

Editorial

Dear friends,

This newsletter will reach you before the next big EURA event – the EURA conference on “Cities Without Limits” to be held in Copenhagen from the 23rd to the 25th of June 2011. I am happy to meet many of you there because a lot of EURA members and others have registered for this conference.

I hope that you will be able to attend the General Assembly of EURA to be held during this conference on the 23rd of June at 06.30 p.m. There we will discuss the transformation of our organisation into a formally registered association. Although EURA is a well functioning transnational organisation it is in a formal sense no legal entity. Therefore, EURA is for example not able to sign a contract.

This became clear some years ago when the contract with Routledge for the journal ‘Urban Research and Practice’ had to be signed. To solve this problem EURA reached an agreement with the University of the West of England (UWE), and UWE signed the contract with Routledge. Since that time the Governing Board discussed a number of options to transform EURA into a formally registered association. Now the following option seems to be feasible: EURA will be registered at the court (*Amtsgericht*) of Darmstadt as an association under German law. According to German law a registered association can move its secretariat to other EU member states. Furthermore, also the president can be registered as a resident of any other EU member state. The only legal requirement is that changes of the secretariat and of the board members (including the president) have to be reported to the court where the association is registered.

The EURA constitution has to be adapted to the legal requirement for registering EURA as an association according to German law. Furthermore, the constitution has to meet the requirement to acknowledge EURA as a non-profit organisation (which is important in respect to taxation). The Governing Board will discuss the modified constitution and will present the General Assembly a draft which has to be agreed at the Copenhagen meeting.

Finally, I am happy to inform you that our

Governing Board members Panos Getimis and Nikos Hlepas were successful to arrange our first summer school. This summer school jointly organised with EUROLOG, the standing group on local government and politics of the European Consortium of Political Science (ECPR), and thematically focussed on ‘Rescaling Government: Reforming public administration and local government’ will take place from the 18th to the 23rd of September 2011 in Vouliagmeni, Athens/Greece. The registration fee for EURA members or PhD students from institutional EURA members (of 250 Euros) will be covered by the Technische Universität Darmstadt. Accommodation, breakfast and one meal per day will be offered by the organizers. Only travel costs have to be covered by the participants themselves.

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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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BONN 2011

RESILIENT CITIES 2011

2ND WORLD CONGRESS ON CITIES AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

3-5 June 2011, Bonn, Germany

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, the World Mayors Council on Climate Change and the City of Bonn invite you to the Resilient Cities 2011 congress.

More than 30 partners ranging from international organizations to national governments, from research institutes to development banks and professional associations are endorsing or supporting the 2011 congress.

"Resilient Cities is quickly establishing itself as a unique global platform for learning, cooperation and networking on all aspects of urban resilience and adaptation to climate change."
Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

For detailed information on this event please visit <http://resilient-cities.iclei.org/bonn2011/home/>

DARMSTADT 2011

THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF CITIES | MODES OF REPRODUCTION

15-17 June, 2011, Darmstadt, Germany

Venice is different from London and in Mumbai we will expect to have radically other experiences than in Paris. The simple mentioning of city names calls up mental images in us, positive or negative, exotic or banal. Cities appear to be dynamic or progressive, cosmopolitan or sentimental, but what is the origin of such images and associations?

The question of the international conference "The Distinctiveness of Cities | Modes of Re-Production" is the intrinsic logic of cities. Six thematic fields will serve to structure the approach taken to these questions at the conference on "The Distinctiveness of Cities | Modes of Reproduction":

- Body
- Space
- Power
- Infrastructure
- Knowledge
- Heritage

Keynote lectures by Helmuth Berking, Friedrich Lenger, Sujata Patel and Kurt W. Foster. **Talk and Film** with **Ulrike Ottinger**.

Panel lectures by Fran Tonkiss, Trutz von Trotha, Stephen Graham, Phil Hubbard, Olivier Coutard, Ulf Mathiesen, Brenda S.A. Yeoh and many more.

For **further information** please visit <http://www.distinctiveness-of-cities.tu-darmstadt.de/distinctivenessofcities/index.en.jsp>

DRESDEN 2011

REORGANISATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT IN CITIES – THE HIDDEN PROFIT OF IMPLEMENTING THE EU SERVICES DIRECTIVE

20-21 June, 2011, Dresden, Germany

This EURO CITIES Knowledge Society Forum will highlight the potential of the EU Services Directive and related changes in the front and back-office of city administrations as a driver of process reorganization and knowledge management in municipal administrations.

Knowledge management aims at building organizational intelligence to improve performance. Collectively city administrations have the knowledge to support ongoing improvement across their various responsibilities and roles. Intelligent Knowledge Management, assisted by ICT, helps people tap into this knowledge. It gives people the tools to improve the way they capture, share and use knowledge. It reveals what works and helps people build on experience to ensure better practice, public services, strategy and policy.

The EU Services Directive aims to open up the European internal market to cross-border trade in services by making it easier for service providers to set up

business or offer their services in other EU countries. Effects of the EU Services Directive are likely to be felt by every city across Europe.

