation of more resilient and adaptive cities and regions, which balance economic competitiveness, environmental protection and social flourishing. These solutions derive in part from spatial planning, building on the roles of urban design, community engagement and technological innovations to ensure that urbanisation is managed in a sustainable manner. The 16 Congress tracks reflect the breadth of

the planning field and will address the general theme of resilience implicitly and explicitly to varying extents, specificity, aspects and scales. There will be an opportunity to engage with the concept and explore its applicability and value in the planning and development research and practice.

Given the Irish context and the rich learning experiences that its past and recent trends in urban and rural development offer, the general theme could also connect to the Celtic brand of resilience. In addition, there is an opportunity to examine planning issues from peripheral (edge) as well as "in between" positions and perspectives. This applies to Ireland as much as it does to the new EU accession countries in east and south-east Europe in particular. With the joint involvement of AESOP and ACSP, it is expected that the conversations will take special regard for cross-societal and cross-cultural themes and promote exchanges between the American and European as well as participants from other continents. We hope that new and unique content will be infused to reflect the variety of local contexts and circumstances which offer true laboratories for studying planning issues and challenges.

**General conference information:**

<http://aesop-acspdublin2013.com/>

**Further information on [tracks](#).**

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**43rd ANNUAL URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:**

**Building the 21st Century City: Inclusion, Innovation, and Globalization**

3-6 April 2013, San Francisco, California

The narrative surrounding urban affairs is often filled with negative images. From racial and economic inequality to crime and inadequate housing, cities bear much of the brunt of society's problems. Urban scholars have articulated the causes and consequences of these ills. However, discourse on urban areas has understated the relative success of certain cities in addressing many of these challenges. Taking San Francisco as an exemplary case, the 2013 conference theme asks urban scholars to share the ways in which governments, individual residents, neighbourhood groups, non-profits, and others have improved urban areas across the globe.

San Francisco embodies much of what is right about cities, but it also faces problems common to urban areas everywhere. It has earned a reputation as an inclusive city, one that champions citizens' rights and provides them significant access to the city's spaces and amenities. Despite its general orientation to inclusion, San Francisco has also experienced significant gentrification and has been the site of great contestations. Struggles over the "right to the city" have helped to shape its unique social, economic, and political landscape. These tensions raise important questions. Who has access in richly diverse cities? How is that access gained? When faced with exclusion, how can the marginalized penetrate local institutions and have a voice in larger society?

These questions are even more pressing when one considers that cities like San Francisco are at the center of innovation and the global economy. Its proximity to Silicon Valley begs the question: how can cities use the technology within their borders and across their regions to improve quality of life for their citizens? Its position on the Pacific Rim makes it an important economic location in an increasingly integrated world economy. How can cities take advantage of their role in the international economy to improve quality of life in the future? As cities develop in the 21st century, this conference theme asks its participants to describe and explain how cities everywhere deal with issues of inclusion, innovation, and globalization. The city of San Francisco serves as an appropriate context for this conference, because it has had major success in addressing these issues, while continuing to face new challenges.

**Special Conference Tracks**

Urban Issues in Asia and the Pacific Rim

This track covers a variety of urban issues affecting urban populations and places in Asia and/or the Pacific Rim such as governance, poverty, sustainable development, environmental degradation, and technological innovations, to name a few.

Media and Urban Life

This track captures the diverse perspectives of scholars and practitioners from a variety of fields (e.g., communication, journalism, urban affairs, public policy, law, political science, sociology, criminal justice, architecture, and city/regional planning) as they explore the intersection between media and urban life – i.e., physically, political, and socially.

**General conference information:**

<http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2013/>

Further information on [call for paper/ tracks](#).

### Important Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012: Proposal Deadline
- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012: Proposal Decision Date
- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012: Online Registration Opens
- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013: Paper Submission Deadline

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE: Key to the New Multicultural Societies of the Globalized World

7-9 October 2013, Siena, Italy

Intercultural competence has always been essential to human relations. In today's globalized world, where societies are increasingly challenged by multiculturalism, an active employment of intercultural skills at all levels of all societies is becoming more and more necessary to achieve understanding between cultures. Today's societies are increasingly intertwined by technology and by movements of peoples. They are continually challenged by a fast pace of life and resulting sudden changes that bring about a need to constantly evolve and quickly adapt to new transformations. Intercultural competence, understood as a set of key skills completing the profile of every global citizen, allows one to stand before these socio-cultural challenges. It therefore needs to be integrated into societies throughout their infrastructures, i.e. educational and healthcare systems, government and third sector organizations, and corporations. Special attention needs to be dedicated also to new changes in interpersonal relationships (new forms of families and caregivers, virtual relationships, multicultural classrooms, refugees etc.) where intercultural competence becomes an effective tool to overcome and heal misunderstandings.

