

Editorial

Dear friends,

As already announced in the last EURA news letter, I will step down as the president in July 2013. There have been personal reasons for me to take this decision which was not easy for me.

As a result, we have to elect a new president at the next general assembly which will take place in Enschede on the 5th of July 2013, i.e. during the next EURA conference. Up to now there is one candidate – namely Karsten Zimmermann who is professor for European planning cultures at the Technische Universität Dortmund. Some of you will know him from previous EURA events and particularly from the GFORS project in which a number of EURA members were involved.

Looking back to my term in office since September 2010, I think the following achievements can be mentioned.

EURA is now not only a successfully working network of urban scholars from many European countries. EURA is now a legal entity in the form of a registered association, too. This is for example important for signing contracts which was not possible before. In addition, EURA now has the status of a non-profit organisation. This solves the problem of taxation which was an unresolved problem in the past – particularly for the president.

Since 2011 have been offering summer schools for PhD students; since last year we have done this on the basis of a formal agreement in co-operation with the Standing Group on Local Government of the ECPR. However, we have to confess that the interest of PhD students in this summer school is not as high as we hoped for. The executive board will discuss this topic at its next meeting.

We have also made the ‘networking activities’

of members more visible than in the past. This is important not only for the outside world but more particularly for other EURA members to become informed about these activities and to join them.

Finally, we revised our website and set up a blog on it to offer a platform for direct communication among our members.

I thank all EURA members who help to accomplish these changes.

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EURA President

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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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If you have any material you would like to see in the next issue please send it to

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EURA CONFERENCE 2013: Cities as Seedbeds of innovation

EURA EVENT

4-6 July 2013, Enschede, The Netherlands

Innovation is at the heart of the European Union's Europe 2020 strategy.

As part of this strategy the EU wishes 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).

Therefore we decided to organise the 2013 EURA Conference around the theme **Cities as Seedbeds for Innovation**.

Keynote Speakers:

G.J. Hospers (Professor at University of Twente, The Netherlands)

Karen Mossberger (Professor of Public Administration and Head of the Public Administration Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago)

Track Sessions:

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

The **General Assembly** will be held on Friday, 5th July 2013, at 05.00 p.m.

Agenda:

Wednesday, 3 July 2013

12.30-15.30	Lunch and Meeting of the EURA Board
16.00-18.30	Meeting of the Editorial Board of Urban Research and Practice
19.00-21.00	Registration and Pre-conference Reception

Thursday, 4 July 2013

08.30-09.30	Registration
09.45-12.00	Plenary Session - Opening Ceremony <i>Innovative Cities and Governance</i>
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14:00-16.00	Panel sessions 1 in the various tracks
16:00-16.30	Coffee
16:30-18.30	Panel sessions 2 in the various tracks
19.30-21.00	Official Conference Reception

Friday, 5 July 2013

09.00-11.00	Panel session 3 in the various tracks
11.00-11.30	Coffee
11.30-13.00	Plenary Session <i>Young Academics on the City of the Future</i>
13.00-14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.30	Track Panel sessions 4 in the various tracks
17.00-18.00	General Assembly
19.30-23.00	Conference Dinner

Saturday, 6 July 2013

09.30-11.30	Panel sessions 5 in the various tracks
12.00-17.00	Mobile workshops

For **further information** on the conference and **registration** at www.eura2013.org!

Here is a campus map for detailed information about building locations. The conference will be held in building Nr. 10 (Ravelijn) and Nr. 12 (Waaier).

EUROLOC / EURA SUMMER SCHOOL in Local Government and Governance Studies: Leading local government through the challenges of austerity and constraint

15-23 July 2013, Leicester, England

EURA EVENT

The 2013 Euroloc / EURA Summer School will be held at De Montfort University, Leicester, England and will be hosted by the Department of Politics and Public Policy and the Department's Local Governance Research Unit (LGRU). It is exciting opportunity for PhD students from all over Europe, researching local government and governance (social sciences, political science, public administration, urban studies, geography), to come together to explore their research with others and to hear from internationally renowned academics.