The implementation of the EU Services Directive is currently ongoing across Europe, and local authorities are adapting their front-office services and the organization of their back-office administration.

For further information, including the event program, and for a possibility for registration please visit <http://ksfdresden2011.eventbrite.com/>

EURA EVENT – COPENHAGEN 2011

CITIES WITHOUT LIMITS

23-25 June, 2011, Copenhagen, Denmark

The European Urban Research Association (EURA) in co-operation with the Centre for Strategic Urban Research – formed by University of Copenhagen and Aarhus School of Architecture and funded by Realdania Research – and the University of Aalborg will hold its next conference on ‘Cities Without Limits’ in Copenhagen (Denmark).

Conditions for urban development have qualitatively shifted in recent years, creating new challenges for urban policy. Urban areas are becoming increasingly dependent on one another, and the well-known boundaries between cities and towns and between urban centres and countryside are being erased. The Centre for Strategic Urban Research–Realdania Research has chosen the term ‘The City without Limits’ to conceptualise this situation, which is investigated by integration of research from architecture and planning with research from geography and the social sciences.

The conference theme ‘Cities without Limits’ will set focus on the development, management and quality of urban areas in order to improve the knowledge base for urban development and urban policy decisions. The occasion of the conference is the closure of CSUR in its current form and the conference includes a presentation and discussion of main results from the CSUR research program.

The **general questions** of the conference are:

- How to understand the urban as sites of regional and global relations?
- How to govern and plan cities dominated by transnational relations?
- What is the good life in cities without limits?

- How do we meet the environmental challenges of expanding urban relations?

This conference calls for papers relating to one of the following themes (organized in one track each). We welcome scholars from diverse disciplines as well as practitioners.

- Conceptualising cities
- Governance in cities unbound
- Residential liveability in urban regions
- Resilient/Metropolitan landscape
- The city of talent – knowledge economy and urbanity
- Topics selected by participants (open track)

The conference will be held in central Copenhagen where excellent conference facilities are available at the University of Copenhagen. Hotels are available at a range of price levels and the metropolitan region of Copenhagen offers a rich choice of destinations for study tours and excursions in relation to urban development, urban policy, sustainable urban development etc.

The **General Assembly** during the conference will be held on the 23rd of June at 06.30 p.m.

For **further information** for the conference themes and the tracks, please visit the conference homepage www.EURA2011.org

The following e-mail account is open for requesting information and arrangements of the conference:

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EURA EVENT – VOULIAGMENI, ATHENS 2011

RESCALING GOVERNMENT: REFORMING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Summer School)

18-23 September, 2011

Vouliagmeni, Athens, Greece

During the previous decades, local government systems in Europe experienced several waves of reforms. Up to the mid-seventies, development of welfare systems went hand in hand with territorial and functional reforms of local government, especially in central and northern Europe. Since the late seventies, privatization and new public management were key issues of the reform agenda in northern Europe, while the new

democracies of the South (Spain, Greece and Portugal) as well as France, initiated efforts to overcome the Napoleonic tradition and move towards decentralization. At the same time, deficits in democratic legitimacy and public acceptance became the focus of several participatory reforms throughout Europe. During the nineties, central and eastern European states in transition tried to catch up with western standards of local democracy, while they also emphasized on new public management and privatization. Today, new reform initiatives are on the run, under pressures stemming from Europeanization, globalization and fiscal crisis.

It is obvious that experiences and lessons learned from several decades of reforms in all parts of Europe have to be systematized and evaluated. Further on, this framework for analysis of reform procedures and outcomes should be useful for ongoing and future reform options and dilemmas. The main goal of this summer school is to bring together several views and research findings from different parts of Europe, in order to promote efforts for achieving a “common sense” on reform evaluation and perspectives in European countries. For this reason, on the one hand teachers are expected to provide the analytical framework on evaluation of reform practices, while, on the other hand post-doctoral students will present their ongoing research. In this way, a fruitful exchange and critical test of different approaches, methods and results can be achieved.

The main topics of this summer school are going to be:

1. a) Does “scale” matter for achieving effective governance? Territorial restructuring (P. Getimis/ N.-K. Hlepas)

b) Do “institutions” matter? Local government systems and territorial reforms (P. Getimis/ N.-K. Hlepas)

2. Does “size” matter for local democracy? Accountability, effectiveness and legitimacy (H. Heinelt/ B. Denters)

3. How to measure the results of institutional reforms? Evaluation of institutional change and performance of newly established institutional settings (S. Kuhlmann)

4. How to explain administrative reforms? (B. Denters)

Aims:

The 2011 Summer School aims at organizing specialized courses for Ph.D. students whose research topics

are related to the field of public policies and local government. Given the latest institutional reforms that have been made in countries such as Denmark and Greece, this year’s Summer School gives emphasis on the evaluation of territorial and functional reforms and the methodology used for this purpose.

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. For this purpose, the local organizers have planned an excursion to one of the most important archaeological sites of Attica, Cape Sounio.

