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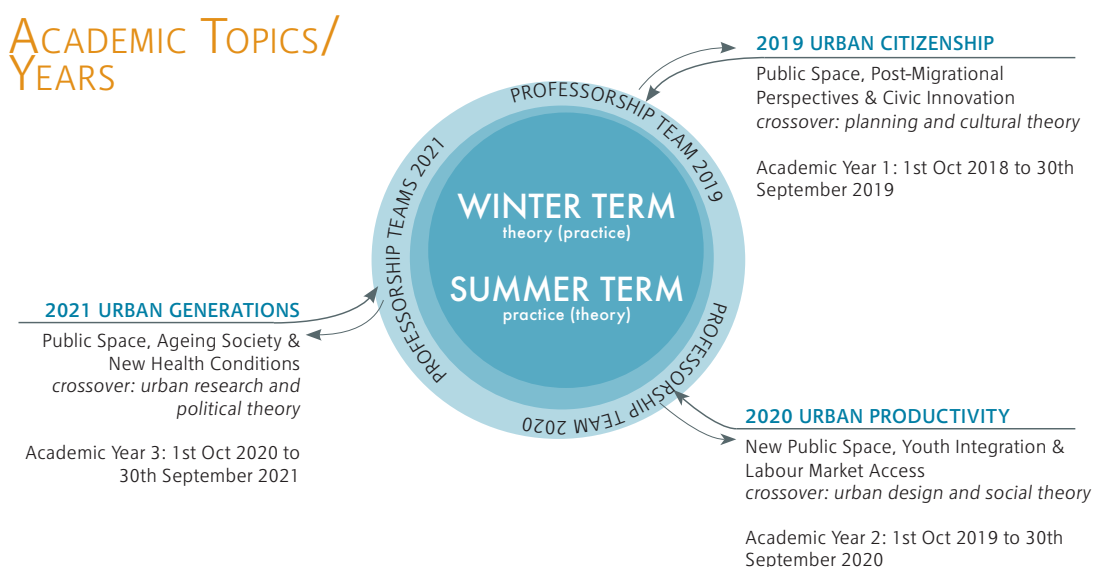
# Project Description

## KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies

The “KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies” is an educational project at the interface of research and teaching, with the aim to develop and implement innovative and internationally oriented research-led-teaching curricula and to strengthen academic affairs between the Centre for the Future of Places (CFP, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden) and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR, TU Wien, Austria). The urban studies program focuses on lived space issues related to planning, architecture and urban design education, and fosters the introduction of contemporary research-led-teaching agendas to enhance students’ capacities and skills to include an understanding of urban life and of humanist aspects of urban development. Students and colleagues are encouraged to further explore their capabilities to develop outstanding concepts and approaches to civic, research and teaching innovation in their current and future job market.

Running from 1st October 2018 – 30th September 2021, the program consists of three academic years each featured by a one-year Visiting Professorship. The visiting professors were selected and appointed according to three annual topics in urban studies that characterize current processes and challenges of rapid urbanization and urban transformation (see fig. 1).

Fig. 1: Academic Topics / Years



The KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies was implemented by the permanent team of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at TU Wien, in cooperation with the partner at KTH Stockholm. In June 2018 and based on the agreement of both universities, TU Wien launched a threefold public call for Submission of Statement of Interests for the KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies according to the three aforementioned annual themes. After candidate lectures, personal talks and workshops with faculty staff in Vienna, one candidate for each year was selected by a Joint Scientific Selection Committee with consultation by the International Advisory Board of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space at TU Wien, which consists of all former visiting professors. The idea for this three-year Visiting Professorship Program is to engage in developing a joint academic program in co-teaching and co-research following the established routines of the Visiting Professorship Program since the past decade.

## Visiting Professorship Team

Apart from the appointed visiting professors and the permanent team, TU Wien forges semester-long alliances with local lecturers in order to link international and cross-cultural perspectives on urban development to an exploration of idiosyncratic cultural, social, and political professional practices. As part of the new constellation of the KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies, TU Wien aims at increasing an exchange between Swedish and Austrian urban professionals at the interface of urban praxis and urban theory.

The presence of the permanent team of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space guarantees scientific continuity among annually changing visiting professors as the centre's staff additionally prepares research proposals with the visiting professors and with further project partners, offers urban educational assessments, comments, and scientific review activities, and consults with the faculty's dean and study deans regarding the inclusion of new teaching content in architecture and planning curricula. The team further facilitates communication and joint action between the actors at the centre and other institutions in Vienna, and beyond. At the European and international level, the team is responsible for the creation of new academic networks as well as the solidification of existing scientific ties and cooperations.

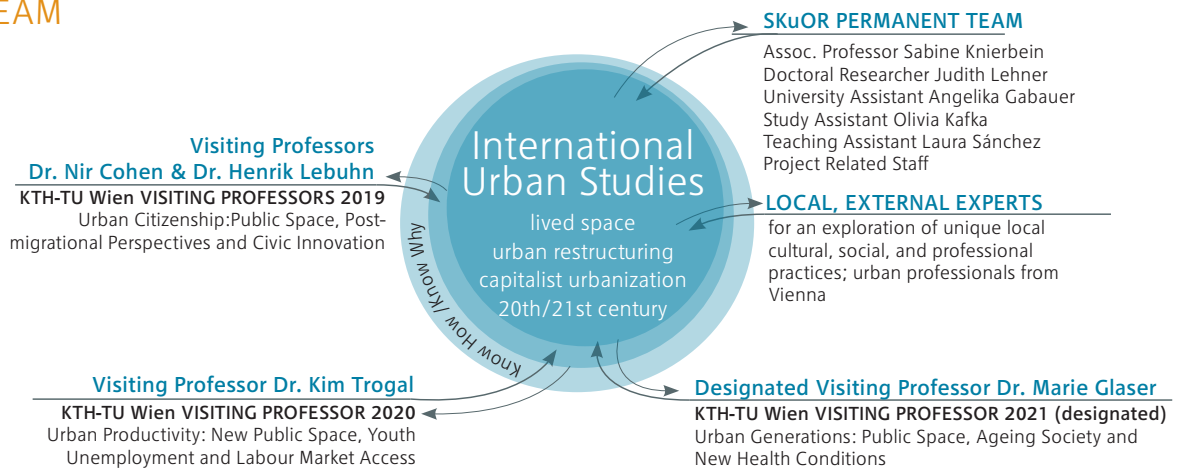


Fig. 2: Visiting Professors' Reception at Vice Rector for Academic Affairs at TU Wien, November 2019

For more information visit: <https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/about>.