The third edition of Intercultural Horizons is dedicated to this multifaceted theme. Due to the countless topics within this general theme we have created several macro areas to help guide the various streams of discussion.

### Macro Areas

- I. Geopolitical Themes
- II. Theoretical Considerations of Intercultural Competence and Interculturalism
- III. Intercultural Competence development and assessment: Practical examples and research

- IV. Civic engagement in International and Culturally Diverse Contexts
- V. New "intra-cultural" applications of intercultural competence
- VI. Intercultural education and training

### Presentation formats

- Concurrent conference session
- Interactive workshop
- Poster session

### Important Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013: Proposal Deadline
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013: Proposal Decision Date
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013: Early registration deadline

All proposals must be submitted online [here](#).

Accepted papers for presentation will be published in early 2014.

General conference information [here](#) and on: <http://www.ticfie.com/interculturalhorizons/>

Contact: [interculturalhorizons@gmail.com](mailto:interculturalhorizons@gmail.com)

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### INTRA-URBAN DYNAMICS AND HEALTH: Concepts, methods and applications

11-13 September 2013, Paris, France

The aim of this conference is to promote links between researchers, civil society and decision-makers in the field of public health.

This international conference is initiated as part of the new interdisciplinary initiative of the International Council for Science "Health and wellbeing in the changing urban environment : a system analysis approach" and by the laboratory of Health Geography from Paris Oest Nanterre La Défense University and the French National Network of local Decision makers for Public Health « Elus, Santé Publique & Territoires» ([www.espt.asso.fr/](http://www.espt.asso.fr/))

This council is supported by 9 organization invested in Urban Health and 22 Universities all over the world.

**Deadline to submit abstract(s) or posters : before January 15th, 2013 midnight**

General conference information:

<https://www.etches.com/eselect/46334/>

## **AESOP-IFHP LECTURE 4: Squaring the Circle: How to Reconcile Apparently Impossible Contradictions in Contemporary Urban Policy**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2013, London, UK

To mark the end of AESOP's Silver Jubilee Year and the beginning of IFHP's Centenary Year, the 4th Lecture within our AESOP-IFHP Lecture Series will be on 17th January 2013, at 'The Crystal', the recently opened Siemens Centre on Sustainable Cities in East London. The speaker will be **Professor Peter Hall**.

The lecture will be followed by a roundtable. The theme of the interactive Roundtable panel discussion is: 'Technologies for Tomorrow's Smart Cities'. The panel will consist of prominent experts from government, academia, and the private sector.

**Further information [here](#).**

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL BMBF-CONFERENCE: Future Megacities in Action. Innovative Solutions for Energy- and Climate-Efficient Urbanisation**

14 – 16 May 2013, Hamburg, Germany

Throughout the world, and especially in the Global South, urbanisation is a dominant trend. As a result, the number of Megacities is continuously rising. Within the context of climate change, Megacities play a significant role on a global level, as they are both massive contributors to as well as victims of the phenomenon. Therefore, future Megacities are a crucial arena for sustainable development and need to become active drivers of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as energy and resource efficiency.

The research programme "Future Megacities", funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, has supported nine international projects in emerging Megacities in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Combining research and practical application, the international project teams have developed new theoretical concepts, practical approaches and pilot projects for both technical as well as non-technical innovations for sustainable urban development.

The main objective of the conference is to organise a forum on innovative solutions for a sustainable urban development particularly of emerging megacities in developing and newly industrialising countries.

The conference will bring together global actors, experts and dedicated urbanists in politics, academia, civil society and business to

- discuss the pressing needs of cities
- learn about innovative solutions and
- reflect on new ways for implementing and upscaling knowledge and capacities.

The event also offers various opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with 300 international experts. A market place provides insights into model solutions, products and tangible results from different urban contexts, while specially commissioned short films complete the programme.

**General conference information [here](#) and on: [www.future-megacities.org](http://www.future-megacities.org)**

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## **10<sup>th</sup> EDITION of ECOCITY 2013**

25-27 September 2013, Nantes, France

It will represent the highlight of Nantes **European Green Capital 2013**.

ECOCITY is the cross-disciplinary World Summit on Sustainable Cities supported by the NGO Ecocity Builders.