How to get involved:

PhD students fluent in English are welcome to submit an abstract (350 words) of their on-going research and apply before **31 May 2011**. Registration Fees for participants will be 250 Euros. Accommodation, breakfast and one meal per day will be offered by the organizers. Travel costs will be covered by the participants themselves. For more information on the application please see the application form at <http://www.eura.org/events.htm>.

For enquiries please contact summer.school@icbss.org.

BARCELONA 2011

WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL AND URBAN ECONOMICS – INEQUALITY AND REGIONAL GROWTH AND COHESION

24-25 November, 2011, Barcelona, Spain

The aim of this workshop hosted by AQR-IREA (Grup d'Anàlisi Quantitativa Regional) at the University of Barcelona

is to bring together original research papers that cast some light on the evolution and determinants of economic and social inequality and its impact on regional growth and cohesion.

José Enrique Garcilazo (OECD) and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (LSE, IMDEA) will be the **keynote speakers** of the workshop.

Although the Workshop focuses 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.

The Deadline for Paper Submission is **June 15th 2011**.

For further including the call for papers visit <http://www.pcb.ub.edu/aqr/workshop2011/>

LONDON 2011

FUTURE CITIES 2011 – INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM LONDON

15-16 December 2011, Westminster London, UK

Future Cities, is an exciting and innovative Annual Conference Series dedicated to the sustainable development of our Cities and Urban areas. The first event is being staged in the heart of the global city of London at Westminster on the 15th and 16th December 2011. Over the 2 day event over 700 delegates from across the globe will listen to a range of presentations and discuss key issues and topics.

Speaker and Delegate registration fees are **£180 plus VAT** per person or **£90 plus VAT** for students.

There are ten streams to the event and Papers are welcome in the following policy themes:

- The City of Neighbourhoods
- The City of Enterprise
- The Sporting City
- The Connected City
- The Cultural City
- The Healthy City
- The Global City
- The City and the Region
- The City and Deprivation
- The City Beautiful - Urban Theory

To **submit a paper** please send an abstract of no more than 500 words to info@rantrad.com before 1st June 2011.

Also, to **register as a delegate** please email info@rantrad.com

For further information please visit <http://www.rantrad.co.uk/rantrad-future-cities>

EURA EVENT – VIENNA 2012

URBAN EUROPE – CHALLENGES TO MEET THE URBAN FUTURE

2012, Vienna, Austria

EURA EVENT

Last decade has been that one with the deepest and most intense technical, economic, cultural and social change in all cities. They are impacting urban societies in a never seen intensity in socio-economic terms (increase of both wealth and poverty – challenge for social inclusion), in socio-cultural terms (social milieu – the new urban creative classes, social capital) and socio-demographic terms (immigration, ageing, new household types – new understanding of welfare states).

All these intense and new differences and inequalities are mirrored in the territories of the agglomerations of European cities as segregation patterns, which are challenging the social, economic and territorial cohesion. Technological innovations are both driver of these processes of intra-urban differentiation and as well are said to be solutions of these challenges. Therefore, European urban stakeholders have to consider how to form growth-coalitions which are balancing the aims of economic competitiveness and of social cohesion.

To establish sustainable developments even within economic and population growth areas, technological and governmental innovations are needed. Europe is deeply challenged to establish a future orientated development of regulated and sustainable growth which can be exported as a blueprint of regulation (governance, corporate social responsibility and pro-active forms of civil societies) to the fast urbanising countries to safeguard sustainability.

The new 'urban imperative' is challenging the governance of cities as it has to define tailored relations between economic competitiveness and social cohesion, technological challenges of energy organisation ('smart cities') and settlement growth, increasing segregation and environment protection. This needs new forms of governance to integrate the increasingly different interests and to form up growth coalitions which combines competitiveness with responsibilities for balanced developments.

TRACKS – Turning Challenges into Opportunities

1. *The aim and programme of Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe (N.N.)*

The Joint Programming Initiative 'Urban Europe' (JPI Urban Europe) is one of the strategic research and practise fields to meet the challenges for the Europe 2020 programme goals. It is the first time, that the European Union explicitly underpins the role of European cities to be drivers of a sustainable development in Europe. Besides the need for proper and interdisciplinary integrated research across economy, society, ecology and mobility, the programme intends to intensify forward-thinking, long-term oriented research and innovation initiatives to shape urban development in Europe. JPI Urban Europe will define the topics of respective parts in the 8th Research Framework Programme of the EU. Using the capacity of EURA as the most important professional network in urban research and consult in Europe, the aim of track is to critically reflect the development of the pilot phase, which is starting in July 2011 and will end in January 2014.

2. *Patterns and Drivers of Long-Term Urban Dynamics (Prof. Jens S. DANGSCHAT, VUT)*

Cities ever had been the spearheads of modernisation processes in the fields of technological, economic, social and environmental change. Latest since the rhetoric of sustainability these relations are seen as interdependent, as sustainability need to have balanced developments between these aspects. The recent challenges of improved competitiveness between Europe and other global regions as much as within Europe have intensified these challenges and the need to reflect on its interrelations. One result is an increasing diversity among cities which is tackling the ability for foresight systems (path dependency and individualism vs. predictable patterns of development within stage models or typologies). Beyond the need to overcome the lacks of knowledge the proper respond to megatrends and the specific local outcome is to analyse, debate and exchange. What are the new policy measures, planning concepts and governance models to be developed and implemented?