Fig. 3: Visiting Professorship Team

## VISITING PROFESSORSHIP TEAM



## Project Milestones

DATE <sup>1</sup>	MILESTONE
June 2018	3-fold public call for expression of interests for KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies for the academic years 2019, 2020 and 2021
July 2018	Public candidate hearings and selection committee meetings incl. decision for appointment of Visiting Professorship for 2019
01.10.2018 - 30.09.2022	Employment of doctoral researcher
01.10.2018 - 30.09.2019	Employment period of visiting professor academic year 2019
01.10.2018	Official start of the KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program for the Academic Year 2019
30.06.2019 - 31.11.2019	Public scientific event (Geographies of Age Roundtable) and report of the Visiting Professorship Program activities for 2019
01.10.2019 - 30.09.2020	Employment period of visiting professor Academic Year 2020
01.10.2019	Start of the KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program for the academic year 2020
20. - 22.11.2019	Joint International Urban Studies Conference at TU Wien: CARE – Cities. Action. Research and Education
15.06.2020 - 31.11.2020	Public scientific event (e.g. conference session, public lecture, roundtable) and report of the Visiting Professorship Program activities for 2020
01.10.2020 - 30.09.2021	Employment period of visiting professor Academic Year 2021
01.10.2020	Start of the KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program for the Academic Year 2021
15.06.2021 - 31.11.2021	Public scientific event (e.g. conference session, roundtable) and summary of the KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program activities for 2021
October 2021 (tbc)	International experts workshop/ book launch

<sup>1</sup> Due to short delays in settling contract, the actual schedule differs slightly from the originally version (see Annex 1, contract)

### Members of the Selection Committee

- Prof. Dr. Vera Bühlmann
- Prof. Dr. Rudolf Giffinger
- Prof. Dr. Simon Güntner
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tigran Haas
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sabine Knierbein
- Prof. Dr. Arthur Kanonier
- Ao. Prof. Dr. Christian Kühn
- Dr. cand. DI Judith Lehner
- Prof. DI Rudolf Scheuven

# The KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies 2019

## Annual Topic

### Urban Citizenship, Public Space, Post-Migrational Perspectives and Civic Innovation

Debates on urban citizenship have been updated particularly in the fields of human geography and urban sociology in the past five years, identifying the need to revise notions of citizenship bound to the legal status of national identities with a particular emphasis on diversifying urban life. This debate has been empirically informed by a growing number of long-term city residents who lack access to the representative political systems, and thus cannot issue their political right to participate in the formal mechanisms of democracy in national states that are undergoing transitions towards becoming even more urbanized territories. Also, the set of methodological tools to research into the roles of public space in diversifying urban societies has been enriched by contributions from cultural theory, particularly cultural studies and sociology, that have rendered cities as key places for migration and migration as key driver of urbanization (also in a historic perspective). From this viewpoint, migration is not an add-on process to already existing cities (and homogeneous urban societies), but migration has been a key condition for cities coming into being, for the ever changing ability of urban societies to constantly produce innovative ways of thinking and praxis on a densely urbanized terrain. From this perspective, cultural difference has historically been a key feature of cities and has widely contributed to the success of cities to become thriving places of emancipation. In the Academic Year 2019 the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space invited scholars to identify key challenges that this complex situation and the already gained insights in the humanities and social sciences pose to the doings and sayings of architects, planners and designers. As e.g. participation mechanisms in formal planning processes are often relating to legal status of inhabitants, and as particularly cultural theory provides e.g. postmigrational and post-colonial accounts to reconsider the notion of urban citizenship, we invite scholars to shed a light on new ways of research and teaching at the interface of urban studies and the spatial arts, with an emphasis on planning.

For more information visit: <https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/professors/covvps>.



Fig. 4: Nir Cohen

Winter Term 2018/19  
**Visiting Professor**  
**Dr. Nir Cohen**

Senior Lecturer, Department of  
Geography & Environment, Bar  
Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel



Fig. 5: Henrik Lebuhn

Summer Term 2019  
**Visiting Professor**  
**Dr. Henrik Lebuhn**

Assistant Professor in Urban and  
Regional Sociology, Humboldt  
University Berlin, Germany

## Winter Term 2018/19

Visiting Professor Dr. Nir Cohen, Senior Lecturer, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel



Fig. 6: Nir Cohen

Nir Cohen is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography and Environment at Bar Ilan University, Israel. Trained in political sciences, international affairs and geography, his main research interests are in the fields of migration studies, social urban relations, and labor geographies. He has studied the relations between state and migrants in Israel, ethnic conflicts in urban environments, and labor struggles in the face of plant closures. His work was published in journals of human geography, migration and urban studies. In Spring 2018 he was a Visiting Fellow of Jewish Migration at the Parkes Institute in the University of Southampton, UK.

### Selected publications

Israel, E., Cohen, N. and Czamanski, D. (2019) Return on capital? Determinants of counter-migration among early career Israeli STEM researchers. *PLoS ONE*, 14 (8).

Cohen, N., and Rotem-Mindali, O. (2018) Driven by fear? Commuting and fear of terrorism in the West Bank. *Geography Research Forum*, 38(1), pp.89-112.