The concept was originally designed to:

- Facilitate exchanges among local, regional and governmental decision-makers, researchers and the civil society,
- Bring together all the different disciplines on sustainable cities,
- Offer equal treatment to all speakers,
- Enable citizens to play a role.

This 10th edition positions "the city as a vital area of work to grapple with the global sustainability issues". One year after Rio + 20, ECOCITY 2013 must be a platform to accelerate the transition on a global scale, in partnership with the United Nations. Ambitious goals have been set for the event:

- A crucial political moment worldwide,
- Mobilization of all the driving forces,
- Emergence of large-scale solutions,
- A change in the rules governing the city,
- An action-driven schedule.

**Click here for the [presentation portfolio](#) and [general conference information](#).**

## URBAN STUDIES/URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION CONFERENCE: Interrogating urban crisis: Governance, Contestation and Critique

9-11 September 2013, Leicester, UK

Urban scholarship is pre-occupied with the implications of an enduring economic crisis, which poses challenges and threats to cities far beyond those directly caught up in the crash. Yet, comparative research on the urban dimensions of crisis is still at a premium. Inspired by the Urban Studies/Urban Studies Foundation mission to promote critical and comparative urban research, we invite contributions from established academics, early career researchers, graduate students and critical governors and activists worldwide, addressing our conference theme: 'Interrogating Urban Crisis: Governance, Contestation and Critique'. How is crisis understood, narrated, governed, contested and researched from the perspective of cities and urban societies, in and beyond places directly affected by the crash? Can cities in the West learn from counterparts in the East and South about evading, contesting and overcoming crises - or vice-versa?

The conference mission is to conduct and facilitate far-reaching international comparisons. We encourage contributions undertaking comparison directly and indirectly, or otherwise addressing the problem of international, transnational and comparative relevance. Critical governors and activists are welcome to submit papers, but are also a vital experiential and evidential anchor for the event. We warmly welcome proposals for non-academic contributions, such as story-telling and critical policy forums. The conference will be organised into three parallel streams: governing, contesting and researching urban crises. Proposers are asked to highlight the most relevant for their contribution.

### Stream 1: Governing Urban Crises

How are understandings of, responses to and defences against crisis constituted through urban governance?

- How do cities narrate and govern the economic crisis? In what context does urban government deploy crisis (or renaissance/resilience) narratives, of what kind? Where does it act strategically/reactively? Where does it drive, manage or subvert austerity?
- How are collaborative practices, such as public participation, co-production and governance 'beyond the state' changing in the face of crisis-governance? In what circumstances are they enhanced, maintained, transformed or undermined?

### Stream 2: Contesting Urban Crises

What is the role of cities and urban societies in fostering resistance to the depredations of crisis – and to crisis narratives? What, in particular, is the potential for envisioning and enacting post-neoliberal urbanisms?

- How do urban governors relate to urban resistance? E.g. repressing, ignoring, recuperating, cultivating or internalising it?
- What kinds of claims for justice are made, tacitly or explicitly, in resisting austerity and disinvestment?
- To what extent is resistance confined to 'critique', or does it also prefigure/actualize alternative forms of urban governance or urban society?
- What can Western urban studies learn about post-neoliberal urbanism from cities in the East and South – and vice-versa?

### Stream 3: Critical Research on Urban Crises

What are the theoretical and methodological challenges of conducting critical comparative studies of crisis-governance, resistance and transformation?

- What methodological, theoretical and empirical challenges do we face in advancing a comparative focus on crisis-governance, resilience and resistance in cities?
- How do academic/non-academic notions of urban crisis/resistance differ?
- Can critical urban scholars, governors and activists cooperate in fostering comparative research: is 'critical co-production' feasible?

### Conference Proposals

Academic abstracts and suggestions for non-academic contributions of up to 300 words should be submitted to the conference administrator, Suzanne Walker, at [swalker@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:swalker@dmu.ac.uk), by **Friday 29th March 2013**. Proposals must include the following information: name(s), workplace, title of contribution, details of contribution (including the comparative contribution) and preferred stream (governing, contesting or researching). Decisions on proposals will be made in April 2013.

