

Editorial

The September Glasgow conference was our celebration of EURA's 10th Anniversary. How do you feel after our celebration? Many thanks to Ivan Turok and other colleagues for such splendid organization of our 10th anniversary ceremony. Many thanks to the Glasgow team to organize such good weather as well! EURA may still be a young organization, but we can be proud of our achievements. Obviously, as much as we can be proud of our past, we should focus on future challenges. I want to bring your attention to the special article written jointly by all EURA chairs, who try to reflect on both successes and questions for the future.

There are joint meetings/conferences which are essential for the livelihood of organizations like ours and we have rich and concrete plans for the next few years in this respect. In 2008 we will meet at the 2nd EURA bi-annual conference in Milan. In 2009 it will be time to go to Madrid and in 2010 to Darmstadt. I am sure these will be good events and I am already looking forward to seeing many of you again. There has been an ever growing number of papers and participants on past conferences and I believe this trend will continue in the future.

In previous editorials I mentioned the EURA Award for young scholars. The official announcement was made during the Glasgow conference, and now I can make it public in the Newsletter: the Prize this year goes to Elsa Vivant! You will find more information about it inside. It is our intention to repeat the competition every other year.

The Warsaw EURA conference in 2006 has produced a number of very good papers. As a result we have a first publication wearing a EURA logo – the book entitled “Cities in City Regions” – see details inside the Newsletter for more information.

Last but not least, the EURA journal is not a plan anymore, it is really coming to press in the next few months, already with an impressive list of international contributors. Please find inside information on the content of the first issue and instructions for subscriptions. And do not forget

to advertise our new “baby journal” among your colleagues who might be potentially interested in submitting papers and subscribing to it! Please encourage your colleagues to join EURA as well, so we may enter the new decade with a growing number of both individual and institutional members.

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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-national urban research
- To contribute to urban policy debates.

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Conference News and Information

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Future conferences

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND ITS CHALLENGES: TERRITORIES, COLLECTIVE ACTION AND MODES

10-11 December 2007, Lyon, France

International conference organised by the UNESCO chair on 'Urban Politics and Citizenship', Graduate School of Public Works and UMR CNRS 5600.

Debates on participative democracy are taking shape within societies where the relationship between civil society and polity is rapidly being reconstructed. More specifically, a historically dated mode of political organisation is being called into question. It was long deemed inconceivable to dissociate polity and politics from the State, its institutions and its territory, controlled by means of a frontier and normative tools. This political model is currently being challenged.

Basically, the general hypothesis – or even postulate – is that contemporary political systems are tending towards pluralism. Local space, and cities in particular, are favourable ground for observation of the dynamics at work when the place of elected representatives and representative democracy is being questioned owing to a “deliberative constraint” imposed, in countries of the “North” and “South” alike.

Between ideals and the trials of reality, participative politics currently face a number of challenges and vital issues. This conference proposes to analyse these questions by holding six workshops, each centred on a particular type of challenge. In order to limit the field of study, the conference will focus on territorial and/or urban policies.

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

4-7 January 2008, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia

This Conference aims to develop a holistic view of sustainability, in which environmental, cultural and economic issues are inseparably interlinked. It will work in a multidisciplinary way, across diverse fields and taking varied perspectives in order to address the fundamentals of sustainability.

As well as an impressive line-up of international main speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners,

teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Papers submitted for the Conference proceedings will be peer-refereed and published in print and electronic formats in the International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in this fully refereed academic Journal, as well as access to the electronic version of the Conference proceedings.

For further details:

Web: <http://www.SustainabilityConference.com>

THE MEDITERRANEAN CITY FACING CLIMATE CHANGE: INNOVATION, INVESTMENT, GOVERNANCE, FOR A LOW-CARBON CITY

10-12 January 2008, Athens, Greece

This event, put under the aegis of the French Embassy in Greece, and the International Organisations iiSBE, CIB and UNEP/DTIE, will be a full part of the SB07 regional event series and as such treated in the preparation for the Global Sustainable Building 2008 Conference to be held in September 2008 in Melbourne.

The event is initiated and co-ordinated by the SD-MED Network, a Hellenic-French and International initiative aiming at promoting and developing scientific and technical co-operation between players at various different levels (local, regional, national, European, international) and between civil society agencies actively involved in sustainable construction and sustainable city fields in the Mediterranean region.

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BRITISH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008: SOCIAL WORLDS, NATURAL WORLDS

28–30 March 2008. University of Warwick, UK

Conference Theme

The theme of this conference invites engagement with contemporary debates about the relationship between the

natural and the social and the ways in which the nature-culture distinction is being challenged by developments within both social theory and empirical research. A key aim of the conference will be to explore the social and sociological implications of recent developments – within and without sociology - which challenge the boundaries of the natural and the social in very profound ways. Such a challenge poses questions about how we understand human society and its relations to the world of nature as well as serious moral and political questions for human society. Sociological responses to these challenges are multifaceted but remain fragmented within the various sub-fields of the discipline – for example studies of the body and emotions have drawn attention to the ways in which humans are of both culture and nature while the emergent interest in the human-animal relationship constructs animals as part of culture. This conference aims to generate a conversation between different substantive areas of sociology and across disciplinary boundaries in order to illuminate the special contribution of sociologists both to how we understand human societies and to the complex questions facing them in the 21st century.

Keynote Speakers

Nikolas Rose (LSE)
Garry Runciman (University of Cambridge)
Kate Soper (London Metropolitan University)

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Web:
http://www.britisoc.co.uk/events/Conference.htm#_AbSub

59th POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT: DILEMMAS OF THEORY AND PRACTICE
1-3 April 2008, Swansea University, UK

Never has academic political research been so relevant. The world faces a wide range of controversial political problems; a pressing need for greater knowledge of political systems and practices; and a vibrant interest in re-thinking our understanding of what is 'the political'. Research inevitably raises a wide range of questions for theoretical debate, empirical analysis and practitioner experience. Consequently, it is important that the UK Political Studies Association annual conference provides a key forum for reflection and dissemination among researchers. It should also continue to move towards developing a regular engagement between researchers and those concerned with the practice of politics outside universities in government, the media, NGOs, think tanks etc.

Accordingly, as organisers of the 58th annual conference, we seek to feature and promote the best of contemporary research in any field of politics and international relations.

The conference theme encourages a particular focus on questions of theory and practice in relation to issues of democracy, governance and conflict. We welcome all proposals but would like to encourage imaginative proposals that incorporate non-academic political practitioners in panels. PSA specialist groups have a central role to play in the conference and they are reminded of the funding opportunities provided by the Specialist Group guest speaker competition. As conference organisers we will seek to enhance the programme with guest speakers that highlight issues of major research interest and further raises discussion between political researchers and practitioners.

Please note that this year a separate PSA Graduate Conference has been re-instated. This will be held immediately prior to the annual conference on 31 March - 1 April.

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A SUBURBAN WORLD? GLOBAL DECENTRALIZATION AND THE NEW METROPOLIS

6-8 April 2008, Virginia, USA

We have entered a new era where the areas outside core cities are forming different settlement systems. As urban form changes, new research and policy have to be crafted to meet the challenges of sprawl, congestion and affordable housing. This conference will take a look at the new metropolis in the context of global decentralization.

Tracks

- Immigration/Changing Demographics of the Suburbs
- Special Segregation by Lifestyle/Economics; Gated Communities
- Megapolitans/Metropolitan Form
- Transportation
- Suburbs and Sustainability: Exurban Development in an Era of Limited Energy Resources
- Disasters/Adaptation
- Transnational Communities/Residential Tourism
- Governance & Regulation
- Business of Suburbia/Economic Development/Economic Space
- Suburban Decline
- Urban Form at the Neighborhood Level
- Newburbia/Newtowns
- History

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URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, 38TH ANNUAL MEETING – ‘1968 REVISITED: CITIES 40 YEARS LATER’

23-26 April 2008 Baltimore, Maryland, USA



The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) invites you to attend its 38th Annual Meeting:

Four decades ago, social movements and broad-based activism shifted the public discourse on urban life and the responsibilities of government and citizens. Across the globe, calls for civil rights and social justice took center stage in political and public debates. In the ensuing years, some would argue that much progress has been made. Others would dispute this notion.

In the American context, cities and metropolitan areas have experienced vast changes. Some cities are revitalized—but many urban areas are still facing the same challenges they did in the 1960s, as well as new ones related to globalization, population decentralization, increased immigration, growing income inequality, and heightened concerns about the sustainability of cities. In other parts of the world, cities face similar issues despite unique histories and systems of governance.