Lev Ari, L. and Cohen, N. (2018) Acculturation strategies among second generation Israeli migrants in the United States. *Contemporary Jewry*, 38(3), pp.1-20.

Aharon-Gutman, M. and Cohen, N. (2017) Refusal, circulation, refuge: Young (im) mobilities in rural Israel. *Social and Cultural Geography*, 20(6), pp.849-870.

Cohen, N. (2017) Diaspora strategies: Actors, members and spaces. *Geography Compass*, 11(3), pp.11-13.

### Teaching winter term 2018/19

Module 11

#### Urban Citizenship. Public Space, Post-Migrational Perspectives and Civic Innovation

Lecture 280.534 Strategies and intervention of the production of space | 4 ECTS  
Visiting Prof. Dr. Nir Cohen and Prof. Dr. Sabine Knierbein

Seminar 280.535 Concepts and critique of the production of space | 4 ECTS  
Visiting Prof. Dr. Nir Cohen, Prof. Dr. Sabine Knierbein and Univ. Ass. Angelika Gabauer, MA

Exercise 280.536 Paths and tools of the production of space | 4 ECTS  
Visiting Prof. Dr. Nir Cohen, Proj. Ass. DI Judith Lehner and Univ. Ass. Angelika Gabauer, MA

The courses of the module introduced students to key conceptual and practical issues within the field of migration studies and linked these findings to an understanding of public space as key epistemic entry perspective within urban studies to connect to wider shifts in the social sciences and humanities and to a renewed approach to studying everyday life in planning and architectural theory. Students were allowed to probe into the century-old nexus between migration and cities. Recent developments at the interface between migration, urban space and citizenship and the ways in which they are mutually constituted were examined, paying special attention to cities as crucial sites for conflicts over rights, recognition and belonging in post-migrational and super-diverse societies. Against this background the role of counter movements such as social non-movements, feminist housing movements, activists pursuing anti-politics



Fig. 7: Module 11, Winter Term 2018/19



or alter politics and human rights performers within processes of (neoliberalized) governance of migration were addressed. Besides engaging in the theoretical discussion of these concepts on the basis of provided texts, students were introduced to specific urban sites of civic innovation in Vienna and to basic methodologies, including in-depth interviewing, mental maps and mobile ethnographies to explore everyday geographies of migrants in the city.

### Thesis Seminar (Master and Doctorate) in Urban Studies

Seminar 280.514 | 3 ECTS

Prof. Dr. Sabine Knierbein, Visiting Prof. Dr. Nir Cohen, Prof. Dr. Simon Güntner and guest visiting scholar Prof. Dr. Sophie Watson (Open University, UK)

Contemporary urban theory has developed apace over the last decade to consider complex urban processes and issues that have risen as a result of globalisation, diversification of the economy, socio-demographic shifts, changing political agendas, migration and growing concerns around the environment amongst many other salient issues. The seminar was offered to doctoral students and advanced master students in urban studies and related disciplines, with the overall aim of providing an opportunity for the students to discuss their thesis projects as additional support in the development of their research theories and methods.



Fig. 8: Thesis Colloquium 2018

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### Public Evening Lecture

#### Urban Studies and the Ethics of Care. Lessons from Southern Tel Aviv

by Visiting Prof. Dr. Nir Cohen on 5th December 2018 at TU Wien

Enmity is on the rise in Israeli cities. Hostile, hate-filled exchanges are visible between distinct socio-political groups across the country. Skirmishes between orthodox and seculars over the closure of businesses on the Sabbath (the Jewish day of rest), leftists and rightists over the deportation of African migrants, and lower and middle classes over the magnitude of urban renewal projects dot its contemporary urban landscape. Scholars have often employed a justice-oriented framework to account for these clashes. Specifically, they have been explaining their unfolding against the backdrop of dwindling rights for socio-physical goods and services – or the threat thereof – perceived by either group, or both.

The Public Evening Lecture by Visiting Prof. Nir Cohen challenged the rigorous centering on the satisfaction of material rights as a leading approach for explaining urban antagonism in Israel. Employing an ethics of care paradigm, it suggested instead that animosity is frequently induced and sustained by the long-entrenched perception of marginalized groups that (the more) powerful segments are unwilling (or unable) to take their perspective. Urban resentment is further exacerbated when the perceived misidentification of dominant groups is interpreted within an ‘elitist’ discourse of allegedly cosmopolitan values, like environmentalism or human rights. Using insights from case studies in the Tel Aviv metro area, this talk explored the micro-politics of care(ing) as it unfolds in local urban scenes.

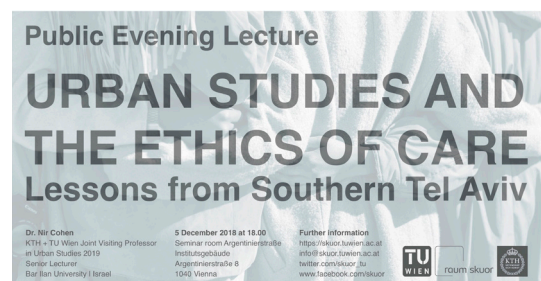


Fig. 9: Flyer Public Evening Lecture 2018

For more information visit: <https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/veranstaltungen/vortraege>.

## Summer Term 2019

### Visiting Professor Dr. Henrik Lebuhn, Assistant Professor, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Henrik Lebuhn is Assistant Professor for urban and regional sociology at the Institute for Social Sciences at Humboldt University Berlin, Germany. He holds a PhD in political science from Freie Universität Berlin. Before joining the urban sociology team at HU Berlin in 2009, he was a Visiting Lecturer at the Department of Sociology at UC Berkeley, Visiting Faculty for Urban Studies at the San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI), and Lecturer at the John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at FU Berlin. In 2016, he was a Research Fellow at the City University of New York (CUNY) and in 2017 at the Rikkyo University in Tokyo. His research interests include urban politics in comparative perspective, migration and borders, urban citizenship, urban social movements, and participatory politics. In 2015, his essay 'Understanding the City through Crisis', published in *Critical Planning*, was awarded the 'Edward Soja Prize for Critical Thinking in Urban and Regional Research'. He is co-editor of the Journal 'PROKLA – Zeitschrift für kritische Sozialwissenschaft' and of the book series 'Raumproduktionen' (Westfälisches Dampfboot).