De Montfort University's, Department of Politics and Public Policy's, Local Governance Research Unit has an extensive range of contacts with practitioners and policy-makers. The Summer School will provide an opportunity for participants to meet with key actors in Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council. Other opportunities to discuss local government with practitioners and policy-makers will also be available.

The Summer School will therefore offer:

- The opportunity to meet with practitioners and policy-makers in English local government
- Key note lectures provided by a group of internationally recognised academics
- Opportunities for students to present, discuss and explore their own research progress and that of others
- Activities to enable participants to reflect on research methods
- Opportunities to make comparative reflections on local government

Each day will be structured around a morning session which will involve a presentation by a local government practitioner, followed by an academic key-note lecture.

The afternoon sessions will start with a 30 minutes speed lecture by senior researchers from the Department of Politics and Public Policy to include a Q&A session in the 30 minutes. It will be followed by a workshop where participants will present their own research and discuss and explore it with colleagues at the Summer School.

There might even be time organised for some social interaction and a bit of fun – who knows.

Further information: www.dmu.ac.uk/euroloc

The Euroloc / EURA 2013 Summer School is supported by the ECPR.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: The Role of Europe's Industry in the 21st Century

21 November 2013, Zagreb, Croatia

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, a research institute with a long tradition in economic research in Croatia, is organizing an international conference on **The Role of Europe's Industry in the 21st Century**. The conference intends to bring together experts from academia, international institutions, central banks, government institutions and the private sector to discuss the future of industry in the European Union and South East Europe. The discussion will be initiated by invited speeches and presented conference papers.

Conference Topic

Industry is still the most important element of Europe's economic structures. It accounts for a major part of exports and R&D investments and it creates additional jobs in the services sector as well. However, industry has been severely hit by the recent economic crisis, which has also revealed many of its present weaknesses. Therefore, it is important to explore the present-day performance of Europe's industry, to identify problems affecting industry in both the EU and South East Europe, and to try to propose the most appropriate elements of the future industrial policy.

In such a context, possible topics include (without being restricted to):

- is industry still indispensable for economic growth?
- what have been the main characteristics of industrial enterprises which have performed best during the economic crisis?
- what are the main obstacles to industrial development in the EU and SEE?
- can the industries of the EU and SEE be competitive on the global market and how?
- what kind of infrastructure should be provided by the public sector in order to enhance the development of the competitive industrial sector?

- how to secure knowledge and skills for a new industrial development?
- what industrial policies could be the most efficient in reinforcing industrial growth?
- how to develop the industrial sector in a sustainable way?

More general insights are also welcome, especially those of relevance for the industrial policy in the region.

Invited Speaker

Jože Damijan, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb invites researchers and other specialists to submit their abstracts by **1 July 2013**.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words and should include:

- Central theme or hypothesis: what question(s) will be addressed?
- Approach and methodology: how will the question(s) be addressed?
- 3-5 keywords.

Please include author(s) full name(s), affiliation(s), mailing address(es), telephone and fax number(s), e-mail address(es).

Abstracts should be sent by 1 July 2013 to the following e-mail: conference@eizg.hr.

Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: by 1 July 2013
- Abstract acceptance notification: by 14 July 2013
- Full paper submission deadline: by 1 October 2013
- Full paper acceptance: by 15 October 2013
- Registration for participants: by 8 November 2013

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7th FEDERAL CONGRESS ON NATIONAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY: Urban Energies – the Role of Business

17-18 June 2013, Mannheim/Ludwigshafen, Germany

The German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development, the Standing Conference of Federal State Ministers and Senators responsible for Urban Development, Building and Housing, the German Association of Cities, and the German Association of Towns and Municipalities cordially invite you to the 7th Federal Congress on National Urban Development Policy on June 17 – 18, 2013 in Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

With the key topic "Business as Urban Energy", the congress will take up the thread of the international conference in 2012 on "Urban Energies", where the memorandum "Urban Energies – Urban Challenges" was resolved. This year's congress will focus on the role of business in the city. This time, forms of cooperation and assuming responsibility for urban development processes will take centre stage.