The 38th Annual Meeting and the Baltimore context is the perfect location to examine urban realities and urban myths. How has the reality and perception of cities, suburbs, and metropolitan areas changed? What issues from the past era are still relevant? What are the best and promising practices for sustaining what is good, and addressing what is challenging about urban life? Who shapes “urban agendas” and whose interests are being served? How does the American urban experience of the last four decades compare to that of cities in other parts of the globe? These questions and others related to the conference theme will be explored by a broad array of urbanists.

In keeping with UAA conference tradition, a variety of urban research topics will also be the subject of paper panels, colloquy discussions and informal breakfast roundtables. These topics include: health, transport, environmental issues, education, poverty/welfare,

race/ethnicity, gender relations, economic development, urban theory, urban finance, urban politics, planning, growth management, globalization and cities, technology and urban society. Domestic, international, and comparative case studies play an important role in the conference.

Although proposals for the 2008 meeting are no longer being accepted, a small number of presentation slots may still be available. If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please contact Margaret Wilder (mwilder@udel.edu) and state your desired role.

There is ample information available online through our conference homepage (<http://www.udel.edu/uaa/conferences/baltimore/confhome.html>). Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a presenter or member of UAA to attend this meeting. However, you must register using our on-line registration system.

Baltimore is renowned for its bustling Inner Harbor, which is lined with many waterfront attractions and dining options. You also can experience Baltimore’s rich cultural heritage by exploring its charming downtown neighborhoods. From the cultural center of Mt. Vernon to the kitchens of Greektown and Little Italy, and from the cobblestone streets of Fell’s Point to the view atop Federal Hill, Baltimore offers many unique and unforgettable experiences.

The Urban Affairs Association is the international professional organization for urban scholars, researchers, and public service providers. Established in 1969, the organization attracts members and conference participants from a variety of social science disciplines, as well as planning, public administration and public policy studies.

UAA currently has approximately 650 members. While a majority of our members reside in the United States, we have an international presence from additional countries including Belgium, Canada, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

We hope to see you in Baltimore!

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For more information about UAA, please visit our homepage (<http://www.udel.edu/uaa/>). General inquiries about the organization may be directed to uaa@udel.edu. Questions about the 2008 Annual Meeting may be directed to uaa-conf@udel.edu.

XVI WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY - INTERNATIONALISING SOCIOLOGY: CHALLENGE OF GLOBALISATION

25-28 July 2008, Durban, South Africa

The theme of the first ISA World Congress of Sociology in Africa is The Quality of Social Existence in a Globalising World. A number of special sessions that raise continental issues of global concern are being finalized by the Programme Committee which is preparing the semi-plenary morning sessions that will be of interest to the Association's members, Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups and National Associations. Durban provides the international social science community with an opportunity to encounter a society in transition, in a context that is highly cognisant of the importance of social science in reconstruction and development. With its superb facilities and infrastructure, Durban has a proven track record of hosting international events and conferences.

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NORTHERN URBAN REGENERATION CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

28-29 July 2008, Liverpool, UK

The key event for regeneration practitioners to listen, learn, discuss and debate the challenges facing our Northern Cities and Towns is taking place at the brand new, Liverpool Arena & Convention Centre in the heart of Liverpool City Centre, and comprises of:

The Conference - 28 industry leaders lend their expertise, share their knowledge and offer lively debate to the proceedings. Delegates can attend on 1 or both days, but is limited to the first 200 pre-registered delegates per day.

The Exhibition - limited to 50 organisations including Councils, Urban Regeneration & Development Companies, City Regeneration Investment Agencies, Local Corporate Companies, Government Agencies and Community Programmes.

Liverpool City Regeneration Tour - followed by drinks reception / networking meeting on the first evening

The Conference will look back on 30 years of urban regeneration policy and implementation, highlighting the key successes made in Northern Towns and Cities, in areas such as city centre redevelopment and the development of the

tourist industry, whilst at the same time, examining the challenges that now face Northern Towns and Cities, particularly in terms of economic development and local neighbourhood renewal. Delegates to the Conference will be able to hear the views of key speakers in the field of urban regeneration and planning, and also network with key people involved with the regeneration of our Northern Towns and Cities.

Delegates will also be able to network with up to 50 exhibiting organisations involved within urban regeneration, which itself forms a major part of the two day event.

As the 2008 Conference is being held in Liverpool, delegates will also be able to witness what is going on in the European Capital of Culture and see the exciting regeneration developments taking place in Liverpool City Centre and surrounding areas, on the Official Conference Guided Tour on the first evening, prior to returning for a drinks reception.

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EURA CONFERENCE: LEARNING CITIES IN A KNOWLEDGE-BASED GLOBAL SOCIETY

9-11 October 2008, Milan, Italy

EURA EVENT

European cities are engaged in difficult and challenging processes of social, economical, institutional and territorial change. Contemporary cities can be considered as learning places under different points of view:

- as central nodes of a knowledge based economy, where concentration and exchange of information and innovation generated by people and firms produce new forms of economy, welfare and richness, but also new forms of poverty and exclusion.

- as social laboratories, places which expose continuously their citizens to the effects of social transformation: laboratories in which the notion of citizenship is questioned and people have to learn to deal with change and the multiplication of differences generated by a mobile, multicultural society

● as settings for institutional and political innovation: where major transformations compel institutions to face with new emerging problems of contemporary society and to develop new learning skills and experience new forms of governance, leadership, democracy, policies and politics.

The conference will focus its attention on the exploration of these major challenges and will foster a lively exchange and debate among researchers in the field of urban studies, particularly pointing at interactions among forms of knowledge and forms of urban governance.

Deadline for abstracts: 15th February 2008

Further information on the conference can be found on page 23.

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Past conferences

CONFERENCE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR HOUSING RESEARCH (ENHR)

25-28 June 2007, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

In the last week of June 2007, more than 500 researchers from 47 countries attended the ENHR Conference 'Sustainable Urban Areas' that highlighted many aspects of housing and urban issues in relation to sustainability. This conference was organized by the OTB Research Institute for Housing, Urban and Mobility Studies, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands. 11% of the participants came from countries outside Europe and 5% came from Central and Eastern Europe.

More than 400 abstracts were submitted and finally around 350 papers have been presented. The papers can be downloaded from the conference website www.enhr2007rotterdam.nl. Most of the sessions were organized by the regular ENHR working groups, but a number of additional paper tracks clustered the urban issues not covered by the existing ENHR working groups. The conference also comprised plenary sessions with keynote speakers such as: Hugo Priemus (Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands), James Wang (University of Hong Kong), Nick Gallent (University College London, UK), Frank van Dam (The Netherlands Institute for Spatial Research) and Alan Harding (University of Manchester).

On the second conference day ten fieldtrips were organized to several urban renewal and housing projects. Despite of the very rough Dutch weather they were well attended and they were a welcome addition to the conference program. The social program was a success. The welcome reception in the Rotterdam city hall, the boat dinner and conference dinner in the Laurens Church were well attended and were appreciated.

The Organizing Committee looks back on a nice conference and wants to thank all participants for their contribution and for making this conference successful.

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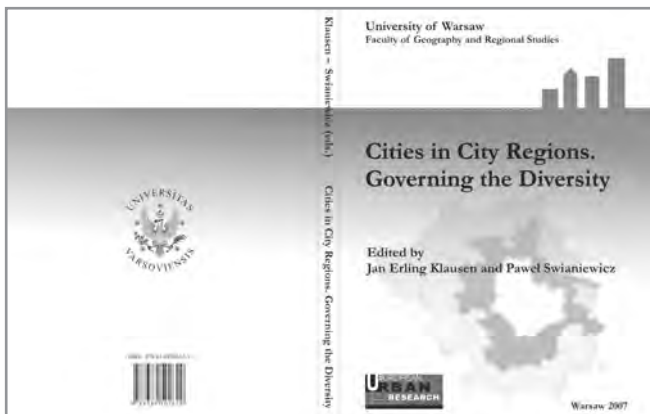
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Recent Publications

This section provides news and information about recent publications by members. If you have any material you would like to see in the next issue please forward to Julie.Triggle@uwe.ac.uk

We are delighted to announce the publication of:

Klausen, J. E. and Swianiewicz, P. (eds) (2007)
Cities in City Regions. Governing the Diversity



A selection of papers presented at the EURA bi-annual conference 'Cities in City-Regions' on 11-14 May 2006 in Warsaw. The book is available from the end of September 2007.