3. *Competitive and Inclusive Metropolitan Development (Prof. Rudolf GIFFINGER, VUT)*

The process of metropolization of urban agglomerations is driven by the attraction of specialised economic functions under increasingly competitive conditions. These new or enlarged urban functions of control and command ('steering'), their physical and

functional allocation in specific areas and networks is resulting in new European and global urban hierarchies. These competitive practises are resulting in both physical enlargement (beyond the cities' borders) and intense social change (socio-economic polarisation, socio-demographic diversification and socio-cultural pluralism). The dominant strategies of urban government is to concentrate their strategies and the ever smaller means on their most attractive areas and high skilled labour force ('creative classes'), which pose a threat to socially cohesive and spatially inclusive metropolitan development, which give the challenge of smart urban development a more integrative tone.

4. *Vulnerable and Resilient Cities (Dr. Alexander HAMEDINGER, VUT)*

Vulnerability and resilience power for cities and urban agglomerations are related to two different levels, the more general level for entire regions and cities in fields of economy and environment aspects, while social elements become obvious in urban neighbourhoods and/or suburban settlement systems. Competition between regions and cities had increased these imbalances in the past. Old-industrial reasons or deprived neighbourhoods, however, had learned to cope with these challenges and developed innovative attempts not only to stand these situations but to bring forward innovative strategies of resilience. Other regions like those in Central European countries are under way with a diversity of results and efforts.

5. *Metabolism of Urban Areas – Resource, Energy and Land Use (Prof. Michael GETZNER, Growing cities and urban agglomerations are enlarging their resource use, which results in a stronger dependence on resource and energy inputs, based on renewable energy sources in cities. These developments will be shaped by tailored strategies of economics of metabolism (determinants of resource use; resource use and economic impacts) as much as by social and cultural impacts of resource saving strategies. To meet the challenges, new strategies of resource efficient cities has to be developed, including new town and regional planning concepts, technological solutions and forms of participation. Both will strengthen among urban policies the awareness for resource and energy use and will strengthen urban agglomerations as nodes of networks of connectivity.*

6. *Urban Networks, Design & Connectivity* (Prof. Rudolf SCHEUVENS, VUT)

Urban development is increasingly related to interactivity and connectivity of flows of information, capital and physical mobility. Under the headline of ‘smart cities’ innovations and solutions are predominantly seen in fields of technology. But ‘flows are meeting territories’ also includes challenges for the settlement development and planning, its governance and civil society as it as well includes questions a fair and equal access to mobility networks, actor-oriented and innovative design principles and participation.

7. *Innovation Hubs and Living Labs* (Dr. Oliver FREY, VUT)

Creativity and innovation are seen as the glues for future urban development and cities ever had been the seedbeds of innovation for socio-economic progress, urban culture and civil society. This argumentation was highlighted not at least by the debate about ‘creative classes’, the renaissance of urban lifestyles and innovative assessment and implementation of technological solutions. But what are really the prerequisites of liveable cities and its innovative nodes and quarters? Based on cultural diversity, tolerance, urban lifestyles and open-mindedness of a pro-active civil soci-

ety radical new types of business scenarios, technological solutions, civic interests, flexible forms of time and space use have to be developed, discussed, integrated and to put into practise.

KEYNOTES (first draft list – all has to be decided and is still not confirmed)

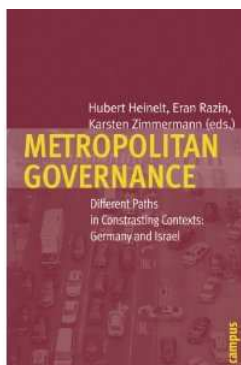
1. The Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe
Ingolf SCHÄDLER / Peter NIJKAMP
2. Understanding Urban Systems / Urban Mega-Trends
Peter HALL / Dieter LÄPPLE / Michael PARKINSON
3. Urban Networks & Connectivity
N.N. / Kay AXHAUSEN / Roberto CAMAGNI
4. The Future is Smart – Socio-ecological Sustainability
Marina FISCHER-KOWALSKY
5. Implications of Technical and Social Change for Urban Policies
N.N.

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

Metropolitan Governance. Different Paths in Contrasting Contexts: Germany and Israel

Edited by Hubert Heinelt, Eran Razin and Karsten Zimmermann
Campus, 2011



As urban areas have grown and sprawl has spread in recent decades, metropolitan governments around the world have begun to look beyond city borders, establishing regional partnerships to help them deal with issues of transit,

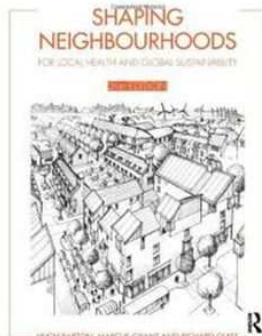
resource use, and more. Metropolitan Governance examines this trend through a close comparative study of seven metropolitan areas in Israel and Germany. While not neglecting the reasons behind these changes in governance, the authors pay particular at-

tention to their effects on—and diminishing of—democratic participation and accountability. The authors seek to address recent changes in metropolitan governance in seven metropolitan areas in Israel and Germany. Exploring metropolitan governance beyond the governmental structures and focusing on democratic deficits in particular this book demonstrates that the recent notion of new regionalism has to be reconceptualised without neglecting the underlying dynamics that justified the renaissance of metropolitan regionalism since the 1990s.