How can economic interests and sustainable urban development be harmonized? Can business play an active role in the participatory processes of civil society? What shape can durable alliances take that are beneficial to all involved and forged between equals?

Furthermore, in five "**Future Arenas**" light will be shed on the prospects the city and business have for urban development.

Moreover, on the evening of June 17, 2013 exemplary commitment to urban development by civil foundations will be recognized with the award of the **Bürgerstiftungs-Preis 2013 der Nationalen Stadtentwicklungspolitik**. On the afternoon of June 18, 2013 there will be excursions to explore current urban development projects in the region.

Registration until June 5th 2013 [here!](#)

Program and further information [here!](#)

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FINAL CONFERENCE OF EU COST ACTION CIRES: Shrinking cities in Europe

12-13 September 2013, Essen, Germany

The conference 'Cities Regrowing Smaller' is dealing with one of the main challenges of contemporary urban development in many industrialized countries. At the beginning of the 21st century, the shrinking cities phenomenon is widespread in Europe and worldwide. In the affected areas, several causes for population loss can be traced, such as demographic change, outmigration, structural changes in the economy, and suburbanization. These phenomena lead to an urban decline of sometimes severe extent and cause massive problems to the cities. To deal with the results of demographic, economic and physical contraction processes and to plan for the future of considerably smaller but nevertheless livable cities accordingly is one of the most challenging tasks in the near future. The conference thus will bring together experts from different arenas to share their knowledge on the shrinking cities process and to discuss possible approaches to deal with shrinkage. Since both, the extent of shrinkage as well as the local responses, can differ considerably from one city to another, case study reports will provide insights into different cities' management of the situation.

The conference will last for 2 days with several plenary sessions and discussions, organized by the different partners. At the same time, it marks the conclusion of the 4 year EU COST Action 'Cities Regrowing Smaller' (CIRES). The conference will be organized and financed by CIRES with contributions from the OECD Local Economic and Employment Development Program (LEED) and the Bertelsmann Foundation. Location of the conference is the Zeche Zollverein in Essen (Germany), an old coal mine that has undergone a regeneration process and is well known across Germany and Europe as a landmark for structural change in a shrinking environment.

Location: Zeche Zollverein

Hosts

EU COST-Action Cities Regrowing Smaller (CIRES); TU Dortmund, School of Spatial Planning, Department of Spatial Planning and Planning Theory; Bertelsmann Foundation; OECD LEED Program (Local Economic and Employment Development

Further information [here!](#)

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3rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE: Key to the New Multicultural Societies of the Globalized World

7-9 October 2013, Siena, Italy

In The International Center for Intercultural Exchange is hosting the 3rd annual Intercultural Horizons Conference co-sponsored by Sietar Italia, The State University of New York at Geneseo, Siena College, the International Partnership for Service-Learning & Leadership, Siena Italian Studies and the Associazione Culturale Ulisse. The theme for 2013 is Intercultural Competence: Key to the New Multicultural Societies of the Globalized World.

This conference is intended to engage educators and experts from a variety of perspectives in examining the challenges and achievements of intercultural competence development and civic engagement in a global context. It will be of interest to those interested or involved in intercultural education or exchange, from faculty and administrators to coordinators and counselors, as well as those active in the fields of service learning, language instruction, intercultural or cross-cultural communication and training, cross-cultural psychology and international education.

A wide variety of themes regarding intercultural competence development will be explored, for more information on conference themes please view our [Call for Proposals](#).

Keynote speakers for 2013

[Prof. Martyn Barrett](#), Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of Surrey, UK and expert for the Council of Europe on the development of intercultural competence.