### Urban Studies-Urban Studies Foundation Funding

free registration, subsistence and accommodation, and part-subsidise travel expenses to those whose proposals are accepted

Contact for any questions or comments: [swalker@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:swalker@dmu.ac.uk)

Conference Organizer: Prof. Jonathan Davies (De Montfort University, Leicester)



## EURA Conference-Report 2012

### URBAN EUROPE – CHALLENGES TO MEET THE URBAN FUTURE

20 - 22 September 2012, Vienna, Austria



A total of 210 registered participants from across the world took part in the EURA conference 2012 held in the heart of the city of Vienna, Austria. The conference was hosted by The European Urban Research Association (EURA) and organized by the Department of Spatial Development, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning, Vienna University of Technology.

The conference “Urban Europe – Challenges to Meet the Urban Future” reflected the actual urban situations and the main challenges and outlines outcomes and solutions.

The aim of the conference was to collect critical and practical relevant theses and results to stimulate debates on European urban futures.

There were tracks on:

Track 1	<a href="#">Aim, Process and Deficits of the Joint Programming Initiative "Urban Europe"</a>
Track 2	<a href="#">Patterns and Driving Forces of Long-Term Urban Dynamics</a>
Track 3	<a href="#">Competitive and Inclusive Metropolitan Development and Governance</a>

Track 4	<a href="#">Vulnerable and Resilient Cities</a>
Track 5	<a href="#">Metabolism of Urban Areas - Resource, Energy and Land Use</a>
Track 6	<a href="#">Innovation Hubs and Living Labs</a>

On the last day of the conference, Saturday 25th of June, [13 different mobile workshops](#) took place visiting e.g. the unknown underground Vienna, the Jewish Vienna, or recent Architectural Projects, Vienna’s New Main Station or the Historical Vienna.

#### Keynote Speakers

[Rob ATKINSON](#), Professor at University of the West of England, Bristol, UK

[Olivier COUTARD](#), Research Professor at the National Centre for Scientific Research, France

[Dagmar HAASE](#), Professor at Humboldt University Berlin, UFZ Leipzig Germany

[Zorica NEDOVIC-BUDIC](#), Professor at University College Dublin, Ireland

**For further information about the conference:**  
<http://eura2012.org/>

## Research News

**This section outlines a project report from Croatia.**

**Project title: Elaboration of Proposal of Guidelines with criteria/conditions for specific purposes of brownfield locations**

Brownfields present part of many larger, as well as smaller urban and rural areas. In the framework of the project „Elaboration of Proposal of Guidelines with criteria/conditions for specific purposes of brownfield locations“, an inventory of brownfield locations in construction areas outside of settlements at the territory of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County has been carried out. Besides existing, additional necessary data were collected using survey which served for categorization of each individual location. Brownfield loca-

tions at the territory of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County are analysed and categorized against conceptual A-B-C model. Redevelopment of brownfield locations responded to requirements and practice of adoption of spatial plans at the county, local and municipal level in the Republic of Croatia. Recommendations for redevelopment are given in the form of Guidelines including criteria/conditions for specific purposes for individual analysed location or group of them. The guidelines are harmonised with the guidelines of the Spatial Plan of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County and the categorization is included in the Proposal of Spatial Plan for Primorje-Gorski kotar County which is in the course of adoption.

## 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](mailto:aura@pg.tu-darmstadt.de).

### *Innovation, Global Change and Territorial Resilience*

Edited by Philip Cooke, Mario Davide Parrilli and José Luis Curbelo

Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012



*'Innovation, Global Change and Territorial Resilience is indeed a timely contribution addressing the challenges that the global economy poses for local, regional and national economies. In the current situation, resilience is instrumental and innovation is the key mechanism to get there. In this volume, an impressive line-up of international authorities*

*in the field – from across Europe and beyond – present highly valuable insights, models and hypotheses on innovation dynamics and activities in current day economics, as well as policy analysis and advice.'*  
– Anders Malmberg, Uppsala University, Sweden

The critical message of this book is that in the current context of global change, local and national territories have to upgrade their resilience in terms of improving both their competitiveness and capability to innovate.

Localized creativity, small high-tech entrepreneurship, related innovation platforms, social capital embedded in dynamically open territorial communities and context-specific though continuously upgrading policy platforms are all means to face new challenges and to promote increased absorptive capacity within local and national territories. The contributors illustrate that these capabilities are much needed in the current globalized economy as a path towards sustainability and for creating new opportunities for their inhabitants. They analyse the challenges and development prospects of local/regional production systems internally, across territories, and in terms of their potential and territorial connectivity which can help exploit opportunities for proactive policy actions. This is increasingly relevant in the current climate in which

the balanced allocation of resources and opportunities, particularly for SMEs, cannot be expected as the automatic result of the working of the market.