Contents

Jan Erling Klausen, Pawel Swianiewicz -
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Part I. The Dynamics of Social Diversity in Metropolitan Areas

Andrzej Lisowski - The Centralisation and Decentralisation Processes in the Warsaw Metropolitan Area in the Years 1950-2002

Zohreh Daneshpour - Spatial Inequality and Dislocation in Tehran's Urban Region

Zhan McIntyre - Mixing it Up: Social Impacts of Using Gentrification as a Tool for Creating Social Diversity

Part II. Managing the Diversity of Metropolitan Areas

Iradj Asadi - Models of Metropolitan Regionalism: a Comprehensive View

Donald F. Norris, Don Phares, Tonya Zimmerman - Why Metropolitan Government Has Not Been Adopted in the United States and Why It Will Not Be Anytime Soon?

Marta Lackowska - Metropolitan Governance in Poland: Is Voluntary Co-operation Condemned to Failure?

Panos Getimis, Nikos K. Hlepas - From Fragmentation and Sectoralisation to Integration Through Metropolitan Governance? The Athens Olympics As a Catalytic Mega-Event

Richard Morin, Jean-Marc Fontan, Pierre Hamel, Eric Shragge - Community Organisations and Local Development in a Metropolitan Region: Does Local Place Matter?

Alexander Tölle - Major Revitalisation Projects as Catalysts for Metropolitan Governance Structures? Creating

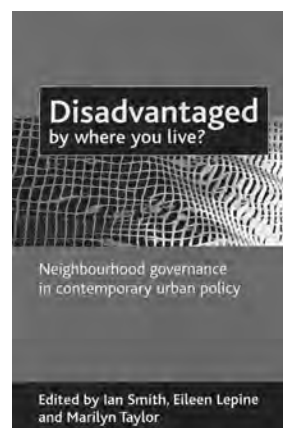
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Smith, I., Lepine, E. and Taylor, M. (eds) (2007)
**Disadvantaged by where you live?
Neighbourhood governance in contemporary urban policy**

Disadvantaged by where you live? distils lessons from work on neighbourhoods carried out within the Cities Research Centre of the University of the West of England over the past seven years. It offers a major contribution to academic debates on the neighbourhood both as a sphere of governance and as a point of public service delivery under New Labour since 1997.



The book explores:

- How 'the neighbourhood' has been used in policy in the UK?
- What is the 'appropriate contribution' of neighbourhood governance and how does this relate to concepts of multi-level governance?
- What tensions are visible at the neighbourhood level? And what does this tell us about wider governance issues?

The book explores and reflects on the notion of neighbourhood governance from a variety of perspectives that reflect the unique depth and breadth of the Centre's research programme. Neighbourhood governance is examined in relation to: multi-level governance and city regions; local government; mainstreaming; cross-national differences in neighbourhood policy; community and civil society; diversity; different conceptions of democracy; and, evaluation and learning. In doing so, the book identifies useful conceptual tools for analysing the present and future contribution of policy to neighbourhoods.

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Bahn, C. and Loepfe, A. (2007) Urban Management: A Value-Based Approach for Spatial Planning

In the real estate development process are several key actors involved who have different conceptions of how and which kind of value within real estate projects is to be obtained. Architects focus on the aesthetic quality of buildings and define value as contribution to the cultural uniqueness of areas. Urban designer judge real estate projects by their functional contribution to the master plan of urban development. Investors and developers however are particularly interested in a high cash flow over the entire life cycle of properties. The diverse disciplinary backgrounds and objectives of these key actors lead frequently to conflicts in the development process and hinder the public permission of real estate projects. Urban management as a new approach for spatial planning shall contribute to the overcoming of the linguistic confusion which is inherent in the real estate development process. Key idea of the urban management approach is the maximization of the land value of an outlined area as central indicator for the well-being of the inhabitants and other users of space. As e.g. the aesthetic quality of buildings and larger areas as well as the quality of the public infrastructure are reflected in the land value, this indicator allows managing not only the economic but social and aesthetic betterment of a certain area. Therefore, the public welfare could be better served by an urban management approach than by the more traditional, prohibitive approach of spatial planning.

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Savitch, H.V. (2007) **Cities in a Time of Terror: Space, Territory, and Local Resilience**. M.E. Sharpe, Armonk, New York

This book is about urban terrorisits meaning, its ramifications, and its impact on city life. Written by a well-known expert in the field, *Cities in a Time of Terror* draws on data from more than a thousand cities across the globe and traces the evolution of urban terrorism between 1968 and 2006. It explains what kinds of cities have become prime targets, why terrorism has become increasingly lethal, and how its inspiration has changed from secular to religious.

The author describes urban terrorism as an attempt to use the city's own strength against itself, forcing it to implode, and delineates three basic logics of terrorist choices for targeting cities. The book also includes a discussion of local resilience-the city's capacity to bounce back from attack and suggests how that can be sustained. Examples from New York, London, Jerusalem, Istanbul, Moscow, Paris, and Madrid illustrate the book's central themes.

- Part 1. Background and Theory
1. Sketching Urban Terrorism
 2. The Evolution of Urban Terrorism
 3. The Fear Factor

- Part 2. The Geospatial Features of Urban Terrorism
4. Terror's Spaces: Identity, Haunts, and Nodes
 5. Decontrolling Territory

- Part 3. Policy Reponses and Local Resilience
6. Surveillance and Shrinkage
 7. Sustaining Local Resilience

- Part 4. Conclusions
8. Restoring a Self-Affirming City

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Hambleton, R. and Gross, J. (eds) (2007) **Governing cities in a global era. Urban innovation, competition and democratic reform**. Palgrave. ISBN 1 4039 7573

URBAN RESEARCH & PRACTICE



Volume 1, 2008
3 issues per year

Urban Research & Practice will provide a systematic description of urban issues, urban developments and urban policy and implementation. It will seek to explain variations in urban policies or urban governance and will analyse and evaluate the effects of these policies and processes. It will also look at the European-wide

factors that impact on urban areas, urban policies and urban governance.

The journal will seek to bridge the intellectual and geographical 'divides' that currently exist in the field of urban affairs. As well as traditional academic papers, the journal will include a policy section, a project report section and book reviews.

Urban Research & Practice will appear three times a year in both print and online formats. It is under the editorial direction of Professor Rob Atkinson, University of the West of England. His fellow editors are Dr Ivan Tosics, Hungary; Dr Jan Erling Klausen, Norway and Dr Cristiana Rossignolo, Italy.

Forthcoming articles

Monuments and Malls: From Class to Ethnos. The Tale of the Shift from the Modernist City to the Post-Socialist, Post-Modernist City, Gregory Andrusz

Regional Changes in the Urban System and Governance: Hungarian responses, György Enyedi and Ilona Palné

Governance and Cultural Diversity in Metropolitan Areas, Bernard Jouve

Foundations for Political Cooperation in Metropolitan Regions: A Comparative Perspective, Paul Kantor

Functionalism and Representationalism in Contemporary Urban Agendas: a Scottish Perspective on City-branding, M G Lloyd and D Peel

Integrated Urban Renewal in the Netherlands; a Critical Appraisal, Sako Musterd and Wim Ostendorf

Social exclusion and neighbourhoods. Area effects in five Spanish big cities, Joan Subirats

Globalisation and the Future of European Cities, Ivan Turok

Call for papers

Urban Research & Practice, published in association with EURA (European Urban Research Association) will focus on urban policy. The journal welcomes submissions that:

- provide a systematic description of urban issues, urban developments, urban policies or urban policy-making and policy implementations
- 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 will include a policy section, a project report section and book reviews.

Submissions

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EURA EXPERTISE INFORMATION

We are in the process of updating the EURA website's experts section (www.eura.org/expertise.htm). This section is used to publicise the wide range of urban expertise that EURA members can offer. It is important to promote EURA collectively to the outside world and we think that the experts section is one way to do so.

If you already have an entry, we will be emailing you annually asking you to update your profile. If you are not currently listed but would be interested in joining our experts register and help us build the EURA profile, please contact Julie.triggle@uwe.ac.uk for a form.

Report on the 10th Anniversary EURA Conference 'THE VITAL CITY'

12-14 September 2007, Glasgow



The largest ever EURA conference was held in Glasgow during September with some 260 participants from around the world. It was a highly successful event marking the 10th anniversary of the organisation. Delegates discussed the idea that European cities are sites of renewed economic dynamism, while at the same time promoting cultural vitality and social cohesion, and performing a key role in sustainable development. Participants exchanged knowledge and experience about how to balance and integrate these objectives and thereby achieve The Vital City in different European settings.

Some of the debates focused on the role of cities in an increasingly knowledge-intensive economy dependent on innovation, graduate skills and connectivity. Others explored how tolerance can be enhanced and social cohesion strengthened in a context of increasing population diversity, inward migration and social inequality. A third workshop stream considered how cities can offer more environmentally sustainable patterns of development in a context of increasing travel and energy consumption.