[Dr. Darla K. Deardorff](#), executive director of the Association of International Education Administrators and editor of "The Sage Handbook of Intercultural Competence" (Sage, 2009) as well as co-editor of the more recent "Building Cultural Competence" (Stylus, 2012).

Pre-Conference Workshop with Dr. Darla K. Deardorff: Assessing Intercultural Competence

Dr. Darla K. Deardorff, one of the world's leading experts on ICC assessment, will be leading a pre-conference workshop on the Assessment of Intercultural Competence prior to the event. Reserve your spot now for this unique opportunity! The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 6th from 3:30-7pm.

Assessing intercultural competence involves more than administering a pre/post survey. Join in this interactive workshop to explore myths around intercultural competence development and assessment, discover key principles in assessing this complex concept, and develop your own assessment plan for measuring intercultural learning. Come prepared to learn and share with other participants as we delve into this crucial topic. This workshop is for those who want to learn more about ICC assessment, regardless of your context.

Conference Schedule [here!](#)

Venue: Garden Hotel Siena

Registration

- Early registration deadline: June 30th, 2013
- Regular registration deadline: September 15th, 2013
- Presenter registration deadline: June 30th, 2013

General conference information [here!](#)

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Olympic Legacies and Impacts of Mega-Events on Cities

4-6 September 2013, London, England

This international conference is designed to bring together researchers, policy makers, representatives of national and international bodies and institutions and anyone interested in and engaged with urban development issues arising from hosting mega- events such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Football World Cup, International Fairs, etc.

The aim of the conference is to provide a space to share and exchange knowledge that is focused on, for instance, but not exclusively, the following key themes:

- The Changing Urban Order and Mega-Events
- Evaluating Legacy
- Future Mega-Event Cities

Highlights of the conference programme include:

- Opening keynote by Dr. Juan Clos (Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and former Mayor of Barcelona)
- Closing keynote by Prof. Lamartine Da Costa (Professor of Olympic Studies, Universidade Gama Filho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Guided field trip to the newly opened Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Further information [here!](#)

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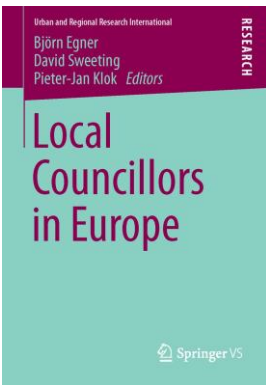
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Recent Publications

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

Local Councillors in Europe

Edited by Björn Egner, David Sweeting, Pieter-Jan Klok
VS Verlag, 2013



Councillors are the essence of local representative democracy, linking ordinary citizens and decision-makers in municipal arenas. In cross-national perspective, and taking in countries from across Europe, this book analyses the recruitment patterns, career, party associations,

role perceptions, and attitudes to democracy, representation, and participation of local councillors. Matters such as gender, parties, institutions, municipal reform, functions in governance networks, and councillor influence are considered using data collected in an international survey, covering some 12,000 members of the local political elite. Drawing on diverse and eclectic literature, the contributions in this volume comprise a comprehensive and revealing analysis of modern councillors.

Content

Local Councillors in Comparative Perspective.- Political Recruitment and Career Development of Local Councillors in Europe.- Councillors and their Parties.- The Roles Councillors Play.- Councillors and Democracy.- Who do the Local Councillors of Europe Represent?- Councillors, Participation, and Local Democracy.- Municipal Councillors as Interest Mediators.- European Mayors and Councillors – The gender gap among local representatives – Local councillors in different governance network arrangements – Local councillors and administrative reforms – Municipal priorities in urban planning and local development

About the Editors

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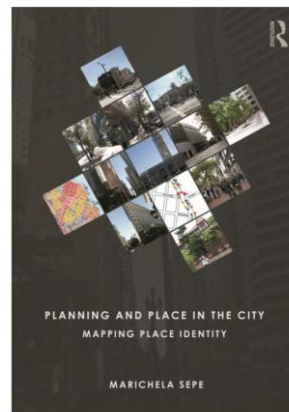
David Sweeting is Senior Lecturer in Urban Studies in the Centre for Urban and Public Policy Research at the University of Bristol, UK.