Exploring conceptual and methodological aspects, and documenting original accounts of innovative territories, this book will be of great interest to academics, students and researchers within the fields of economics, industrial organization, and technology and innovation.

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### *Urban Europe – Challenges to Meet the Urban Future - Meeting abstract*

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## Network Activities

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

### International research on place-based leadership and public service innovation

*Robin Hambleton, University of the West of England, Bristol, and Jo Howard, now University of Bristol, report on a recently completed Anglo-Dutch research project studying the role of leadership in facilitating new ways of tackling social exclusion*

#### Background

In EURA Newsletter 28 (back in May 2011) we outlined an emerging international programme of work on ‘place-based’ leadership. Known as the International Civic Leadership and Innovation Programme (ICLIP), this programme seeks to promote international exchange relating to the role of place-based (or civic) leadership in promoting public service innovation.

We have organised panels at the EURA Conferences in Copenhagen (2011) and Vienna (2012) to discuss this topic, and we hope that the conversation about the changing nature of civic leadership can continue in a panel (or panels) at the EURA Conference in Enschede, The Netherlands on 4-6 July 2013.

Here we just want to provide a quick briefing about a recently completed Anglo-Dutch research project on this topic. This study, which has involved close collaboration between academics and practitioners in England and The Netherlands, was funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (a UK research foundation), and the report is now available on their website – more details below.

#### The Anglo-Dutch study of place-based leadership

A new, international research report on place-based leadership examines efforts to tackle social inclusion in three localities: Bristol and Swindon in England, and Enschede in The Netherlands.

By working closely with change drivers in these three places we have co-created three ‘Innovation Stories’. Each story explains how bold civic leadership has led to new ways of thinking about social inclusion and to radical solutions.

The *Digital+Green City* initiative in Bristol combines low-carbon thinking with moves to advance digital inclusion. For example, the scheme provides low-cost, refurbished council computers to households on

low incomes, disabled people and carers, and 600+ free Wi-Fi hotspots have been created across the city.

The *Social GP Programme* in Enschede creates neighbourhood coaches to work with deprived families to improve their life chances. The Dutch innovation takes the generalist medical GP model, and adapts it into a social model for working with troubled families.

In Swindon, the *Life Programme* is an imaginative asset-based initiative designed to co-create a new way of working with families facing multiple difficulties. During 2011/12, the Life Programme resulted in a 24% increase in children, within the troubled families participating in the programme, attending mainstream education and a 63% reduction in police call outs.

What do these initiatives have in common? Three lessons stand out.

First, all three initiatives reject the prevailing mantra which says that public service managers need to ‘do more with less’. These cities buck this trend: they are ‘doing more with more’ through collaborative working that releases the community and business energies of the locality.

The stories show that, if public services can be co-created by the state and civil society working together imaginatively, it is possible to expand resources to improve the quality of life - even when state spending is in decline.

**Figure 1: Understanding place-based leadership**



Second, strong, outgoing place-based leadership is critical. In each case, leaders from the three realms of civic leadership – political, managerial/professional and non-state (community and business) – have moved outside their comfort zones to try out entirely new approaches.

In different ways civic leaders have spurred local experiment by creating space for innovation and identifying latent talent to lead new thinking. In addition, the chief executives of the local authorities are cultivating organisational cultures in which it is recognised that carrying on doing the same thing may be more risky than doing something new.

Third, all three cities pursue an assets-based approach in their dealings with families and communities. The three innovation stories document strategies that go beyond mainstream ideas about co-production. They show how co-creation can build on the strengths of civil society and, by bridging state and non-state assets, invent new solutions.

As well as presenting the experiences of three innovative localities our report sets out a new framework for understanding place-based leadership. This can be used to guide the development of community driven public service innovation.

### **International collaboration**

We are most grateful to Professor Bas Denters, Dr Pieter-Jan Klok and Dr Mirjan Oude Vrielink of the Institute for Innovation and Governance Studies at the University of Twente for their active participation in this project. They carried out the analysis of the *Social GP Programme* in Enschede and helped us to run two international workshops bringing together practitioners from the three cities.

This study has involved an unusual approach to urban research. Civic leaders and practitioners from the three cities have helped to co-create the ‘Innovation Stories’ that are documented in the research report.

### **More information**

The report, ‘Public Sector Innovation and Local Leadership in the UK and The Netherlands’, published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/public-sector-innovation-full.pdf>

See also: Hambleton R. and Howard J. (2012) ‘Place-based leadership and public service innovation’, *Local Government Studies*, August.