Making an important contribution to the scholarly debate about metropolitan governance, this book will be of interest to students and scholars of governance, urban planning & urban studies and to all scholars interested in local politics in Israel and Germany.

Shaping Neighbourhoods. For Local Health and Global Sustainability

Hugh Barton, Marcus Grant and Richard Guise
Routledge, 2010



Planning experts from the University of the West of England have been commended by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) for the latest edition of the guide to Shaping Neighbourhoods - for local health and global sustainability.

The book, written by Professor Hugh Barton, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre, Marcus Grant, Deputy Director of the Centre and Visiting Research Fellow Richard Guise and published by Routledge, is the only comprehensive guide to neighbourhood planning and design, encompassing social, economic and environmental aspects. It has a special focus on health, climate change and inclusive decision processes. Neighbourhood, Parish and Town Councils will find it provides just what they need to engage with localism.

The judges at the RTPI Awards highlighted a key feature of the book "in focus, orientation and style, this book brings planning education and practice together and provides a model for other fields".

Social Geography and Urban Studies titles from The Policy Press

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Understanding community

Peter Somerville

This topical text provides students with a clear understanding of policy and theory in relation to community. By examining areas of government policy this book explores the difficulties that communities face, discusses new concepts and investigates what 'community' might mean in today's diverse British society.

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847423924&sf1=keyword&st1=Somerville&m=2&dc=9>

Migration and welfare in the new Europe

Emma Carmel, Alfio Cerami, Theodoros Papadopoulos

Providing innovative insights, this book moves the debate on migration and integration policies in the enlarged European Union and its member states onto new terrain.

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847426444&sf1=keyword&st1=Carmel%3B&m=1&dc=7>

The purpose of planning

Yvonne Rydin

Planning is an important aspect of policy making. This book looks at a range of issues to unlock the purpose of planning, ideal for students and practitioners alike.

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847424303&sf1=keyword&st1=Rydin&m=1&dc=1>

Ethnicity, class and aspiration

Tim Butler, Chris Hamnett

An analysis of the aspirations of different groups living in East London and the strategies they have used to improve their status.

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847426505&sf1=keyword&st1=Butler&m=3&dc=6>

Social cohesion and counter-terrorism

Charles Husband, Yunis Alam

This book offers a unique research-based contribution to the debate around community cohesion and counter-terrorism policies in Britain. It is an essential read for academics, policy makers and practitioners concerned with the management of ethnic diversity.

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847428011&sf1=keyword&st1=Husband&m=1&dc=1>

Bankrupt Britain

Daniel Dorling, Bethan Thomas

A unique atlas giving a comprehensive picture of the effect of the recession on Britain. Essential reading for a broad audience with a national snapshot of Britain during this time.

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847427472&sf1=keyword&st1=Dorling&m=6&dc=34>

This section presents research projects in the area of urban research

Educating Planners for the New Challenges of Sustainability, Knowledge and Governance (PLAN-ED)

Purpose and Context

Urban planners across the globe are facing new common environmental, political and socioeconomic challenges. Between September 2010 and September 2012, four planning schools in very different geopolitical contexts in the EU and the USA have joined forces in a policy project aimed at creating a forum and a comparative framework in which they consider innovative planning and policy solutions and their role as educators through knowledge sharing. They engage with professionals and share their results with decision-makers, professional bodies and other planning schools. The project is co-funded by the Atlantis strand of EU funding and by FIPSE in the USA.

The project entitled *Educating Planners for the New Challenges of Sustainability, Knowledge and Governance (PLAN-ED)* offers a forum for academics and practitioners to discuss, compare and contrast issues linked to sprawl, growth management, and affordable housing; urban regeneration, poverty alleviation, and social inclusion; environmental planning and public health; governance and planning decision-making, community participation, equity and social inclusion.

By doing so, the project aims at:

- (1) helping to enhance the curriculum of each participating institution through knowledge sharing and faculty exchange
- (2) developing a model and set of teaching tools to inspire other planning institutions in order to tune learning outcomes and planning competences transnationally
- (3) promoting further cooperation between the participants

The activities comprising the project include faculty travel to partner institutions, guest lectures, site visits, meetings with local practitioners, joint submissions of papers to academic and professional journals, presentations at annual professional meetings, and planning for long-term activities. These activities culminate in four rounds of seminars organised in turn by each partner. Local planning and policy settings provide

the backdrops for the seminars. The seminars, consisting of presentations and interactive workshops are directly linked to the planning, policy, and educational challenges of the host institution's context. Local urban planning students and faculty, key stakeholders, and practitioners are invited to participate and contribute to seminars.