Pieter-Jan Klok is Assistant Professor for Policy Science at the Department of Public Administration in the School of Management and Governance of the University of Twente, The Netherlands.

Find more information [here!](#)

Planning and Place in the City: Mapping Place Identity

Marichela Sepe
Routledge, 2013



Under the influence of globalization, the centres of many cities in the industrialised world are losing their place identity, the set of cultural markers that define a city's uniqueness and make it instantly recognisable. A key task for planners and residents, working together, is to

preserve that unique sense of place without making the city a parody of itself. In *Planning and Place in the City*, Marichela Sepe explores the preservation, reconstruction and enhancement of cultural heritage and place identity. She outlines the history of the concept of place-making, and sets out the range of different methods of analysis and assessment that are used to help pin down the nature of place identity. This book also uses the author's own survey-based method called Place-Maker to detect elements that do not feature in traditional mapping and identifies appropriate planning interventions.

Case studies investigate cities in Europe, North America and Asia, which demonstrate how surveys and interviews can be used to draw up an analytical map of place identity. This investigative work is a crucial step in identifying cultural

elements which will influence what planning decisions should be taken in the future. The maps aim to establish a dialogue with local residents and support planners and administrators in making sustainable changes. The case studies are amply illustrated with survey data sheets, photos, and coloured maps.

Innovative and broad-based, *Planning and Place in the City* lays out an approach to the identification and preservation of place and cultural heritage suitable for students, academics and professionals alike.

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Find more information [here!](#)

Network Activities

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

Second Tier of Local Government

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

Partners involved in this networking activity published the above mentioned book on Local Councillors in Europe, edited by Björn Egner, David Sweeting and Pieter-Jan Klok (p. 6). This book is the result of a previous project carried out by this network.

The current project will finish the survey in most countries by the end of July 2013. Some partners will meet at the EURA conference in Enschede, others (less involved in EURA) will meet at the same time at the ECPR Research Session to be held at the University of Essex.

Dubravka Jurlina Alibegovic and Hubert Heinelt submitted an application to the European Science Foundation to fund a conference where results of

the surveys will be discussed. This conference will be held in Dubrovnik at the beginning of April 2014.

The group has already a contract with Routledge for a book in which results of the project will be published.

Democratic legitimacy by performance?

This group is working on the questions:

- How far can democratic legitimacy be based on performance of a political system?
- How far can output-legitimacy be replaced by input-legitimacy through participation of those affected by decisions within the respective political system?

The group met in March 2013 in Bensheim (Germany) to discuss draft papers. The papers will be finished during this summer, and final papers (accepted by the reviewers) will appear in *Urban Research and Practice*, No. 3, 2014

Institutional Member Profile

In this section we present the profile of the Department of Public Administration & The Institute for Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS) University of Twente that will host the EURA conference 2013

Department of Public Administration & The Institute for Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS) University of Twente, Enschede (The Netherlands)

The Department of Public Administration

The department of Public Administration (PA: <http://www.utwente.nl/mb/pa/>) in Twente was the first PA department in a Dutch university. The current chair of the department is prof. mr. dr. Michiel Heldeweg. PA Twente is committed to contributing to tackling the grand current and future challenges in European public governance. These grand challenges especially include those mentioned in the Europe 2020 agenda: smart growth and innovation, social inclusion, sustainability and economic stability. We aspire to make this contribution by:

- developing and testing bold new ideas about European public governance in the context of our research,
- providing best quality training in systematic thinking for effective and legitimate public governance in educational programmes for our students, and
- engaged scholarship in applying our knowledge in practice-oriented activities (in research, training and consulting) in European public governance.