One of the keynote speakers, Greg Clark, argued that we are moving from an era of cities competing for investment and acting more like businesses through branding, benchmarking and strategic leadership, to one in which business is increasingly seeking cities because of their markets, labour and other assets. This creates new opportunities for cities to develop constructive alliances with global corporations and financial institutions in the interests of economic development.

Professor Sako Musterd challenged the conventional wisdom that social interaction, cultural diversity and the general 'buzz' in central cities foster industrial creativity. The evidence from Amsterdam is that much depends on the specific industry and company size. Social cohesion does not automatically go hand in hand with economic revitalisation, but should be promoted for its own sake and for moral and political reasons.

Bea Campbell, the third speaker, described how many working class communities across Britain had been devastated by deindustrialisation and the resulting loss of meaningful activity for young men. Drug-dealing, violent crime and high levels of imprisonment were some of the consequences. However, there were signs of genuine social progress in some areas, including Northern Ireland and parts of inner London, where women were often at the forefront of reconciliation.

An active social programme was another conference attraction, including a lively ceilidh, civic reception at Glasgow City Chambers and study tours of the city centre, neighbourhood regeneration and waterfront revitalisation.

One of the conference conclusions is that the renewed interest in cities on the part of national governments and the EU presents considerable opportunities for European

urban researchers to engage more closely with policy-makers and practitioners. There is general agreement about the need for improved analytical tools and a stronger evidence base to inform policy and practice in the years ahead. EURA is uniquely placed to foster that interaction and build analytical capacity and research networks across Europe.



Ivan Turok, University of Glasgow,
Chair of Organising Committee

For further information go to: www.eura2007.org.uk

EURA makes the first 'EURA Young Scholar Award'

The EURA Membership congratulates Dr Elsa Vivant on being the recipient of the first 'EURA Young Scholar Award'

In July 2005, at a CEU Summer University Course on comparative local government studies held in Budapest, an international group of PhD students (later to become the JUNIUS network) suggested that EURA should consider creating an award to act as an incentive to young or emerging urban scholars. The Governing Board of EURA thought this was a great idea and Pawel Swianiewicz, President of EURA, convened a panel of Governing Board members to take forward the idea.

The opportunity was taken at the EURA Conference on 'Cities in City Regions' held in Warsaw in May 2006 – the first Bi-Annual EURA conference. An invitation was extended to scholars attending that event to nominate papers presented in Warsaw by young or emerging scholars for consideration for the new 'EURA Young Scholar Award.' An invitation was also placed in the EURA Newsletter and on the EURA website. Many strong papers were submitted and the panel of Governing Board members were very impressed with the submissions.

Following systematic evaluations it was decided to award the recognition to Dr Elsa Vivant of the French Institute of Urban Planning, of the University of Paris.

Her paper presents an intriguing analysis of the roles of 'off artistic venues' in urban regeneration projects. It is an insightful case study of an aspect of urban regeneration in Paris and the judges believe it has implications for urban regeneration initiatives across Europe.

Elsa received her Award in a ceremony at the EURA Conference on 'The Vital City' held in Glasgow in September 2007. Our congratulations to Elsa!

Below we provide the Abstract of her paper. If you would like to contact her for a copy please send her an email. She will welcome your comments.

The off artistic venues' trigger effects in urban regeneration projects

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Abstract:

Off artistic spaces are flourishing in cityscapes, such as artistic squats, techno travellers party places, underground circus.... If some people could consider them as dangerous and marginal, off venues could catch a wider audience than outskirts and freaks. In a context of creativity's rising (or even diktat), a large urban neobohemia is supposed to be deeply interested into all kind of creativity and artistic expression. Moreover, we argue that these off venues could be used as tools in city's cultural policies.

To understand this interest, it is necessary to review changes in French cities' involvement in cultural policies for the last thirty years. Actually, policies' goals are moving from residents-oriented cultural services supplying toward new comers and visitors needs' matching. This shift implies a change in policies' patterns too. The city, as a built environment and a social fabric as well, is becoming the cultural policies' playground. Especially, cultural policies are now embedded into cities development strategies, as we are showing in the first part of this article. Then, we will explain further what we consider as off culture and how is it related to mainstream culture. We will put into relief the current shift that is occurring in planners and authorities attitude toward these off spaces. The example on the regeneration project of La Chapelle Stalingrad area in Paris will illustrate it. Moreover, it is the opportunity to discuss more controversial issues. For whose sake are culture-led regeneration projects planned? Is there any alternative to culture in planning policies?



Elsa Vivant receives the EURA Young Scholar award from Robin Hambleton, Past President of EURA

EURA – Ten Years of International Collaboration on Urban Research and Urban Policy Development

Rob Atkinson, Robin Hambleton, Jacob Norvig Larsen and Pawel Swianiewicz reflect on the development of the association in the period 1997-2007 and consider ‘where next?’

Launched in Brussels in September 1997 at an international conference on ‘Governing Cities – International Perspectives’, the European Urban Research Association (EURA) has, over the years, established itself as a vibrant network of urban scholars. Members of the association strive not just to understand what is happening in and around modern cities but also to work, in a variety of ways, to offer advice to city leaders, policy makers and activists on how to shape the future direction of European cities and city regions.

Given EURA is now celebrating its tenth birthday it seems like a good opportunity to review – albeit with a light touch – the progress that has been made by EURA and to offer some thoughts on possible future directions.

Gradually, from a small but ambitious networking initiative, EURA has become a mature international organization. A crucial step in the evolution of EURA was the adoption of the EURA Charter in 2005. This provides the association with a formal constitution. However, and this is an important strength, we still remain a loosely formalized and non-bureaucratic organization. We believe in flexible, bottom-up networking initiatives and it is the intention of the EURA Governing Board to maintain this character of EURA in years ahead.

The aspirations of EURA

EURA has always had a clear and focussed agenda. The three fundamental aims of the association, formulated in 1997, have appeared on the front page of every EURA Newsletter published since then:

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

So, how has EURA done? Here we offer a report card on each aim in turn.

1) Encouraging international exchange in relation to urban research

EURA has pursued the aim of fostering international exchange in a variety of ways. But the conferences and workshops EURA has organized have been the lynchpin in

our approach to building international dialogue and understanding during this last ten years. Of course, we are proud of the success of the EURA website in fostering links among scholars in different countries – www.eura.org. Moreover, the six monthly EURA Newsletter continues to provide an invaluable vehicle for the sharing of information and insights on urban issues – it provides an arena open to all who share the aims of EURA.

But, arguably the most exciting achievement of EURA in this first decade, is the way it has brought scholars from different countries, cultures and contexts together – to share perspectives, to learn new insights, to be startled by differences in perception, to debate the pros and cons of different concepts and approaches and, of course, to have good times together!

Since 1997 EURA has organised sixteen international conferences or workshops. In five of the last ten years we have organised more than one international event. Some of the time we have focussed energy on relatively big conferences – like the ones in Paris (1999), Copenhagen (2001), Turin (2002), Budapest (2003), Chicago (2004), Warsaw (2006) and Glasgow (2007). At other times we have tried to put the spotlight on very specific themes or issues and organized more focussed workshops.

Table I provides a list of all the EURA events organized in the period 1997-2007. It shows that EURA has held international gatherings in 13 different countries and the map of Europe illustrates rather well how we have attempted to pursue the aims of EURA in a wide range of geographical settings.

We are most grateful to all the universities, research institutes and enthusiastic individuals who have made such a success of literally all these international events. Next year – in September 2008 - we return to Italy to engage in a forward-looking conference in Milan hosted by the Politecnico di Milano on ‘Learning cities in a knowledge-based global society’. And in 2009 we plan a major conference in Madrid on ‘City Futures 2’. This will take the form of a Joint Conference with the US Urban Affairs Association (UAA) and can be seen as a follow up to the successful transatlantic conference on ‘City Futures’ we held (in partnership with the UAA) in Chicago in 2004.

2) Stimulating interdisciplinary and cross-national urban research

Interwoven with our efforts to foster international exchange EURA has sought to lift the quality of interdisciplinary and cross-national research.

EURA events have fostered professional and personal acquaintances that have brought about a range of cross-

national collaborations – from international guest professorships to a variety of collaborative international research and consultancy projects. **PLUS** and **G-FORS** provide a couple of examples.

Funded by the European Commission, under the Fifth Framework Programme, 'Cities of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage', the **PLUS** project (www.eura.org/plus-eura) on 'Participation, Leadership and Urban Sustainability', was a cross-national research project involving partners (29 in all) in nine countries. Completed in 2004, the project produced a range of papers, articles and two books on community involvement, city leadership and institutional sustainability.