Fig. 10: Henrik Lebuhn

### Selected publications

Lebuhn, H. (2019) Insurgent citizenship. In: Orum, A. (ed) *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*. John Wiley & Sons Ltd, New Jersey.

Porter, L., Sanyal, R., Bergby, S., Yotebieng, K., Lebuhn, H., Ramirez, M., Figueiredo Neto, P. and Tulumello, S. (2019) Borders and refuge: Citizenship, mobility and planning in a volatile world. *Planning Theory and Practice*, 20(1), pp.99-128.

Lebuhn, H. (2018) Urban Citizenship: Politics of citizenship and the Right to the City (Original title in German: Urban Citizenship: Politiken der Bürgerschaft und das Recht auf Stadt). In: Bernd, B., Hoerning, J., Lebuhn, H., Michel, B. and Vogelpohl, A. (eds) *Productions of Space II – Theoretical Controversies and Political Contestations* (Original title in German: *Raumproduktionen II – Theoretische Kontroversen und politische Auseinandersetzungen*). Westfälisches Dampfboot, Münster, pp.120-135.

Lebuhn, H. (2018) Urban Citizenship 'Light': Migration and diversity in the neoliberal city (Original title in German: Stadtbürgerschaft 'Light': Migration und Vielfalt in der neoliberalen Stadt). In: *PROKLA – Zeitschrift für kritische Sozialwissenschaft*, 191, pp.325-333.

Lebuhn, H. (2017) Shifting struggles over public space and goods in Berlin: Urban activism between protest and participation. In: Hou, J. and Knierbein, S. (eds) *City (un)silenced: urban protest and public space in the age of shrinking democracy*. London, Routledge, pp.145-155.

### Teaching summer term 2019

Doctorate Seminar

#### Key Concepts in Planning Theory and Urban Studies

Seminar 280.629 | 4 ECTS

Prof. Dr. Sabine Knierbein, Prof. Dr. Simon Güntner and Visiting Prof. Dr. Henrik Lebuhn

The overall goal of this course was to provide a space for doctoral and advanced master students to read and reflect on key concepts in planning theory and urban studies. As the approach to learning was interest-based, the participants and lecturers collaboratively identified a body of literature for the course. When working with these texts, it was reflected more generally on how to work with theoretical and conceptual texts, how to identify arguments, implicit theories and normative positions.

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Project  
**Learning in the Postmigrational City**

Project 280.506 | 12 ECTS  
 Visiting Prof. Dr. Henrik Lebuhn, Prof. Dr. Sabine Knierbein,  
 Dr. Amila Širbegović and Univ. Ass. Angelika Gabauer, MA

With European cities becoming rapidly more diverse, the recognition of difference and what this entails is constantly being negotiated. This course aimed at exploring how diversity is being negotiated in various formal and informal learning settings in the city, and how maneuvering diversity plays out differently from site to site. Following the recent debate about 'infrastructures', the aim of the course was not only to focus on relational aspects in the stricter sense, but also to include the materiality of the built environment, how it expresses, facilitates or impedes intercultural encounters, and needs to be understood as part of de/constructing "the other".

In a series of seminars and lectures imbedded in a workshop atmosphere, students were given the opportunity to discuss cutting-edge theories and to learn about recent debates at the intersection between urban studies and migration studies. Departing from the debate about cities in postmigrational societies, the discussion was expanded to the recent literature on encounters and borders, alter politics and citizenship and difference and (super-)diversity in urban space. These debates were contextualised with wider discussions on urban precarization and growing social inequality with the aim to include socio-spatial dimensions of social closure, authoritarianism and racism.

Students were asked to develop and conduct empirical research projects in Vienna in partnership with local civil society organizations. With the aim of translating the research results into formats that can be communicated to a broader, non-academic audience, a multilingual supplement with contributions in eight different languages for the street journal Augustin (<https://augustin.or.at>) was produced. Augustin is a Viennese street journal that supports homeless, long-term unemployed, asylum seekers and other marginalized groups. It received the "Dr.-Karl-Renner-Award 2019" (<https://www.geschichtewiki.wien.gv.at/Dr.-Karl-Renner-Preise>).

**Public Evening Lecture**

**Planning the Solidarity City**

by Visiting Prof. Dr. Henrik Lebuhn on 3rd April 2019 at TU Wien

In recent years, progressive cities in many European countries have started to protest against the restrictive European border and migration regime and the right-wing agenda of their national governments. Top-down initiatives as well as grassroots movements have emerged under the banner of the 'Solidarity City'.

In his Public Evening Lecture Visiting Prof. Henrik Lebuhn examined this trend and asked for possible implications for urban planners as well as local politicians and city governments.

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<https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/veranstaltungen/vortraege>.



Fig. 11: Cover of the Augustin Supplement "Postmigrant Vienna"

Fig. 12: QR Code: Read the Supplement "Postmigrant Vienna" here:

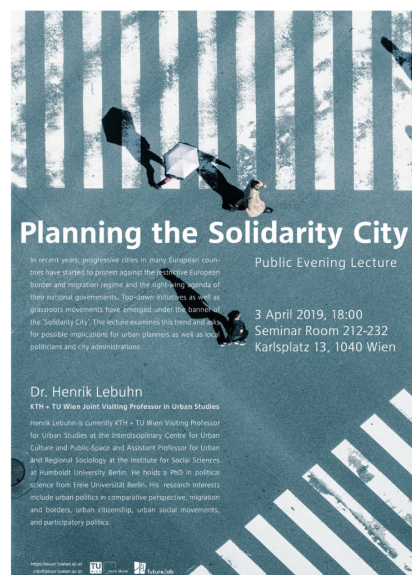


Fig. 13: Poster Public Evening Lecture 2019

## Selected Publications

### Journal articles

Cohen, N. and Rotem-Mindali, O. (2018) Driven by fear? Commuting and fear of terrorism in the West Bank. *Geography Research Forum*, 38(1), pp.89-112.