Project participants in North Highland Park, Richmond, Virginia, discussing neighbourhood regeneration with members of the local community and local stakeholders.

Approach/Method and Results/Outcomes

The first round of seminars took place in Richmond, Virginia at VCU in February 2011 where European and US colleagues learnt about and discussed two local regeneration projects with academics, students, practitioners and stakeholders involved in these projects. The first one included the regeneration of North Highland Park neighbourhood in Richmond (see picture) used as case study for planning students' studio work. The second was a revitalisation effort through mixed development of a suburban corridor. While a broad range of issues were discussed, the seminar allowed EU colleagues to learn first hand about VCU's approach to studio work and links with local communities, and the key regeneration challenges brought in by historic and cultural values dominated in the past by racial tensions and by the importance of property rights and zoning in the Virginian planning context. The role of churches in promoting a narrow "denominational and congregational" based model of solidarity as part of the regeneration efforts was also discussed.

A discussion panel based on learning is planned for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning's Conference in Utah next October. Next seminar round

is in Bristol on 16-19th May 2011; third round in Portland, Oregon on 25-28th October 2011; fourth round in Hannover in 2012. Other collaborative work is being considered by consortium members.

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2. Virginia Commonwealth University, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs (U.S. Project Leader) (VCU)
3. Portland State University, Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning



Core PLAN-ED project members Dave Johnson and Laurence Carmichael (UWE, England), Michela Zonta (VCU, Virginia, USA), Frank Sholles and Stefan Rüter (Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany) took the opportunity to visit Washington DC during the seminar. Michela and Laurence had a meeting with staff from Congressman Blumenauer (Portland, Oregon), a key advocate of urban cycling to promote the PLAN-ED October seminar in Portland.

East Europe and Central Asia (EECA) Urban Regeneration & Community of Practice

Sponsored by: the World Bank Cities Alliance Programme

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb has been recognized as a local partner, using its expertise and competence to support implementation of the project.

The objectives of the project are directed to:

- raising the awareness and capacity of a selected number of cities in the EECA region (Tbilisi, Yerevan, Baku, and Bakar) in urban regeneration and

brownfield redevelopment and assisting them in conceptualization of their city-wide urban regeneration projects within their sustainable city development framework;

- enabling horizontal learning from EU cities with good practice in urban regeneration (e.g. Duisburg, Leipzig, Lille, Rotterdam, Barcelona, and Bilbao; as well as Eastern Europe, e.g. Budapest, Brno and Ostrava) and establishing a community of practice in the EECA region for continued dialogue and learning; and

- documenting all cases for global dissemination to other cities worldwide and prepare a toolkit to assist cities in operational application.

As such, this proposal has the purpose to leverage the existing, but often tacit knowledge on urban regeneration through facilitating learning among EECA cities, from their peers in more advanced EU member countries, and globally through dissemination to interested cities worldwide. The close involvement of the World Bank Institute (WBI) helps to establish a community of practice that makes use of and can be linked to existing channels of learning and knowledge exchange. The project also seeks to support institutionalization of this initiative beyond the lifetime of the activities that will be implemented through the project. Furthermore, it is expected that outputs of the activities will lead to more detailed project proposals and follow-up investments that will allow replication of successful approaches in one or two of the cities.

Implementation of the project in Croatia takes place in Bakar where a brownfield location is identified (plateau of ex coke plant) and for which a conceptual plan of redevelopment is in the process of elaboration. In cooperation with a foreign consultant, an expert in the field of urban design, local experts and representatives of the Town of Bakar, a workshop with relevant stakeholders was conducted. The necessary inputs are collected, followed by preparation of the first draft of the conceptual plan and afterwards discussed at the second workshop. The next iteration of harmonisation of comments is expected soon. The final draft version of the plan will be presented in a selected city of a good practice in an EU member country, while received comments and suggestions will be incorporated in the final version of a plan that will be presented in Bakar, to a wider audience. Beside elaboration of the plan, a written document with all case studies within the project will be prepared in a form adjusted for further dissemination.

Network Activities

In this section we publish an invitation relating to comparative research on place-based leadership and information on a newly introduced PhD Program in Spatial Planning & Urban Development

INVITATION RELATING TO COMPARATIVE RESEARCH ON PLACE-BASED LEADERSHIP

Robin Hambleton and Jo Howard, of the University of the West of England, Bristol, invite dialogue in relation to an international research programme on place-based leadership and public service innovation

Can civic leadership make a difference to the quality of life in a city? How can comparative urban research on alternative approaches to local leadership inspire improved approaches to public service innovation?

These are questions we are asking – with colleagues from several countries – in an emerging international programme of research known as the International Civic Leadership and Innovation Programme (ICLIP). We write this short article for the EURA Newsletter to invite dialogue and exchange with other urban researchers who may be carrying out current research on urban leadership. More specifically, we are trying to examine in a systematic way how local leadership from different sectors and at different levels can help or hinder public service innovation.