'Governance for Sustainability', **G-FORS** (www.gfors.eu), is a Framework 6 funded project under Priority 7 – 'Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society'. G-FORS is investigating the contention that, unless cities and other levels of governance effectively incorporate a range of forms of knowledge in their approach to policy making, there is a danger that efforts to promote sustainability will be partial and ineffective. The G-FORS consortium, which has twelve members with both research and practice partners, including EUROCITIES, runs until January 2009.

Bringing together urban scholars and colleagues from countries all over Europe and beyond is obviously an important goal in its own right for a European association. A very positive by-product of this international community building is that many people have met each other for the first time at a EURA event, have become friends and have then met again at subsequent events. Many papers co-authored by scholars from different countries have stemmed from EURA meetings. Productive and innovative collaborative efforts thrive best when people find each other sympathetic. Fortunately EURA has developed a social environment that is characterised by a friendly and creative atmosphere. EURA gatherings are not short of humour and, from time to time, fun activities such as singing and dancing!

3) Contributing to urban policy debates

The development of a "EU urban policy" was initially promoted by a series of documents published by the Commission of the European Communities (CEC) during the 1990s (CEC, 1997 and 1998). These led to a greater focus on urban issues at EU level. Since 1998 the majority of EU Presidencies have had an urban theme as part of their work programme and have held international urban conferences or fora.

This has been both a strength and weakness - a strength in the sense that these efforts have helped to raise the profile of urban issues and have helped to keep them on the 'European' agenda. But a weakness in that, even when successive Presidencies have had an urban theme, each has had a somewhat different focus and emphasis. A consequence is that there has been no real sense of continuity in relation to urban policy between Presidencies.

Critics have, not surprisingly, complained that there has been 'policy drift' and, more bluntly, a lack of leadership on the urban agenda at the European level.

It is not, however, all gloom and doom. Since the Dutch Presidency of 2004 and the agreement of the Rotterdam *Urban Acquis*, there does seem to have been a greater degree of coherence about the EU approach to urban issues. EU Presidencies since 2004 have sought to enhance and develop the urban agenda through the Bristol Accord (2005) and, more recently under the German Presidency, through the Leipzig Charter (German Presidency, 2007a). Indeed one of the accompanying explanatory notes boldly states 'The Leipzig Charter will create a foundation for a new urban policy in Europe.' (German Presidency, 2007b, p1).

Despite these developments, the idea of an EU Urban Policy remains highly contentious as the EU lacks a legal competence to develop and implement an urban policy. Nevertheless, the *Third Report on Economic and Social Cohesion* (CEC, 2004) explicitly points to the importance of EU 'urban policy' which amounts to *de facto* acknowledgement that EU policies have important implications for the future development of cities. There is, at the very least, an implicit EU urban policy – or what we might term an 'urban agenda'.

Furthermore, the importance of cities has been enhanced in recent years by the increased acceptance amongst politicians and policy makers that cities are Europe's 'motors of economic development'. This function has become closely associated with the Lisbon-Gothenburg Strategy thereby strengthening the position of urban areas in the thinking of many key actors at all levels of governance.

EURA has contributed to these urban policy developments by participating in debates at European, national and local levels. For example, in 1998 the EURA workshop held in Venice in May of that year examined the document 'Towards an Urban Agenda in the European Union' (CEC, 1998) and produced a report for the European Commission. In 2003/04 EURA prepared the academic input into a Stakeholder Forum organised by DG Environment on the 'Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment'. And EURA is also represented on the EUROCITIES Urban Policy Research Working Group and seeks to collaborate with the European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN). At national and local levels individual members of EURA are actively contributing to debates around urban policy and urban development.

Looking ahead

The future of EURA is, of course, in the hands of its members. In our view the three core aims of EURA remain sound and the association should continue to focus on achieving them in this next decade. Here we highlight fourth ideas for the future of EURA and we welcome comments on them. Indeed, we explicitly seek your reactions and would

like to run a follow up feature in the May 2008 EURA Newsletter giving space to your views and ideas – please see the invitation at the end.

1) Launch a new international journal

It has long been a wish that EURA should be able to offer both its own members and the urban research and practice community in general the benefits of a journal dedicated to cultivating links between the interests of urban scholars and policy makers. We are delighted that an entirely new international journal - **Urban Research & Practice** – will be launched in January 2008.

Urban Research & Practice is a truly interdisciplinary journal, which will provide a systematic analysis of urban issues, urban developments and urban policy and implementation. It will seek to explain cross-national variations in urban policies and/or urban governance and will also look at the European-wide factors that impact on urban areas, urban policies and urban governance. **Urban Research & Practice** aims to bridge the intellectual and geographical ‘divides’ that currently exist in the field of urban affairs. As well as traditional academic papers, the journal will include a policy section, a project report section and book reviews. We see this new journal making a major and lasting contribution to the field of interdisciplinary, cross-national urban research. We encourage you to write for it and subscribe to it.

2) Dramatically expand the number of Institutional Members of EURA

EURA has members in over twenty countries and has a core group of over 30 institutional members. At the EURA Governing Board meeting held in Glasgow at “The Vital City” conference in September 2007 the EURA leadership took the view that the time is now right to expand the number of EURA Institutional Members significantly. We believe this is a good way of delivering the aims of EURA and, while we will always provide a warm welcome to our many individual members, it is clear that we should be doing much more to involve the many institutions who share our aims.

As part of this we encourage you to spread the word about EURA to institutional leaders – in universities, in research centres, in government and elsewhere. Please invite them to join EURA as Institutional Members. This will give them an electronic link to the EURA website as well as opportunities to contribute in a variety of ways to the future direction of engaged urban scholarship in an international setting.

3) Continue the good international collaboration

We want to build upon our earlier achievements and successes and encourage an expansion of cross-national comparative urban research. As we mentioned above, our conferences have been particularly important in establishing

dialogue between academics (and practitioners) from different countries and disciplines. We want to continue this path, and several new meetings are already under preparation (see Table 1 on forthcoming events and the map).

Following the success of the PLUS and GFORS projects we will encourage the creation of new international and interdisciplinary research initiatives.

4) Inspire innovation

EURA has much to be proud of. In ten years it has ‘come from nowhere’ to a position where it is now regarded as a well respected international network of urban scholars. It has established itself not just as an important thought leader in the world of urban studies and urban policy development, but also as an intellectual home for the next generation of urban scholars.

We need your ideas to ensure EURA prospers in the future and we are open to new suggestions on how to promote and expand the field.

One recent example can illustrate the point. In July 2005, at a CEU Summer University course on Local Government Studies held in Budapest, an international group of PhD students (the JUNIUS network) suggested that EURA should create an award to act as an incentive to young or emerging scholars. We thought this was a great idea and, in 2006, we announced the ‘EURA Young Scholar Award’. Following an international competition the first Young Scholar Award was made at ‘The Vital City’ conference in Glasgow. We intend to make further awards in the future.

We believe that a fundamental reason why EURA has been so successful is that it is flexible and is enthusiastic about innovation. It is an inclusive association and welcomes new ideas from any source. We expect EURA in 2017 to be very different from 2007 – but in what way depends on you!

An invitation

We welcome comments on this article to:
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In particular, we encourage you to make suggestions on how we can improve EURA services to both Institutional and Individual Members. We will orchestrate a follow up article in the May 2008 issue of the EURA Newsletter and these ideas will, in turn, be presented to the EURA Governing Board when it meets in Milan on 9-11 October 2008. Don’t forget to prepare your abstract for this conference – we look forward to seeing you there!

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Pawel Swianiewicz is the current President of EURA and Robin Hambleton, Jacob Norvig Larsen and Rob Atkinson are Past Presidents of EURA.