Gabauer, A. and Knierbein, S. (2019) The transformation of public spaces: An urbanistic analysis (Original title in German: Die Veränderung der öffentlichen Räume: Eine urbanistische Analyse). *Zeitschrift für Außerschulische Bildung*, 1(2019), pp.4-9.

Israel, E., Cohen, N. and Czamanski, D. (2019) Return on capital? Determinants of counter-migration among early career Israeli STEM researchers. *PLoS ONE*, 14 (8).

Knierbein, S. (2018) Public space and refugee studies: Performing emancipation, resistance and opposition at train stations in Budapest and Vienna in 2015. *Journal of Geography*, 32, pp.70-83.

Lebuhn, H. (2018) Urban Citizenship 'Light': Migration and diversity in the neoliberal city (Original title in German: Stadtbürgerschaft 'Light': Migration und Vielfalt in der neoliberalen Stadt). In: *PROKLA – Zeitschrift für kritische Sozialwissenschaft*, 191, pp.325-333.

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Viderman, T. and Knierbein, S. (2018) Reconnecting public space and housing research through affective practice. *Journal of Urban Design*, 23(6), pp.843-858.

### Book chapters

Lebuhn, H. (2019) Insurgent citizenship. In: Orum, A. (ed) *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*. John Wiley & Sons Ltd, New Jersey.

Gabauer, A. (2018) Conflict vs. consensus. An emancipatory understanding of planning in a pluralist society. In: S. Knierbein, T. Viderman (eds) *Public space unbound: Urban emancipation and the post-political condition*. Routledge London/New York, pp.173-188.

Knierbein, S. and Viderman, T. (2018) Space, emancipation and post-political urbanization. In: S. Knierbein, T. Viderman (eds) *Public space unbound: Urban emancipation and the post-political condition*. Routledge London/New York, pp.3-19.

Viderman, T. and Knierbein, S. (2018) Public space unbound: Emancipatory praxis and lived space. In: S. Knierbein, T. Viderman (eds) *Public space unbound: Urban emancipation and the post-political condition*. Routledge London/New York, pp.270-280.

### Books

Knierbein, S. and Viderman, T. (2018) *Public space unbound: Urban emancipation and the post-political condition*. Routledge, London/New York.

Lebuhn, H., Belina, B., Hoerning, J., Michel, B. and Vogelpohl, A. (2018) *Productions of Space II – Theoretical controversies and political contestations* (Original title in German: *Raumproduktionen II – Theoretische Kontroversen und politische Auseinandersetzungen*). Westfälisches Dampfboot, Münster.

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### Talks and public lectures

Cohen, N. (2018) Urban studies and the ethics of care. Lessons from Southern Tel Aviv. Evening Lectures Series, Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space, Vienna, Austria 05.12.2018.

Gabauer, A., Lehner, J., Knierbein, S. and Viderman, T. (2018) Mapping urban morphologies of (in)justice. Lecture at the PSUC International Conference: The Urbanization of (In)Justice, Nicosia, Cyprus, 16.05.2018 - 18.05.2018.

Gabauer, A. and Lehner, J. (2019) Learning from aging: Knowledge and participation in urban space (Original title in German: Vom Altern lernen: Wissen und Teilhabe im urbanen Raum). Autumn Symposium of the Department of Age(ing) and Society of the German Society for Sociology (Original title in German: Herbsttagung 2019 der Sektion Alter(n) und Gesellschaft der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie). Vienna, Austria 14.09.2019.

Lebuhn, H. (2019) Planning the Solidarity City. Evening Lectures Series, Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space, Vienna, Austria 03.04.2019.

Lehner, J. (2019) Everyday geographies of age(ing). AESOP Planning for transition 9 – 13 July 2019, Track: Healthy city planning: Food, physical activity and social justice. Venice, Italy 11.07.2019.

Lehner, J. (2019) Academic programs, projects and activities on public space: The Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space. Lecture at the International symposium Past Present and Future of Public Space: Knowledge sharing toward implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Venice, Italy 22.09.2018.

Knierbein, S. (2018) Bridging urban form and social relations. An urban studies perspective. Keynote: Urban Morphology International Lectures. Rome, Italy/Vienna, Austria 19.12.2018.

Knierbein, S. (2018) Critique of everyday life and post-positivist planning theories. AESOP Annual Congress 2018 - Making Space for Hope, Chalmers University. Gothenburg, Sweden 13.07.2018.

Knierbein, S. (2018) Planning theory and lived space: Revisiting the critique of everyday life in the 21st century. Keynote: Everyday geographies of public space. Imaginations and practices in Florence. International Workshop, University of Florence. Florence, Italy 08.11.2018.

### International exchange

Prof. Dr. Kzure Cerqueira Silva (Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro, Brasil) Guest research stay from 8. - 31.5.2019, Research Project: Diffuse Urbanization and Public Space.

Marcus Owens (University of California, Berkeley, USA) Guest research stay from 01. - 29.07.2019, Reserach Project: Geopolitics and Urban Ecology.

### Further international projects and partners

2018-2020 Geographies of Age. Older people's access to housing and to urban life in cooperation with Centre for the Future of Places, KTH Stockholm and ETH Wohnforum – ETH CASE, Zürich.

2017 – 2020 Emerging Perspectives on Urban Morpology (EPUM) in cooperation with University of Cyprus, University of Porto, Sapienza University (Rome) and Space Syntax Ltd. London. Funded by the European Union.

2016 – 2018 Erasmus+ Capacity Building Project "An Alternative Approach to Top-down Urban Design Processes: A Participatory Design Simulation Study in 100. Yil Neighborhood".