If this is of interest to you please review the summary of our approach below and, if you would like to offer some insights from your own research and/or experience, please send an email to one of the email addresses below.

Place-based leadership

Our starting point is that research on the impact of local leadership is sorely underdeveloped. This is surprising given the widespread belief that ‘leadership can make a difference’. Indeed, urban research projects often end up by calling for more effective leadership – by governments, by politicians, or by somebody or other – but then offer little in the way of advice on what this ‘more effective leadership’ might look like.

We see a real opportunity for cross-national comparative research on urban leadership. Different countries have developed very different models of local leadership – including, different institutional designs to support leadership, different approaches to leadership development, and different styles of leadership behaviour. It follows that there is potential

for juxtaposing the experiences of innovative cities in different countries to generate new insights relating to local leadership and, conceivably, improved advice to those charged with leading and governing cities.

In our research we contrast ‘place-less’ leadership with ‘place-based’ leadership. Place-less leaders have no interest in the impact of their decisions on particular places or communities. Thus, senior figures in multi-national countries have no difficulty in transferring their investments from one country to another even if this results in the collapse of particular cities or communities. In our rapidly globalising world place-less power is on the increase and this is having an adverse impact on many cities. Place-based power is driven by an authentic concern for a particular place or community, and is often ranged against place-less power.

The realms of place-based leadership

In our current comparative research on urban leadership, we distinguish three, overlapping ‘realms of leadership’. These realms are: political, managerial/professional and community. We surmise that these three realms exist in any given locality. Moreover, our framework posits that the areas of overlap between these realms provide ‘innovation zones’ – creative spaces in which new ideas and approaches to public service can be developed and tried out.

In some cities these soft spaces are experienced as conflict zones – they become arenas for dispute between sectional interests. Our hypothesis is that place-based leadership can shape the behaviour that takes place within these zones. The underlying policy implication is that it should be possible to develop approaches to place-based leadership that promotes public service innovation – approaches that meets community needs, notwithstanding the pressures of place-less leaders.

Figure 1 illustrates this conceptual framework. In this framework people with different perspectives are brought together, opening up new possibilities for dialogue. Empowering approaches that stimulate exchange between autonomous third sector organisations, local business leaders, officers and elected local leaders can, perhaps, build synergies that in turn pro-

duce new thinking. We, therefore, stress the importance of cultivating leadership that can work across boundaries.

Figure 1: Realms of civic leadership



Potential innovation zones

Figure 1 represents a drastic simplification of a more complex reality. It is not intended to show how the dynamics of local power struggles actually unfold. But it does provide a useful conceptual framework for comparative research on place-based leadership.

Central questions relating to place-based leadership and public service innovation

By comparing innovative place-based leadership efforts in cities in different countries we are attempting to address three questions:

- How does place-based (or civic) leadership contribute to public service innovation?
- What factors influence the effectiveness of place-based leadership in different settings?
- What international lessons can be identified regarding the strengths and weaknesses of alternative approaches to place-based innovation?

We have carried out a Scoping Study on these issues for the UK Local Authority Research Council Initiative. This is available at:

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/innovation/larci/intscope.pdf>

We have also recently started a small, comparative study of English and Dutch experience of place-based leadership with colleagues at the University of Twente – Professor Bas Denters, Pieter-Jan Klok and Mirjan Oude Vrielink. Funded by the Joseph

Rowntree Foundation we are looking to co-produce new knowledge by working closely with three innovative cities: Bristol, Swindon and Enschede.

Our invitation

If these research questions resemble questions that you are also researching we would be interested to hear from you. We have scholars from a number of countries interested in expanding this research agenda, and we hope that the ICLIP can encourage an increase in the level of comparative research on place-based leadership.

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PHD PROGRAM IN SPATIAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Prof. Alessandro Balducci

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 and 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 in the last two decades as a consequence of the globalisation processes; the governance problems in evolving 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, and their relationship with 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 using a comparative approach. Some of the policies investigated are: welfare and cohesion, land use, mobility and infrastructures, environmental quality and housing.

Having a strong international orientation, the Program is aimed at meeting 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 profiles could be employed by Italian and international academic institutions, public bodies and research centres.

Academic board

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Scholarships

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The deadline to submit the online application is May 25.

Institutional Member Profile

In this section we present the profile of the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin

School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin



The UCD, School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy (GPEP) was established in 2005 when the three former longstanding departments of Geography, Regional and Urban Planning and Environmental Studies merged. As a result of this merger our research and teaching is multidisciplinary and spans both human and physical geography and the applied fields of environmental policy and planning. Our aim in GPEP is to seek to provide the knowledge and analytical tools to understand the dynamics of physical landscapes and environmental processes, and the interrelationship between people and places. The intellectual span is global – from Ireland and EU to the Americas, China and the Middle East and across scales- from international regions to local public

spaces and places. GPEP has 21 academic staff members, 24 PhD and MLitt students, a total of 70 taught Masters students and over 900 undergraduate students.

