

Conference News and Information

2015 EURA Conference in Sibiu: *Transforming Cities, transformative cities*

As 2014 winds down, the conference organizers are speeding up their preparations for the 2015 EURA conference. Next year's conference [Transforming cities, transformative cities](#) will be held in **Sibiu, Romania from September 17th to 20th**. Tracks are still being finalised, and confirmations from keynote speakers (including Iwona Sagan from Gdansk and Enzo Mingione from Milan) are rolling in.

In the meantime, the organizers request suggestions for an experienced scholar to be involved in the young scholars' workshop. For more details and information, feel free to visit the event site above or email organizers [here](#).

****Call for paper submissions are open until January 31, 2015.** **For details click [here](#).

EURA Research and Conference Improvement Survey

As a part of the follow up to the 2014 EURA conference, a survey was sent out to attendees to help improve and contribute to future events. We would like to thank all those who talked to us during the 2014 conference in Paris, and those who responded to the survey. Your general feedback and specific comments regarding future conference tracks have been noted.

Call for EURA 2016-2017 Conference Hosts

The European Urban Research Association is looking for two hosts for the upcoming EURA conferences 2016 and 2017!

The annual EURA conference should have an overall topic of the conference which is broad enough to be attractive for EURA members with different background and interests. Within such a broad overall topic there is room for an array of more specialised parallel tracks and workshops. EURA conferences are truly interdisciplinary events and accommodate scholars from urban economics, political sciences, urban sociology, sustainability studies, geography, urban design and planning.

EURA conferences attract between 250 – 400 participants. Prior conferences have been held in Paris (2014), Enschede (2013), Copenhagen (2012), Vienna (2011) and Darmstadt (2010). Conference topics included: City Futures, Learning Cities, The Vital City, Cities as seedbeds for innovation, and Cities in City Regions.

Standard tracks that need to be at any EURA conference are in rough terms:

- Sustainable/resilient cities;
- Knowledge and economic development;
- Urban sociology;
- Policy studies/governance; and
- Spatial planning/architecture.

As an expression of interest please send us a title, description of the topic, possible tracks, venue, an institutional profile (one page) and former experience with conference management.

The conference has to consider the three goals of EURA. EURA is a network of urban scholars facilitating cross-disciplinary research and stimulating academic debate about urban issues in Europe. Aims and objectives of EURA as written in the charter are:

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

EURA conferences are usually hosted by an institutional member of EURA.

For any queries please contact any EURA board member or the [secretariat](#), or visit the [EURA site](#).

Deadline 31.01.2015

EURA Developments

Growing Membership & UAA

In addition to feedback from the 2014 Conference, EURA also gained over 40 new members this year. Not only has the membership grown as a result of the registration conditions, but discussions initiated at the conference have also resulted in an agreement for registration fee reciprocity for EURA members at Urban Affairs Association (UAA) sponsored events. This offer, for instance, will be valid for the next UAA conference in Miami. Interested EURA members should send a request for the Special Registration Link to [this email address](#).

****Deadline for early registration is January 12, 2015. ****

General registration information and an online link to the payment system is available [here](#).

EURA is delighted and appreciates these cooperative efforts. May this lead to many more fruitful exchanges and exciting dialogues!

EUROLOC/EURA & Cost Summer School

From September 29 to October 02, the COST Action [Local Public Sector Reforms \(LocRef\)](#) organized together with EUROLOC/EURA and the University of Siena a joint PhD-Training School in Siena, Italy. Local organizers were Prof. Riccardo Mussari (University of Siena), Prof. Angelika Vetter (University of Stuttgart) and Prof. Henk Van der Kolk (University of Twente) from EURA/EUROLOC and Prof. Sabine Kuhlmann and Christian Schwab (both University of Potsdam) from the COST Action LocRef.

The topic of the Training School was "Re-building Trust in Local Governments: Re-thinking Politics, Management and Governance in the Post-NPM Era." Out of over 60 applications, 25 PhD students from 13 European countries were given a chance to participate and received a COST grant. Together with 10 international renowned scholars, the students presented and discussed their PhD projects and listened to the several lectures with topics like "Administrative Reforms and Local Governance in EU Countries", "Local Government Management in the Post NPM Era: From Past to Future and Back" or "How local can governance be?" The second of the four days have been totally devoted to methods training and the discussion of methodological aspects.

COST and EURA/EUROLOC decided to continue this successful collaboration in the upcoming year. The next joint PhD-Training School will take place in Spetses, Greece (14.09-18.09.2015). EURA/EUROLOC co-conveners will be Prof. Krystof Steyvers and Prof. Henk van der Kolk. The call for applications/papers will be published soon.

Urban Research and Practise

[Latest in the EURA Journal!](#)

The latest issue of EURA's journal (Vol. 7, Issue 3, 2014) contains the special - *The Development of Cities and Municipalities in Central and Eastern Europe* by Martin T.W. Rosenfeld & Albrecht Kauffmann. Other noteworthy articles and sections and their descriptions are listed below:

Special Issue Articles

'The governance of urban shrinkage in cities of post-socialist Europe: policies, strategies and actors'

Dieter Rink, Chris Couch, Annegret Haase, Robert Krzysztofik, Bogdan Nadolu & Petr Rumpel

'Planning trajectories in post-socialist cities: patterns of divergence and change'

Sasha Tsenkova

'Integrate to compete: Gdańsk-Gdynia metropolitan area'

Iwona Sagan

'The impact of local factors on the scope of benefits from public investment: the case of tourism infrastructure in Saxon municipalities'

Albrecht Kauffmann & Martin T.W. Rosenfeld



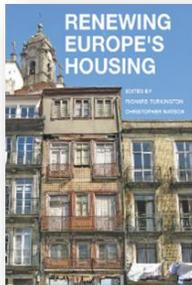
'International hubs as a factor of local development: evidence from Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, and Leipzig, Germany'
Markus Hesse

Conference Report.