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# Geographies of Age:

## Older people's access to housing and to urban life

Research Module 2: Accessibility, qualities, design and use of public indoor (facilities) and outdoor spaces by older persons (access to urban life)

In the context of an ageing population, growing life expectancy and with it a larger share of very old persons, questions of access to housing, services and public spaces present growing challenges to many cities. The vision of age-friendly cities and ageing in place (allowing older persons to stay as long as desired and possible in their familiar home environment) is facilitated by processes of digitalisation, individualisation of life-styles, urban regeneration, by new housing arrangements and a variety of services, and so forth. For healthy ageing, the participation in urban life and meaningful activities is fundamental. Through the comparison of the metropolitan areas of Stockholm, Vienna and Zurich, the research project "Geographies of Age" aims at exploring older people's access to housing and urban life. In the course of three research modules the project aims at proposing options and requirements for city governments and actors of the housing market in order to support and enhance age-friendly urban environments.

In 2019, the partners of the research project - Centre for the Future of Places at KTH Stockholm (Sweden), ETH Centre for Research on Architecture, Society and the Built Environment Zurich (Switzerland), and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space at TU Wien (Austria) - focused in the research module 2 on older people's access to urban life. Questions of accessibility, qualities, design and use of spaces at the intersection of the public and private spheres were addressed on the basis of a relational understanding of age(ing) as a process and lived space as an analytical field where crossovers between housing and public space research are facilitated.

In coordination with the partners, the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space carried out numbers of activities during 2019 in order to proceed with the research, disseminate preliminary research results and develop a network of collaborators on Geographies of Age(ing) in Vienna and internationally.

An Interim Workshop for all project partners was organized by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space on 15th-16th January 2019 in Vienna. On the first day, workshop participants got an in-depth view of the Viennese context through the input "Aging in the City/Aging of the City" by sociologist Prof. Dr. Christoph Reinprecht, University of Vienna, followed by a field visit to the intergenerational housing project OASE 22 and discussions with actors from care and urban management organizations such as Caritas Wien Stadtteilarbeit as well as other research institutions. The second day was dedicated to an intensive exchange among the research partners on the current research status and the development of a joint research methodology for research module 2. On the basis of common research approaches of each research partner, a joint methodology with the following set of methods was discussed: mobile ethnographies (narrative interviews, focus group interviews, go-along method, mapping/visual analysis) and a dialogue workshop with older people and policy makers.



Fig. 14: Interim Workshop, January 2019



Fig. 15: Interim Workshop, January 2019

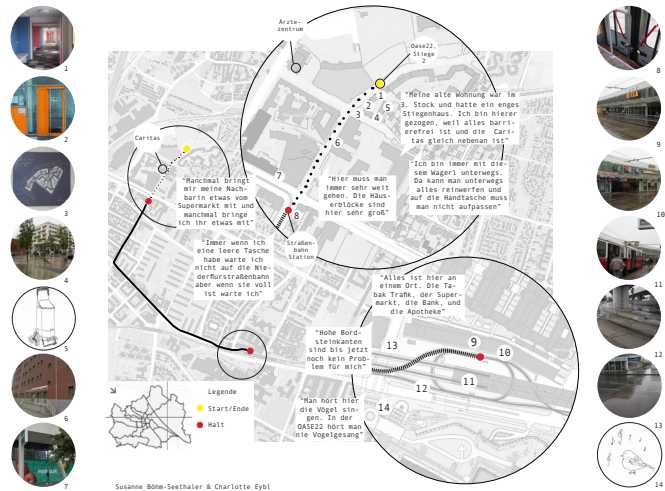


Fig. 16: Student Mapping

In preparation for the field research, a number of expert interviews with key actors around the topic of aging (e.g. City of Vienna Senior's Office) and case study site visits were conducted in Vienna. Additionally, the centre offered a seminar course on Geographies of Age(ing) in Vienna for master students of architecture and spatial planning to explore new approaches of research-based teaching. During the seminar, students were prepared to conduct walking interviews with older inhabitants on two exemplary sites of subsidized housing (with barrier-free apartments for older people) and to illustrate the walks through mapping techniques. Inputs on mapping, conducting data analysis and the theoretical framework of relational age(ing) research supported the research process.



Fig. 17: Go-Along Interview, April 2019

In June 2019, the centre organized a "Dialogue Workshop" together with students of the seminar course, where relevant actors from local initiatives, institutions and the city administration were invited to jointly discuss research findings together with the participants of the walking interviews. In the structured process of a World Café, workshop participants collectively reflected on major qualitative aspects of the interviews and mappings. Through the joint debate new insights and further relevant data were generated which enhanced the preliminary results of the research. In addition to this outcome, the Dialogue Workshop facilitated the exchange and contact of older persons with relevant institutions and initiatives around the topic of age(ing), and vice versa.



Fig. 18: Dialogue workshop, June 2019

For the dissemination and discussion of preliminary research results within the scientific community, Judith Lehner and Angelika Gabauer from the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space presented the findings and research approach at the AESOP Conference 2019 in Venice at the Track "Healthy City Planning: Food, Physical Activity and Social Justice" as well as in the Roundtable "Geographies of Age: Older people's access to housing and to urban life". Another presentation was done at the Autumn Symposium of the Department of Age(ing) and Society of the German Society for Sociology (Herbsttagung 2019 der Sektion Alter(n) und Gesellschaft der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie) on 13th-14th September 2019. During the International Urban Studies Conference CARE – Cities. Action. Research and Education at TU Wien, Austria, 20th – 22th November 2019 dissemination strategies in form of scientific papers and book chapters were developed by the project partners.