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Table 1: EURA events (1997-2010)

'Governing cities: international perspectives'

Brussels, September 1997. Hosted by the University of the West of England, Bristol

Organisers: Robin Hambleton and Murray Stewart
60 participants from 14 countries. 17 papers. Involvement of EC and OECD

'Towards an urban agenda in the European Union'

Venice, May 1998. Hosted by Dipartimento di Analisi Economica e Sociale del Territorio (DAEST)

Organiser: Paola Somma
46 participants from 14 countries. Report to European Commission. Involvement of EC and OECD

'Innovations in urban governance'

Oslo, April 1999. Hosted by the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

Organisers: Jon Naustdalslid and Jan Erling Klausen
20 participants from 8 countries. 15 papers. Involvement of City of Oslo

'European cities in transformation'

Paris, October 1999. Hosted by LATTs, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chausees

Organiser: Christian Lefevre
Over 100 participants from 16 countries. 17 papers. Involvement of the Chairman of the Association of Mayors of the largest French cities and OECD

'Cities in the region'

Dublin, April 2000. Hosted by the Department of Regional and Urban Planning, University College, Dublin

Organiser: Michael Bannon
72 participants from 13 countries. 22 papers plus a presentation on the Urban Audit
Involvement of Irish Central government, the City of Dublin and numerous local authorities

'Area-based initiatives in contemporary urban policy – innovations in city governance'

Copenhagen, 17-19 May 2001. Hosted by Danish Building and Urban Research

Organisers: Jacob Norvig Larsen and Hans Kristensen
142 participants from 24 countries. 62 papers. Colloquium on EU Framework 5 urban research projects led by DG Research. Presentations from DG Regio on European urban programmes and the Danish Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Danish urban policy

'Strategies for revitalising East European cities'

Prague, 20-22 September 2001. Hosted by the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Organisers: Michal Illner and Rob Atkinson
40 participants from 13 countries. 33 papers plus presentations on the development of Prague. Involvement in the City of Prague

'Urban and spatial European policies – levels of territorial government'

Turin, 18-20 April 2002. Hosted by the Politecnico e Università di Torino

Organisers: Alessandro Balducci and Giuseppe Dematteis
100 participants from 16 countries. 50 papers

'City images and urban regeneration'

Weimar, 11-12 October 2002. Hosted by Bauhaus University Weimar

Organiser: Frank Eckardt

45 participants. Over 20 papers from across Europe

'Universities and their role in urban community development'

Enschede, 10-11 April 2003. Hosted by the University of Twente

Organiser: Prof dr S.A.H. Denters

'European urban development, research and policy: The future of European cohesion policy'

Budapest, 28-30 August 2003. Hosted by the Metropolitan Research Institute

Organiser: Ivàn Tosics

90 participants, more than half representing Central and East European countries. 31 papers

'City futures – an international conference on globalism and urban change'

Chicago, 8-10 July 2004. Hosted by the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA) at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

A joint conference organised by EURA and the US Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

Organisers: Robin Hambleton and Janet Smith

250 participants from 36 countries. Over 160 papers presented

'Public spaces and quality of life in cities'

Brno, 23-25 September 2004. Hosted by the Faculty of Architecture TU Brno

Organiser: Vladimira Silhankova

'International policies and strategies of cities'

Lyon, 10 December 2005. Hosted by Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lyon

Organisers: Christian Lefèvre and Bernard Jouve

Papers presented by members of CITTA and invited speakers

'Cities in city regions' – 1st Bi-annual EURA conference)

Warsaw, 11-14 May 2006. Hosted by University of Warsaw

Organiser: Pawel Swianiewicz

Over 120 participants from 26 countries, over 80 papers

'The vital city'

Glasgow, 12-14 September 2007. Hosted by the University of Glasgow

Organiser: Ivan Turok

Over 260 participants from 30 countries. Over 180 papers

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

'Learning cities in a knowledge-based global society' – 2nd Bi-annual EURA conference

Milan, 9-11 October 2008. Hosted by the Politecnico di Milano

Organiser: Alessandro Balducci

'City Futures 2'

Madrid, May or June 2009.

A joint conference to be organized by EURA and the US Urban Affairs Association (UAA) as a transatlantic follow up to the successful 'City Futures' Conference held in Chicago in 2004.

3rd Bi-annual EURA conference Darmstadt, 2010.

This international conference will be organized by the Darmstadt Technical University, EURA Institutional Member.

Urban Research News and Information

This section provides news and information about research activities in Europe and elsewhere. If you have any material you would like to see in the next issue please forward it to Julie.Triggle@uwe.ac.uk

URBAN REGENERATION IN GLOBALISING CITIES: A TRANSATLANTIC UNDERGRADUATE PLANNING PROGRAMME

We are delighted to announce another success for EURA! The University of the West of England, the Politecnico di Milano and University of Illinois at Chicago have been awarded €408000 and \$408000 by the European Commission and the US Department for Education respectively to develop a joint degree in planning entitled "Urban regeneration in globalising cities : a transatlantic undergraduate planning programme". The very competitive Atlantis programme (only 25% of applications got funding this year) seeks to encourage an innovative and sustainable range of student-centred activities, in both higher education and vocational education and training, and between different regions of the European Union and the United States. In particular, the programme's transatlantic exchanges help students in the USA and the EU acquire the skills they will need to meet the challenges of the global knowledge-based economy.

"Urban regeneration in globalising cities: a transatlantic undergraduate planning programme" is an undergraduate dual degree programme focusing on a course of study that provides students with foundation skills for critical analysis on cross-national urban planning and regeneration. Students will spend one year abroad during the four-year course of study. The exchanges will also develop the programme of research through workshop activities involving faculty staff from the three universities. Graduates of the programme will be able to make effective contributions to the sustainable development of communities and connect global processes to local policy agendas.

For further information on this, contact the EU project coordinator Laurence Carmichael.

Application no. **TD-136178** Urban regeneration in globalising cities : a transatlantic undergraduate planning programme

Project Summary:

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RENEWAL OF KÖNIGSBERG/KALININGRAD

The former traditional German town of Königsberg at the Baltic Sea was nearly destroyed totally in the end of World War II. After that the city became Russian under the name of Kaliningrad.

Now there are initiatives between Russia and Germany to rebuild together parts of the destroyed cultural heritage. First project was the "Dom"/main church which is placed on a small island within the city. Financial help came from the Hamburg Weekly "Die Zeit" – technical know how from the Church of Fulda/Germany. Now the Russian architect Arthur Sarnitz wants to rebuild all that island which is known under the name of "Kneiphof".

City architect Alexander Baschin promotes the general idea of a new "Kneiphof" as well as of another project "Fischdorf/fish village" and even the former castle. As one of the next steps a 3D-model of the old city is intended: historical documents and photos are searched worldwide.

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NEW EPOC: IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN EUROPE'S PORT CITIES – CHECK-LIST NOW AVAILABLE

A Check-List of Good Practice in managing port-cities is now available for anyone interested in assessing the performance of their own port-city and finding better ways of dealing with the challenges they face in securing long-term economic success in today's highly competitive global economy.

The Check-List can be accessed on the NEW EPOC website (www.new-epoc.net Final Checklist and Questionnaire). It is based on the findings of experts who analysed and compared different strategies for port-city regeneration being used to improve performance following the crisis of industrial decline experienced during the 1980s and 1990s. The findings are the result of a four-year EU-funded project designed to identify how port-cities are dealing with the major challenges of globalisation and technological change.

The Check-List is in the form of a simple questionnaire that allows users to input information on their own port-city's performance and assess how they rate in a number of areas identified as critical for long-term success. The results will prove a useful guide to politicians and other decision-makers in port-cities keen to improve their own practice.

The Check-List consists of 24 questions covering 6 key areas identified as critical for long-term economic success - the Port-City Relationship, International Relations, Innovation, Strategic Regeneration, Social Inclusion and Quality Management. On completion of the questionnaire, users will be given a brief summary of their responses and an assessment of their position measured against the experiences of the 10 European port-cities covered by the NEW EPOC project. The site also gives access to specific good practice examples recommended by the partners. The whole questionnaire should take no longer than 30–45 minutes to complete.

Drs Günter Warsewa and Nikos Papakostas, researchers from the Universities of Bremen in Germany and Patras in Greece respectively, have compiled the web-based questionnaire from data produced during the course of the NEW EPOC project:

“The NEW EPOC research has produced a wealth of information on what is happening in Europe's port-cities to improve their performance. Our port-cities have emerged from a period of crisis brought on by the devastating effect of changes in global patterns of trade, the worldwide integration of markets and the impact of modern information and communication technologies. In tackling the problem of decline, important lessons have been learnt. Our Regeneration Check-List provides an opportunity for others to share our knowledge and experience and benefit from the good practice examples we have identified.”

Publication of the Regeneration Check-List marks the conclusion of the NEW EPOC project which, following an in-depth analysis of the impact of global changes on 10 European port-cities, has identified signs of a resurgence in their fortunes.