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## **EUROLOC and EURA Summer School in Local Government and Governance Studies**



Since autumn 2012 EUROLOC and EURA have joined their forces and now organize their common annual Summer School in Local Government and Governance Studies.

The EUROLOC and EURA Summer School welcomes Ph.D. students in the field of local government and governance studies (social sciences, political science, public administration, urban studies, geography) from all over Europe .

### **The EUROLOC and EURA Summer School**

1. supports Ph.D. students in their research activities by giving them the opportunity to present and discuss their work with others and inspire their research,
2. brings students up-to-date with ongoing research in the field of local government and governance,
3. develops links between Ph.D. students and experienced researchers in the field of local government and governance studies who work with the same kind of research questions,
4. allows for a significant cultural, social and scientific exchange among students of different backgrounds, and foster cross-national working relations among the participants,
5. contributes to the development of the comparative study of local politics and administration,
6. discusses methodological questions of comparative local research (either nationally or internationally, either quantitatively or qualitatively).

**Further information [here!](#)**

**The 2013 SUMMER SCHOOL will be held at De Montfort University, Leicester, UK!**

## The research project "Democratic legitimacy by performance": An update

The project which is funded by the Norwegian Research Council, and run by University of Nordland, investigates the significance of input- and output-based sources of legitimacy in local government. We compare data from three policy sectors; primary education; care of the elderly; and planning and construction. The project design is also cross-national since we compare citizens and elite perceptions in Norway and Sweden.

The project is gathering an impressive amount of data. We survey chairman of the local executive committee, the deputy chairman, and four senior managers in all municipalities in Norway and Sweden. We also commission citizens' surveys among a representative sample of the population in both countries. And, we conduct a series of case studies (4\*2 municipalities) to

help us understand the more fine-grained context of legitimacy and public service at the local level.

The project team (Annelin Gustafsen, Jon Pierre and Asbjörn Röiseland) are now about halfway through the project. All the surveys to local government officials in the two countries have been completed and we are just beginning to look at the results and to define writing projects. The Norwegian citizen survey is also in and we will have access to the corresponding Swedish data in February 2013.

As part of the project a European network has been established, consisting of scholars from Sweden (Lidström, Roos, Montin, Johansson), Germany (Heinelt, Haus and Zimmermann), Netherlands (Denters) and UK (Copus). The network had a meeting in May 2012, and will meet again in March 2013. The aim of the network is to produce a special issue on legitimacy, planned to be published in *Urban Research and Practice*, nr. 3, 2014.

## Institutional Member Profile

In this section we present the profile of The Faculty of Spatial Planning, Technical University Dortmund

The TU Dortmund Technical University's Faculty of Spatial Planning as the largest educational institute of its kind in Europe. The faculty is specialized in multi-thematic spatial planning for cities, urban landscapes and regions. We offer students and scientists to visit our institute and join our designated research teams to take part in and/or to perform joint research projects.

Research priorities within the faculty include:

- concepts for sustainable spatial planning and development;
- large-scale spatial development, particularly in Germany and Europe;
- spatial planning in developing countries;
- European planning cultures
- spatial dimensions of gender studies;
- land use and transport;
- transformation of post-industrial regions, particularly in the Ruhr Area;
- urban development and qualification of urban design; and
- social and environmental urban renewal.

Most of the research projects are financed by third-party funds. Fundamental research institutions are e.g. the European Commission, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning or the German Research Foundation (DFG)

The faculty of spatial planning and its units are involved in numerous national and international partnerships and networks. In addition to participation in joint research projects and study programmes, the School is involved in an increasing number of different alliances with national and international universities, departments and research institutes.

In terms of number of students and the wide range of subjects and disciplines, the Dortmund School of Spatial Planning is currently the biggest educational facility for spatial planners in Europe.

The **Bachelor of Spatial Planning** is eight terms long (four years) and features an interdisciplinary and comprehensive teaching approach. The Course **Master of Spatial Planning** (two semesters) allows students to specialise in one area and qualifies for an academic career or a leading position in practice.

Compared to other planning schools, Dortmund's characteristic is its practice orientation. It is provided via project work, urban designs and practice oriented seminars. Nevertheless, the School of Spatial Planning provides the students with a sound basis of theoretical knowledge

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## 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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## EURA DEVELOPMENTS

Since the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 the EURA Homepage has added a new function. A blog gives members the opportunity to publish and comment posts in eight different categories. **Have a look [here!](#)**

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