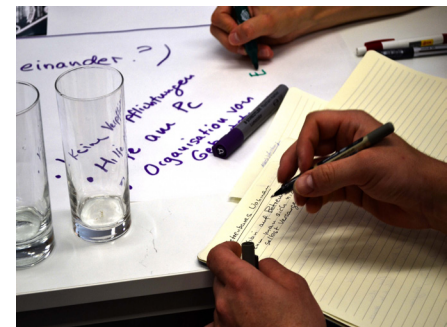


Fig. 19: Dialogue workshop, June 2019



Fig. 20: Dialogue workshop / World Café, June 2019

# International Urban Studies Conference

## CARE Cities. Action. Research and Education

20th - 22th November 2019, TU Wien, Austria.

### Aim and relevance of the conference

With the focus on action, research and education, the conference explored mutually formative relations between cities and care. It aimed to discuss ambivalences inherent to care in regard to achieved progresses and ongoing struggles and reflected on the power of caring practices in shaping solidary urban futures.

While the struggles for egalitarian society have gained a momentum promising to reshape inter-personal geographies of inequality, processes of capitalist urbanization continue to bear their extractive, perverted and dispossessive features. The concept of care allows for connecting the early modern focus on (factory) workers as the realm for urban resistance with late modern interest in the urban population as a key agent for change in order to rethink the relation between labour, habiting and care in contemporary times. Particularly neo-Marxist, feminist, poststructuralist and postcolonial approaches have engaged with the scales, dimensions and practices of care to accentuate 'other' realms of labour (no paid, low paid, underpaid) and underrated forms of political organization of resistance (non-movements, quiet encroachments, fragmented mass activism) that play out in the public and private realms of contemporary cities, as well as across their divides. Endeavours that call for an ethical engagement with urban citizens, communities and collectives trigger a care debate that challenges and enriches the focus on spatial justice and urban rights. In this context, this conference aimed to 'map', 'sketch' or 'engage with' analytical dimensions of care by emphasising everyday life as a dazzling, yet ambivalent interface for intersectional research of multiple notions of care.



Fig. 21: Conference Poster

### The conference was organised into three sessions:

#### I. Socio-spatial (in)equalities and the work of care

Session Chairs: Nir Cohen and Sabine Knierbein

#### II. Struggles and contestations around care

Session Chairs: Kim Trogal and Tihomir Viderman

#### III. New care arrangements and civic innovation

Session Chairs: Angelika Gabauer and Henrik Lebuhn

In all of the three thematic panels the conference explored different notions of care and brought together an international audience of more than 150 guests and contributions from 19 speakers of diverse disciplinary and geographical backgrounds.

### Conference host institution

Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, TU Wien (<https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at>), Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Vienna, Austria.

### Involved institutions

- Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, TU Wien, Austria
- Centre for the Future of Places, KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden
- Department of Geography & Environment, Bar Ilan University, Israel
- Canterbury School of Architecture, University for the Creative Arts, UK
- Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany
- Chair for City Management, Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus, Germany



### Keynote Speakers

- Katharine McKinnon (La Trobe University, Australia)
- Ali Madanipour (Newcastle University, UK)
- Fran Tonkiss (London School of Economics, UK)

### Scientific Conference Committee

- **Nir Cohen**, Dr., Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography & Environment, Bar Ilan University, Israel, KTH & TU Wien Visiting Professor 2019
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- **Henrik Lebuhn**, Dr., Assistant Professor in Urban and Regional Sociology, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany, KTH & TU Wien Visiting Professor 2019
- **Kim Trogal**, Dr., Lecturer in Architecture History and Theory, UCA Canterbury, UK, KTH & TU Wien Designated Visiting Professor 2020
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### Local Organizing Committee

Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space:

- Angelika Gabauer
- Katharina Höftberger
- Olivia Kafka
- Sabine Knierbein
- Judith Lehner

### Conference publication

An international and peer-reviewed book publication on “Care and the City” (working title) will be published after the conference with Routledge. Publisher has just offered contract for this. This innovative publication-by-conference process used the conference as space for discussing article drafts and developing profound relations between authors and editors, based on the possibility for face-to-face encounter and exchange.

### Networks and partners

The third day of the conference was organized by different actors and institutions in Vienna and beyond, and curated by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space. This so-called Add-On Day included the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership in Higher Education Multiplier Event EPUM on “Urban Form, (In)Equality and (In)Justice: Research and Education” (<http://epum.eu>) and a Meeting of the Thematic Group Public Spaces and Urban Cultures of the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP TG PSUC) (Link to AESOP: <http://www.aesop-planning.eu>). In the afternoon of the Add-On Day a variety of workshops and excursions to different sites and communities in Vienna were organized by NGOs and other local actors, curated by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space.

The conference was also part of the 50th anniversary of the spatial planning study program of TU Wien: [https://raum.tuwien.ac.at/50\\_years\\_of\\_spatial\\_planning/EN/](https://raum.tuwien.ac.at/50_years_of_spatial_planning/EN/).

For more information visit:

<https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/veranstaltungen/konferenz/cities-action-research-and-education>.