NEW EPOC – New Economic Prosperity for Port Cities – has been funded by the European Union's Interreg IIIc programme. The project, involving a multi-agency partnership from across the EU, has identified trends and new developments affecting the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of port-cities. It has produced a tool-set of information, expertise, guidelines and good practice examples designed to assist decision-makers in port-cities to develop policies and practices to manage economic transition and city regeneration. For access to the NEW EPOC Check-List and further information about NEW EPOC, please go to www.new-epoc.net/

NEW EPOC is a partnership consisting of the following local authorities, port authorities, universities, research centres, economic development agencies, museums and training bodies : Bilbao (Bilbao Metropoli 30) – Bremen (Bremen BBV - Bremen Universität (IAW) - Bremen Senator for Construction & Environment) – Cherbourg (Cherbourg City Council - Cherbourg Urban Community - Cherbourg Maison de l'Emploi et de la Formation) – Gijón (Gijón City Council - Gijón Port Authority) – Kaliningrad (Kaliningrad City Hall) – Oarsoaldea - Patras – (Patras Port Authority) - Southampton (Marinetech South, Southampton City Council - Southampton Solent University) – Taranto (Studio di Consulenza per l'Unione Europea) - Trieste (Trieste City Council)

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Building Health: Creating and enhancing places for healthy, active lives: What needs to be done?

is a collection of papers by leading experts and campaigners which examine how the design of towns, cities and buildings might encourage physical activity. Building Health covers issues ranging from strategic and urban planning, to walking and cycling, to urban green space and building design. This project was done in partnership with Living Streets and CABE.

Physical activity is essential to good health and helps prevent and manage avoidable chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, diabetes, certain forms of cancer, and obesity. But our lifestyles are becoming increasingly sedentary, and few Britons are active on a regular basis. Many transport and planning policies unintentionally contribute to this problem by building barriers to physical activity - such as prioritising cars before pedestrians and cyclists, and locating housing, shops, services and places where people work in areas virtually inaccessible without a car.

The contributors to Building Health consider the problems and offer recommendations aimed at national and local policymakers as well as professionals in the fields of transport, planning and architecture to help us build healthier communities. The contributors were Alan Barber, Hugh Barton, John Dales, Don Earley, Ben Hamilton-Baillie, James Hulme and Philip Inshall.

Building Health is accompanied by the Blueprint for Action which provides an executive summary of the policy papers and includes the policy recommendations.

This project was initially funded by the Department of Health.

Availability

The full report Building Health: Creating and enhancing places for healthy, active lives: What needs to be done? is only available as a download from this website: http://www.heartforum.org.uk/Publications_NHFreports.aspx

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CALL FOR SCHOLARS

The Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies International Fellows Program in Urban Studies seeks qualified applicants for the 2008-2009 academic year. This fellowship provides an opportunity to conduct cross-national research focused on urban problems and policy alternatives. The program's benefits include a semester or academic year of reflection in one of the world's premier research universities, exposure to U.S. issues and approaches to urban problems, access to leading urban researchers at Johns Hopkins and throughout the U.S., and access to census, administrative and survey databases suitable for cross-national research. Successful candidates should have strong interests and a proven record of accomplishment in the urban policy field, the capability to conduct independent urban research, and a solid fluency in spoken and written English. The Compagnia di San Paolo and Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond provide fellowships for meritorious Italian and Swedish applicants.

More detailed information and application procedures can be obtained by visiting our website at <http://www.jhu.edu/ips>. Questions may be directed to Marsha R. B. Schachtel at mschacht@jhu.edu.

INDICATORS OF DECENTRALISATION IN LOCAL LABOUR MARKETS FROM FOUR EUROPEAN STATES

The EMDELA research which was completed in the summer of 2007 examined indicators of decentralisation in policy making around local labour markets - considering the situation in Germany, Italy, Finland and the UK. The project involved qualitative research talking to practitioners and policy makers in 2 cities in each country, typically: from the local authority economic development officer; the Job; a third sector organisation undertaking work and training projects for the disadvantaged; and a community advocacy organisation. The quantitative side of the project involved examining and comparing various indicators of social exclusion and poverty including Laeken indicators.

The EMDELA research report is now available. The short version of the UK report is available at:

<http://technology.open.ac.uk/cru/publicatold.htm>

[Aiken, M. (2007) 'Local decentralisation: the EMDELA research report from the UK case']

The full, and final, report from the four country European EMDELA research is now available for download in English and German at http://www.prospektive-entwicklungen.de/german/1024/projekte/index_em.html [Zum Projekt EMDELA (VP 2005 009) The emerging design of local labour market integration – elements and performance indicators]

The project EMDELA was funded by the European Community Action Programme to Combat Social Exclusion. It is being co-ordinated by ZOOM e.v. a not-for-profit research and consultancy organisation based in Göttingen, Germany.

Background

The research was led by Niklas Forreiter, Sandra Kotlenga, Andreas D. Schulz at Zoom (Society for Prospective Developments e.V.) in Göttingen, Germany in association with Professor Adalbert Evers at the University of Giessen, Germany.

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**Glasgow
Community
Health and
Wellbeing
Research and
Learning
Programme**

GoWell is a longitudinal research and learning programme which has been designed and developed as a result of the unprecedented investment in housing regeneration and neighbourhood renewal taking place in Glasgow. The planned investment of more than a billion pounds over the next ten years has created a unique opportunity to examine the actual impact of community regeneration and neighbourhood renewal on people's health and wellbeing before, during and after investment.

In order to achieve this ambitious aim, the GoWell programme has brought together some of Scotland's leading researchers in a collaborative partnership between the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, the University of Glasgow and the Medical Research Council Social and Public Health Sciences Unit. It was launched in February 2006 and is sponsored by Glasgow Housing Association, Communities Scotland, NHS Health Scotland and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

The programme has four main research components.

1) Community health and wellbeing study

This involves over 6,000 face-to-face structured interviews with local residents, drawn from 12 different Glasgow communities. It will take place in 4 waves over the next 10 years. The first wave was completed in August 2006, and

further waves will be completed in 2008, 2010 and 2012. There will be a tracking study of respondents who move house between waves 1 and 2 who will then be followed-up at their new addresses for the duration of the study. The study will also involve 12 focus groups to provide more detailed qualitative evidence for various aspects of the survey.

2) Ecological study: monitoring change across Glasgow

This will monitor the changes relating to housing and health that are happening throughout Glasgow so that the changes in the study areas can be looked at in the context of wider trends. In addition, the ecological monitoring study also involves looking at the historical and policy background within which community regeneration is taking place in Glasgow. The GoWell team will use this information to carry out ongoing analyses of history, policy and changes in the economic, social and physical environment over the next 10 years. The first report of this arm of the programme will be published in November 2007.

3) Governance, empowerment and participation study

The main aim of this arm of the programme is to ascertain the extent and degree of community empowerment and participation in neighbourhood transformation. In order to achieve this, the team has put together a series of interconnected studies. The first is already underway and focuses on the management and ownership of social housing, and whether 'community ownership' is a necessary or sufficient condition for the empowerment of communities in relation to housing. In depth interviews with policy makers/practitioners from various organisations have been completed and analysis of the interview data has started. This work will be followed up by other studies that will look at the extent to which communities are involved in the planning and implementation of major regeneration processes in their areas. This will involve an examination of the ways in which communities are engaged in community planning and neighbourhood management.

4) Wider action nested studies

The GoWell 'nested' studies will evaluate and assess the impacts of four selected Glasgow Housing Association wider action projects. These are (i) the Community Janitors Programme, (ii) the Play Area Improvement Programme, (iii) Financial Inclusion, and (iv) Youth Crime Prevention Initiatives.

Since its launch in February 2006, considerable progress has been made on all aspects of the programme. A series of outputs and reports have now been produced including working papers, community newsletters, a progress and findings report and a summary of the baseline findings of the first wave of the community health and wellbeing survey. Further information on the programme along with these outputs and reports are available at www.gowellonline.com. The programme also has a learning network which aims to help keep people up to date with national and local

developments in health, housing, and regeneration research. It is hoped that members will be able to use the network to share good practice, exchange information, and participate in discussion to shape future practice, policy, and opinion through a series of GoWell learning network seminars and our e-newsletter 'GoWell Update'. If you would like to join the GoWell learning network and receive copies of GoWell Update and details of seminars, please register online at www.gowellonline.com

ADDRESSING REGIONAL DISPARITIES THROUGH NEW INDICATORS INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS SOUGHT

The Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic supports a new research project focused on Sustainable development indicators as a tool for analysing and decreasing regional disparities in quality of life.

This project is based on thesis that the problematic of sustainable development is in the foreground of the interest of the more educated public. We use various indexes and indicators to measure the drifts of sustainable development. The most usual is the "GDP per capita" which measures the economic situation, but its use for the local levels is very problematic, if not practically impossible. So, we are trying to look for and develop other indicators for measuring sustainable development. We think that to measure regional disparity, we need to develop a system recording and analysing the development and productivity (not only economic) of each area, both in terms of policies (economic, environment and social), but also in governance terms (from the local to the regional up to state level).