Research: Institute of Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS)

Tackling the future challenges facing European societies requires smart modes of governance, because traditional systems of governance have failed or give rise to serious doubts regarding their adequacy for solving today's problems. Governance is considered 'smart' when it contributes to effective and legitimate problem-solving under dynamic and highly complex conditions. Our department's research addresses the innovations of governance needed for the development of such smart forms of governance.

The department's staff participates in the Innovation of Governance (IoG) programme of the (IGS: <http://www.utwente.nl/igs/>), one of the priority research institutes of the University of Twente. The PA department's prof. dr. Kees Aarts is the scientific director of IGS. The de-

partment enjoys an excellent research reputation based on its prominent, oftentimes leading role in cutting edge international, comparative research projects and its long standing expertise in quantitative and survey research methods. The aim of the IoG programme is to provide a better understanding of the logic of successful innovations in multi-actor, multilevel systems of public governance. Such an understanding requires a multidisciplinary perspective, combining insights from economics, legal studies, political science and sociology. The IoG research programme focuses on two central questions:

1. How do the institutional structure, regulatory systems and decision-making processes affect the innovative capacity of organisations working in the public domain?
2. What is the effect of social and technological innovations on the extent to which systems of public governance are able to tackle current and future societal challenges (i.e. meet standards of effectiveness and efficiency) and on these systems' capacity to secure the legitimacy of public governance? And: how can we explain any such effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy effects?



The programme focuses on multiple levels of governance (local, regional, national and also increasingly on a European and global scale) with special attention for the interaction between multiple public and private actors operating at these different levels of governance. In the context of the University of Twente, research into the interaction between public governance and technological innovations is one of the priority research themes (*high tech and human touch*).

The IGS also hosts the Dutch / Flemish Graduate School for Political Science and Public Administration, the Netherlands Institute for Government (NIG: <http://www.utwente.nl/nig/>), which is accredited by the Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW). The department's prof. dr. Bas Denters is currently the scientific director of NIG.

The department is particularly strong in the domain of quantitative and survey research methods (e.g. in the context of the Dutch National Election Study and the European Social Survey).

Education

The department is committed to provide best quality programmes that educate students to take effective and legitimate action in tackling the grand current and future challenges in European public governance. Therefore we train our students in systematic, rigorous and research based thinking and analysis.



The domain of our programme is the study of public governance, i.e. public institutions in interaction with the social environment. The identification and articulation of public problems and the design and management of effective and legitimate policies takes place in a context where (formal) authorities interact with numerous social actors: citizens, interest groups, companies, and civic organizations. Furthermore, in addressing these issues actors have to deal with multiple levels of public governance: local, regional, national, international, global. Finally, given the nature of the public problems we address public governance deals with dynamic issues, within a constantly changing context. In such a vibrant and

complex environment the innovative capacity of systems of public governance and the people working in them is of key importance for effectively and efficiently tackling both current and future challenges and the legitimacy of public governance.

Thus, the Twente approach is particularly based on multi-actor and multi-level analysis of dynamic public problems and aims at training students the academic and professional skills needed for the development of innovative solutions that meet both functional (effectiveness, efficiency) and procedural criteria (rule of law, legitimacy, legality, and democracy). As far as the character of our programme is concerned, multidisciplinary is a core element and the “Twente formula” is fundamental for the new curriculum: the programme provides a solid introduction in research-based social science – because in our view research skills and methodology are fundamental – and in the core disciplines of Public Administration (public economics and management, legal studies, political science, sociology). The department provides three education programs:

- BA European Public Administration (<http://www.utwente.nl/bachelor/en/es/>),
- MA Public Governance (<http://www.utwente.nl/master/pa/>),
- MA European Studies, (<http://www.utwente.nl/master/mes/>).

Engaged scholarship

The department through a number of institutions such as the Centre for European Studies, the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CES) and KISS (Kennis Instituut Stedelijke Samenleving), and, also establishes close links with the world of practitioners in both the private and the public sector. This commitment to engaged scholarship is also testified by the fact that the department was one of the founding members of EURA.

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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