Fig. 22: Keynote by Katharine McKinnon



Fig. 23: Opening by Sabine Knierbein



Fig. 24: Name Badges



Fig. 25: Roundtable Discussion



Fig. 26: Session Discussion

# Outlook

## KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies 2020

### Urban Productivity. New Public Space, Youth Integration and Labour Market Access

Academic Year 1st October 2019 - 30th September 2020

In many cities of the global North, public spaces have been characterized as having lost their productive role while increasingly catering for the needs of consumerist lifestyles. This finding is contrasted with empirical evidence (not only) from cities of the global South in which growing parts of the young population have been disintegrated and disconnected from the labour markets. According to UN Habitat "youth make up 25% of the global working age population, but account for 43.7% of the unemployed. This means that almost every other jobless person in the world is between the ages of 15 and 24 "(UN Habitat Online 2018<sup>1</sup>). It is in these cities but also in European cities that public spaces are acquiring new productive roles to reorganize labour and work and to bring informalized economies and ways to make one's living back into formalized sectors and patterns of public regulation. In Greece, Spain and Italy between 30 and 45% of young people are unemployed, whereas rates in Cyprus, Croatia, Portugal and France range between 20 and 30%. Sweden (16,9%) figures close to the European average (16,1%) whereas Austria (9,7%) scores slightly better (Statista Online 2018<sup>2</sup>). It is in cities, and particularly in urban peripheries where parts of the lower socio-economic brackets dwell, where challenges of youth unemployment need to be actively identified and addressed. UN Habitat proposes a three step procedure as regards: (1) national or city-level empirical research on the challenges and opportunities of urban youth populations; (2) national or city-level workshops to discuss the results of the research on urban youth; and (3) participatory policy formulation of a national or city urban youth strategy, which encompasses skills development, job creation, sports, and recreation. With the focus on urban productivity, the Academic Year 2020 features international scholars with a specific expertise in considering new public space, and its economic role to foster social innovation particularly for the young world population. How can labour market access be improved through open source and open culture-based practices of co-production, and how can the field of spatial arts, informed by empirical evidence and theoretical debate from the social sciences and urban empirical research, provide new paths of employment? Particularly performative, design-built and hands-on approaches in urban design that bridge existing educational and language divides shall be explored and promoted. Scientific perspectives from e.g. sociology of labour, or socio-economic perspectives on current ways of labour market restructuring including related spatial features, will be needed in order to tackle this key challenge of 21st century urbanization. Specifically the fields of architecture and urban design, if rethought along the challenge of providing labour markets for future urban generations, can make a very particular contribution in adding their responsibility to respond to these crucial challenges.

### Visiting Professor Dr. Kim Trogal, Lecturer at the University for the Creative Arts, Canterbury, UK



Fig. 27: Kim Trogal

Kim Trogal completed her architectural studies at the University of Sheffield, including a PhD in Architecture (2012) for which she was awarded the RIBA LKE Ozolins Studentship. She was Research Assistant at the Sheffield School of Architecture (2012–2015), exploring issues of local social and ecological resilience, and Postdoctoral Researcher at Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London (2014–2016). She is co-editor, with Doina Petrescu, of "The Social (Re)Production of Architecture" (Routledge, 2017), with Doina Petrescu, Irena Bauman and Ranald Lawrence of "Architecture and Resilience: A series of interdisciplinary dialogues" (Routledge 2018) and co-editor with Valeria Graziano of a special issue of the journal Ephemera: "Theory & Politics in Organisation", called "Repair Matters" (2019). Kim Trogal's research covers the intersecting fields of feminist theory, ethics and politics in contemporary spatial practice.

<sup>1</sup> UN Habitat Online (2018) Youth. <https://unhabitat.org/urban-themes/youth/>.

<sup>2</sup> Statista Online (2018) Youth unemployment rate in EU countries January 2018. <https://www.statista.com/statistics/266228/youth-unemployment-rate-in-eu-countries/>.

## KTH & TU Wien Joint Visiting Professorship Program in Urban Studies 2021

### Urban Generations. Public Space, Ageing Society and New Health Conditions

Academic Year 1st October 2020 - 30th September 2021

Current (urban) biographies are increasingly affected by a new need for (private, professional and leisure) mobility. Access to mobility (through cities, in cities, within urban housing markets, as regards public service provision, etc.) however is not equally shared across different generations; and within intergenerational perspectives, across socio-economic divides within one age group. Urban inhabitants have been considered socio-historically as being exposed to an increased risk of health problems (due to physiological aspects like air pollution; psychological aspects like stress factors; socio-environmental criteria like poverty and living in marginalized areas with poor housing quality). Yet the phenomenon of the ageing society is also accompanied by a new generation of ageing urban dwellers, who opt for an individualized and self-determined way of living as long as their health condition allows. The emphasis on social and technical innovations that help to improve that same health condition come thus under the focus of those generations that soon face processes of aging. But also, social fragmentation and isolation as well as phenomena of urban loneliness are posing new challenges to urban researchers and to the spatial arts: How are urban policy makers envisioning new approaches to cater for the ageing society, for single-person or collective households in all stages of life and which roles do public spaces play in order to facilitate easy access to urban mobility, housing markets, public space, and other public services? How are intergenerational ways of co-living framed and what building typologies and public space designs actually facilitate an active exchange between different urban generations?

In terms of theoretical conceptualization, we invite scholars considering e.g. a feminist ethics of the body, of affect and of care that have been recognized in political science (theoretically, methodologically) as facilitating inclusive and socially innovative approaches to an understanding of this third challenge of urbanization. The simultaneous co-existence of (demographic, spatial) phenomena of urban shrinking alongside (immigration-based, economically-desired) spatial phenomena of urban growth are part of an understanding of this key challenge for which we invite an international scholar versed in ethnographic and architecture based approaches to urban policy analysis as regards increasingly fragmented urban biographies in need of mobility, interconnectedness and access to urban life and urban services. Particularly urban research can serve as an innovative scientific interface at which insights on inter- and intragenerational problematics and policy response to changing demands for (co)housing production, low-threshold public space design and inclusive welfare delivery need to be framed.

### Designated Visiting Professor Dr. Marie Antoinette Glaser, Senior Researcher at ETH Zürich, Switzerland



Fig. 28: Marie Glaser

Marie Glaser is director of the ETH Wohnforum – ETH CASE Centre for Research on Architecture, Society & the Built Environment at the Department of Architecture of ETH Zürich. She completed her studies in European cultural anthropology and literature at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, American University Washington D.C. and the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies (IFF) at University of Vienna (Dr. phil. 2004). She is educated in inter- and transdisciplinary research methods and approaches. She is co-founder of the ETH Affordable Housing Forum, an international network of researchers, architects, designers, planners and practitioners in the field of housing, and contributes regularly as housing expert to public boards and as jury member of architectural competitions. Her research, publications and teaching is set at the interplay of built and lived space and focuses on social and cultural history of housing, social innovation in housing, issues of inequality and strategies towards inclusion in housing and urban life.

For more information visit: <https://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/professors/covvps>.

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