'Cities that talk: urban resistance as challenges for urban planning'
Nadia Caruso, Feras Hammami, Ender Peker, Simone Tulumello & Lauren Ugur

Book Reviews

Recent Publications



Renewing Europe's Housing

Published: November 2014

Public policy gives too little attention to the widespread and still growing problem of Europe's ageing and poor quality housing...

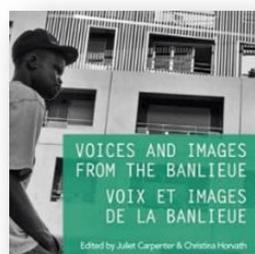
For members hoping to receive a 50% discount, please click [here](#) for details.



The Routledge Companion to Urban Regeneration

Published: October 2013

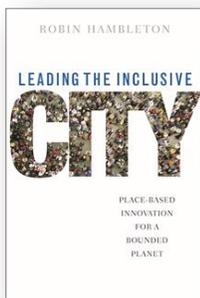
In the past decade, urban regeneration policy makers and practitioners have faced a number of difficult challenges...



Voices and Images from the Banlieue

Published: 2014

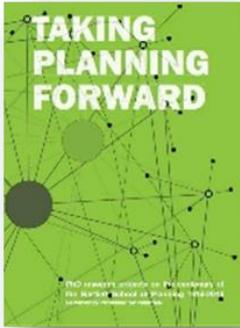
The "banlieue" occupies a particular place in the French imagination...



Leading the Inclusive City

Published: November 24 2014

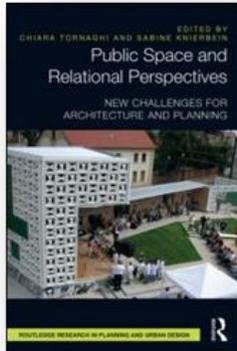
A new, international comparative book on urban leadership was launched at the Bristol Festival of Ideas in the UK last month...



Taking Planning Forward: PhD Research Projects on the Centenary of the Bartlett School of Planning 1914-2014

Published: April 2014

A collection of short research abstracts by PhD candidates at the Bartlett School of Planning, London, specially prepared in April 2014 for the Bartlett centenary...



Public space and relational perspectives: New challenges for architecture and planning

Published: October 2014

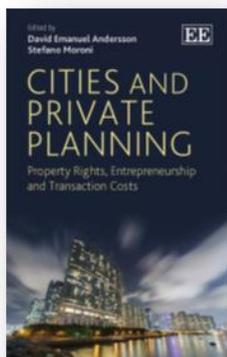
Traditional approaches to understand space tend to view public space mainly as a shell or container, focussing on its morphological structures and functional uses.



Public space and the challenges of urban transformation in Europe

Published: November 2013

European cities are changing rapidly in part due to the process of de-industrialization, European integration and economic globalization...



EURA Member offers from Edward Elgar!

Check out some of the newest titles from Edward Elgar Publishing recommended by the EURA Board. EURA members also have an exclusive 35% discount when they order from Edward Elgar.

Titles featured in this newsletter include *Cities and Private Planning*

Published: September 2014

Through comprehensive case studies of privately planned cities and neighbourhood in Asia, Europe and North America...

Network Activities

Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

Contributor: Jurlina-Alibegovic Dubravka

Members from the institute are currently conducting two research projects: Communal price comparison between Zagreb and larger cities in Central and South East Europe (COMPRICOM) and Revitalization and energy efficient renovation of Down Town of the City of Zagreb, results of which will be available at the end 2014.



The Institute is also proud to have been a co-organizer of the international scientific conference Contemporary Trends and Prospects of Economic Recovery which was held on 10th October 2014 in Nice, at Université Nice Sophia Antipolis, Institut Supérieur d'Économie et de Management (ISEM).

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

Contributor: Marcus Collier

'Researchers from UCD are leading the European Urban Project *Transition toward Urban Resilience and Sustainability* (TURAS)...



What Can Be Learned from Russia's Experience: Grassroots Authoritarianism and Grassroots Democracy in Specialized Cities

Contributor: Mark Kleyman

Why is it important to deepen insights on best practices from neighbourhood-based grassroots in mono-industrial cities in post-socialist countries...

Institutional Member Profile

Featuring Newcastle!

This edition of EURA's Newsletter features the *Global Urban Research Unit* at the *School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape* of Newcastle University. In addition to learning more about the institution, members are welcomed to **learn more about current Doctoral and Research opportunities** [here](#).

Upcoming Conferences & Calls for Submissions

Comparing Apples and Oranges?

A Colloquium on International Comparative Urban Research

Deadline: December 15 2014

Stuttgart: 15-16 January 2015

No fees required for participation, but registration is necessary before 15 December 2014. Sponsored by Staedtebau-Institut Universitaet Stuttgart (SI) and Institut fuer Landes und Stadtentwicklung (ILS)...

International Geographical Union (IGU) Urban Commission Annual Meeting

Urban Challenges in a Complex World

Deadline: February 20 2015

Dublin, Ireland: 9-16 August 2015

The theme of the Conference is: *Urban challenges in a complex world - Resilience, governance and changing urban systems*. The conference will combine academic paper sessions with field excursions in Dublin and other Irish cities...

Building Proximities in a Global World

Territorial, Organizational and Societal Challenges

Deadline: December 15 2014

Tours, France: 20 - 22 May 2015

The 8th International Conference on Proximity aims at continuing the effort for conceptualizing the organizational and institutional logics that underlie the coordination of economic activities within multiscalar territorial dynamics...

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