Education in Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy



The School of GPEP in line with its disciplinary components combines academic with professional education and aims to link knowledge creation with its application in the real world. At undergraduate level we teach students in Geography on a general Bachelor of Arts programme and we offer a tailored Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy (BA

GPEP) that provides an entry point to students wishing to pursue a career in planning. At postgraduate level we offer taught and research masters and a structured PhD programme. The Geography taught masters programme offers three specializations: Urban Studies; Geopolitics and Global Economy and Geography, while the Master of Regional and Urban Planning (MRUP) is a two year professional planning programme accredited by both the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Irish Planning Institute. The School's structured PhD programme has proven to be highly successful and enables our PhD students to achieve the best possible experience of graduate research and training. The structured programme requires PhD students to complete at least **30 credits of graduate taught modules** at the early stages of their study.



Thus, each student gains important experience not only in research but also in a broader academic field of study.

We offer structured PhDs in each of the major disciplinary areas of the School.

Research Themes

Research in the School can be broadly grouped under three research themes, and these reflect the wide range of interests and expertise of staff in the School:

- **Cities Regions and Spatial Planning**
- **Environment: Process, Change and Policy**
- **Geopolitics and the Knowledge Economy**

Cities, Regions & Spatial Planning

This inter-disciplinary theme brings together researchers from across the School investigating the processes and outcomes of economic production and consumption, politics and governance, technological innovation and cultural diversity in both urban and rural areas, and at a variety of scales. A holistic approach is taken to understanding cities and regions as both complex human and environmental phenomena. We aim to understand, clarify and critique the complex relationships between societal processes, planning and policy interventions and their impacts and outcomes.

Recent and ongoing projects include: the governance and politics of regeneration; housing issues; active citizenship and community participation; suburbanisation and rural-urban fringe management; rural diversification and social change; block structure in small towns; regional land-use change; the development of spatial data infrastructures; noise planning; transferable development rights, development planning charges and planning law; the informal city; urban resilience; and the development of cities in historical perspective.

Two projects recently completed under this theme are outlined below. The first was carried out under the auspices of the Urban Institute Ireland, one of UCD's multidisciplinary research institutes in which the School plays a key role, and the second is an EU 6th Framework project.

The Urban Environment Project

The Urban Environment Project was a three-year interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research programme funded by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency. The project focused on understanding the environmental impact of urban development through the use of Spatial Decision Support Systems (SDSS). Using the MOLAND land-use model, which allows for in-depth analysis and visualisation of changing land use patterns in urban regions, the Urban Environment Project integrated environmental dimensions into existing and new land-use data for the Greater Dublin Region. Using the information from the modelling project, researchers reflected on and explored the themes of air quality, urban transport, biodiversity, climate change, urban sprawl and green city. For more information on the urban environment project: <http://www.uep.ie>

ACRE

(ACRE) *Accommodating Creative Knowledge: Competitiveness of European Metropolitan Regions within the Enlarged Union*. This EU 6th framework project explored city and regional competitiveness and in particular explored the ideas of Richard Florida on the creative city and the creative class. The school along with 12 other EU universities was involved with this four-year project, which was completed in 2010. To read more about the project: www2.fmg.uva.nl/acre

Environment: Process, Change & Policy

The 'environment' is a major focus for research in GPEP, which incorporates studies of the physical environment and its processes, of environmental policy and politics, and of governance for sustainable development. Our approach to environmental research is interdisciplinary in its observation, analysis and management of environmental change.

Significant expertise exists in a number of areas: field-based environmental observation and analysis; resource evaluation and assessment; computer-based modelling and GIS; environmental governance and policy instruments; environmental risk and resilience; rural and landscape resource management; quality of life and the environment; and the spatial dimensions of sustainability.

Geopolitics and the Knowledge Economy

Political and socio-economic processes significantly shape the degree of social, institutional, and market organization, technological and scientific advancement, and overall prosperity that are enjoyed by the public at certain places at a given point in time. Research contributions in this stream of inquiry primarily focus on geopolitical and economic aspects in the

context of place specific current events and past experiences, spatially embedded social movements and responses to events related to globalization processes and economic crisis, and institutionalized forms of social organization that are practiced across different scales within and across nation-states.

Current studies under this theme focus on a variety of topics, including: European Union – expansion and integration processes; US foreign policy and international trade; the interconnection between drugs and war; transnational immigration and social integration into labor markets; the evolutionary economic geography of knowledge formation and diffusion; agglomeration economies, with particular focus on knowledge externalities; and territorial innovation systems.



For more information on both our research and teaching programmes please visit our website: <http://www.ucd.ie/gpep/>

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 Issue 4, Number 1, March 2011

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 the enter its fourth volume, the journal has been selected for cov-

erage 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

We remind you the forthcoming General Assembly and of the contact data of the EURA Secretariat.

At the end of this newsletter we would like to remind you again of the forthcoming General Assembly where the transformation of our organisation into a formally registered association is discussed (see the editorial for further details). The meeting takes place at the 23rd of June at 06.30 p.m. during the “Cities Without Limits” conference in Copenhagen.

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