This project is a privately led research by NGO Civitas per Populi. Partner institutions are Technical University Brno, Faculty of Architecture and NGO TIMUR (Team Initiative for Local Sustainability). The project duration is 2007 – 2011.

We are looking for colleagues who could co-operate with us on the international level and share with us about information and ideas.

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Institutional member

In this issue we profile the Politecnico di Milano, Italy



Introduction

The **Politecnico di Milano** with its 17 Departments and 45.000 students, is the leading Italian University in the fields of engineering, architecture and planning.

Nowadays with its 127 teaching staff, 22 technicians, 19 administrative employees, 3 librarians, 290 contract professors and 32 research fellows, the **Dipartimento di Architettura e Pianificazione (Architecture and Planning, DiAP)**, is the second largest Department in the Politecnico di Milano and the largest in the field of Architecture.

It has been founded in 2000 as the result of the merging of the Department of Sciences of Territory – mainly centred upon planning and urban design – with groups of scholars coming from the field of Architecture, History of Architecture and Restoration, based in other departments and it is ruled since 2002 by prof. Alessandro Balducci.

The common goal was to establish a Department structure where the various disciplines dealing with territorial projects could meet and establish an arena for an interdisciplinary dialogue, in fact it pursues scientific research and teaching objectives in the field of:

- architectural,
- urban,
- regional and
- environmental change

exploring new meeting points in the evolution of disciplinary areas, between environment, community and architectural designers and between communications, policy and management experts. This multidisciplinary approach is a particular characteristic of the department, that is able to offer expertise and products to meet emerging demands from processes of physical and social change, to a plurality of subjects and organisations (European, national, regional and local authorities, social and economic actors, research institutions).

Research and laboratories

DiAP is active in many fields of research and consultancy, such as territorial analysis, analysis and design of planning processes, local policies, strategic planning, environmental planning, infrastructures planning and design, environmental design, architectural and urban projects.

A specific Department project funds the development of international research activities, while the reputation of DiAP as a support for the development of territorial and urban policies is increasingly feeding the expansion of contract research at the national and regional level.

In order to strengthen its research capacity DiAP has constituted, together with other research institutes with whom it cooperates in various initiatives, a research **Consortium** called **METIS**.

DiAP is divided in 5 sections which are aggregations of the staff:

- planning
- urbanism and urban design
- architecture

- history of architecture, representation and restoration
- human sciences, including sociology, geography, economics, public policies, law

and the research activities are grouped in 6 research lines:

- I. Territorial Governance and Planning
- II. Time, mobility and safety planning
- III. History of architecture and restoration
- IV. Mobility and territory
- V. Regional, urban and environmental planning
- VI. Architecture and Urban design

Education

The Diap gives a major contribution to the teaching activity of the Faculty of Architecture and Society in all its undergraduate and graduate programmes in Architecture, Environmental architecture, Planning, Building techniques, and to some undergraduate and graduate programmes in other Faculties of Architecture and Engineering.

The Department directly promotes and organises a wide range of post-graduated courses, including: Doctoral Programs, Specializing “Master Courses”, Professional Courses, Specializing Schools.

International Activities

DiAP is member of the European Urban Research Association (**EURA**), of the Association of European School of Planning (**AESOP**), of the Associazione Italiana Scuole Regionali (**AISRE**); of the Istituto Nazionale Urbanisti (**INU**) and it is the registered office of the Società Italiana degli Urbanisti (**SIU**).

The Diap promotes many international activities, including teaching staff mobility in the framework of Socrates programme, international workshops, intensive programmes in cooperation with European partners, an international lecture series. In the last four years DiAP has promoted a Jean Monnet Module in European Territorial Policies.

Various activities

DiAP holds every two years a Department Conference around a theme of general interest which is defined by the Scientific board and in which all the department members are invited to present a paper. The first one has been organised in March 2004 on the theme “Milan after the metropolis”, the second one has been held in January 2006 on “Infrastructure projects in the Milan’s urban region”.

DiAP publishes "**Territorio**", a quarterly nationally recognized journal in the field of planning and architecture, founded in 1988, which includes scientific papers, essays, comments and book reviews.

The Diap counts four Department Libraries, articulated in 4 thematic sections.

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EURA Conference

'Learning cities in a Knowledge-Based Society'

9th-11th October 2008, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

European cities are engaged in difficult and challenging processes of social, economical, institutional and territorial change. Contemporary cities can be considered as learning places under different points of view:

● as central nodes of a knowledge based economy, where concentration and exchange of information and innovation generated by people and firms produce new forms of economy, welfare and richness, but also new forms of poverty and exclusion.

● as social laboratories, places which expose continuously their citizens to the effects of social transformation: laboratories in which the notion of citizenship is questioned and people have to learn to deal with change and the multiplication of differences generated by a mobile, multicultural society

● as settings for institutional and political innovation: where major transformations compel institutions to face with new emerging problems of contemporary society and to develop new learning skills and experience new forms of governance, leadership, democracy, policies and politics.

The conference will focus its attention on the exploration of these major challenges and will foster a lively exchange and debate among researchers in the field of urban studies, particularly pointing at interactions among forms of knowledge and forms of urban governance.

EURA brings together an inter-disciplinary network of urban researchers from across Europe and beyond. It provides a forum for cross-national debate on urban policy and acts as a bridge between research and policy in this rapidly urbanising world.

Call for paper and parallel sessions

The call for papers is structured around four axes, which will constitute the base for the organisation of the main tracks of the conference. Further interpretation of the four tracks will be provided on the conference websites by the track Chairs.

1. planning > papers addressed to this track will explore new emerging forms of planning tackling with innovative and problematic issues in contemporary cities (fostering urban and regional cultural policies, promoting creativity and developing new capacity of attraction, the treatment of social differences and change...), focussing in particular on processes of learning developed in planning experiences;

2. economic development > papers addressed to this track will explore the new fields of urban competition and economical specialisation fostered by a knowledge based economy: in particular this could lead to discuss innovative ways for cities to develop the coupling of competition and liveability, competitiveness and sustainability.

3. governance > papers addressed to this track will explore learning processes which institutions are compelled to face in contemporary cities: the focus on the coupling of knowledge forms and forms of governance could be central, as well as major innovations in policies, politics, leadership, democracy...

4. social issues > papers addressed to this track will explore the relationship among the logic of competition in a knowledge based economy and the issue of social cohesion, examining for example the effects of diffusion of forms of free lance creative -as well as- precarious work, in the light of processes of social frailty, social fragmentation, individualisation, mobility and continuous re-territorialisation...

Provisional programme

9th October (Thursday)

Morning – registration

Noon – opening session with key lectures

Afternoon – Parallel workshop session

10th October (Friday)

Morning and noon – Parallel workshop sessions

Afternoon – Study tours providing participants with examples of planning processes dealing in the challenging environment of the Milan urban region

General Assembly of EURA

Evening – Social Event

11th October (Saturday)

Morning – parallel workshop sessions

Noon – closing session

Location and conference organisers

The conference will take place on the main campus of the Politecnico di Milano, in the Faculty of Architecture and Society and will be organised by the Department of Architecture and Planning, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and Social Research of the Faculty of Sociology, University Milano-Bicocca and the Department of Planning, Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia.

How to submit an abstract

Abstracts are invited by 15th February 2008. Abstracts should be completed on the template and according to the instructions provided on the conference website and submitted by email to: euraconference2008@polimi.it. All abstracts will be refereed prior to acceptance.

Registration fees

	Before 1st July 2008	After 1st July 2008
Non-members	300 euros	350 euros
EURA members	250 euros	300 euros
Non-members from Central-Eastern Europe	175 euros	225 euros
EURA members from Central-Eastern Europe and research students	125 euros	175 euros
Accompanying persons	75 euros	125 euros

Contact and information

euraconference2007@polimi.it

Key dates

Launch of call for papers:	15th November 2007
Submission of abstracts:	15th February 2008
Information on accepting papers:	15th May 2008
For registration and paying fee:	1st July 2008
For cancelling registrations:	15th July 2008

EURA drive to recruit new institutional members

With the launch of the new journal **Urban Research and Practice** and a few exciting conferences in the pipeline, EURA is now developing its recruitment strategy and all Executive Board members will be asked to try to recruit one new institutional member each. For that purpose, an "introduction pack" will be produced in the future that individual board members could then submit to potential new members, typically in their own country. This pack should contain information on activities, conferences, Urban Research and Practice, newsletter and website.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask all our members to participate in our recruitment drive, either by recruiting a new institutional member, or suggesting names or institutions to Julie Trigg, or make further suggestions to publicise EURA more widely. Help us make EURA go global!

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