

# TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND JUST CITY REGION?

## Looking at Berlin, London and Paris

**29. November 2013**

Conference of the Regional Studies Association

9:30 - 17:00

TU Berlin I H 2035  
Straße des 17. Juni 135  
10623 Berlin

Berlin is currently in the process of developing a new spatial development strategy – the Stadtentwicklungskonzept 2030 (StEK 2030). Other plans and policies to shape the growing metropolitan region are also well under way, such as the new housing strategy and a new strategy of how to deal with municipal real estate. Many of these policies have been influenced by civil society stakeholders who demand a more sustainable development of the city, both in terms of climate change and socially. Extensive public participation processes have been launched to come up with development strategies, which will be perceived as ‘just’ while at the same time supporting Berlin’s economic growth. The conference will discuss the proposed strategies and participatory approaches and whether they are as ‘just’ and ‘sustainable’ as promised. It will look at similar proposals in London and Paris and explore what these new approaches mean regarding current debates on governance, localism or sustainable urban development.



9:30

### Welcome and Introduction

#### Planning the metropolitan region – a historic perspective

Harald Bodenschatz, Center for Metropolitan Studies/TU Berlin

9:50

#### Towards a sustainable and just city region

Cordelia Polinna, CMS/TU Berlin, Think Berlin

10:10

#### The London Governance Debate

#### Learning from Paris and Berlin through a Research Network

Duncan Bowie, University of Westminster

10:30

Coffee break

#### Big Plans for Big Cities: Steering sustainable growth Commentator & Moderator: N.N.

10:50

#### Coping with Berlin's housing challenge: New strategies and policies

Dirk Boettcher, Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment

11:10

#### Berlin's Urban Development Concept 2030 (StEK 2030)

Elke Plate, Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment

11:30

#### Planning the 'Grand Paris' (or Not)?

Paul Lecroart, Institut d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme d'Île-de-France

11:50

#### Comment and Discussion

12:20

Lunch

**Self-made city: A more sustainable approach?**

**Commentator & Moderator:** Anna Richter, HCU Hamburg

13:20

**Participation as a key precondition for a just and sustainable city region: New approaches from Berlin**

Aljoscha Hofmann, CMS/TU Berlin, Think Ber!n

13:40

**Co-operatives, collectives and trusts: new approaches to the production of urban space in Berlin**

Andreas Krüger, belius Berlin

14:00

**Civil Society and the rise of community-based approaches to planning and development in London**

Nick Bailey, University of Westminster

14:20

**The Localism Act 2011 and Neighbourhood Planning in the 'hyper-diverse city': challenges and first developments**

Claire Colomb, Bartlett School of Planning

14:40

**Comment and Discussion**

15:10

*Coffee break*



**Looking at the Outer City: Transformation of less sustainable parts of the urban region**

**Commentator & Moderator:** Johanna Schlaack, Center for Metropolitan Studies/TU Berlin, Think Ber!n

15:30

**Outer Berlin**

Klaus Overmeyer, Urban Catalyst <sup>studio</sup>/Bergische Universität Wuppertal

15:50

**Outer London and the Outer Metropolitan Area**

Ian Gordon, London School of Economics

16:10

**Comment and Discussion**

16:40

**What do we do when we compare cities? Reflections on Berlin, London and Paris**

Allan Cochrane, Open University

17:00

**End of conference**

Duncan Bowie, University of Westminster



**event is free of charge**

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