

INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRE FOR URBAN CULTURE AND PUBLIC SPACE

Stiftungsgastprofessur Stadtkultur und öffentlicher Raum



The Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at TU Wien is dedicated to identify connecting characteristics between urban research, urban design and urban planning, between practice and theory regarding the thematically combined fields of the lived and planned city. In collaboration with experts from different disciplines and cultures, we try to explore how public spaces work as societal processes in urban environments. They ‚sediment‘ as constructed or built spaces, for instance taking the shape of designed or constructed projects, in which cultural aspects are increasingly embedded by diverse players with a manifold spectrum of interests. We connect different positions in the field of lifeworld oriented international urban studies at the interface of research, teaching and international networking. Since 2009 TU Wien annually employs the City of Vienna Visiting Professorship (materially supported by the City of Vienna) according to the annual themes which follow a specific focus. The focus at the moment is: „Urban Culture, Public Space and the Education of Urban Professionals“ (2015 - 2017).

Der Arbeitsbereich für Stadtkultur und Öffentlicher Raum an der Fakultät für Architektur und Raumplanung der TU Wien spürt Anknüpfungspunkte zwischen Stadtforschung, Stadtgestaltung und Stadtplanung, zwischen Praxis und Theorie in der gelebten und geplanten Stadt auf. Mit ExpertInnen aus verschiedenen Disziplinen und Kulturkreisen wird ergründet, wie öffentliche Räume als Vergesellschaftungsprozesse in der Stadt funktionieren. Diese ‚sedimentieren‘ baulich-räumlich, etwa in Form gestalteter und geplanter Projekte, bei denen immer stärker auch stadtkulturelle Aspekte diverser AkteurInnen mit unterschiedlichsten Interessen zum Tragen kommen. Im Hinblick auf die lebensweltlich orientierte internationale Stadtforschung verknüpfen wir verschiedene Positionen an der Schnittstelle von Forschung, Lehre und internationalem Netzwerken. Seit 2009 besetzt die TU Wien die Stiftungsgastprofessur, die von der Stadt Wien materiell gefördert wird, anhand von Jahresthemen unter einem inhaltlichen Schwerpunkt. Dieser ist im Moment: „Stadtkultur, öffentlicher Raum und Bildung urbaner ExpertInnen“ (2015 - 2017).

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City of Vienna Visiting Professorship 2017 /
Stiftungsgastprofessur 2017

Academic Leader Landscape Ed Wall (University of
Greenwich)

International Conference / Internationale Konferenz

Unsettled: Urban routines, temporalities and contestations.
29th - 31st March 2017, TU Sky Lounge

Teaching TU Wien 2017/ Lehre an der TU Wien 2017

Module 11 - Exploring Urban Futures – Urban Equity:
VO 280.482, SE 280.483, UE 280.484
PhD Seminar - Doing Urban Studies: SE 280.491
Exercise - Mapping a Conference: UE 280.490

Research Networks / Forschungsnetzwerke

AESOP Thematic Group Public Spaces and Urban Cultures,
<http://www.aesop-planning.eu>

Educational Networks / Bildungsnetzwerke

Erasmus Exchange Programme with Aristotle University of
Thessaloniki, Greece

Library / Bibliothek

Contains approx. 570 works of relevant specialized literature.
Borrowing books over the weekend, Fri 10am - 3pm til
Mon 10am - 3pm.
Contact: info@skuor.tuwien.ac.at

RESEARCH / FORSCHUNG

PUBLICATIONS

- HOU, J und KNIERBEIN, S (2017, in print)** City Unsilenced. Public Space and Urban Resistance in the Age of Shrinking Democracy. New York/London, Routledge.
- TORNAGHI, C und KNIERBEIN, S (2015)** Public Space and Relational Perspectives. New Challenges for Architecture and Planning. New York/London, Routledge.
- MADANIPOUR, A, KNIERBEIN, S und DEGROS, A (2014)** Public Space and the Challenges of Urban Transformation in Europe. New York/London, Routledge.
- DOMINGUÉZ, C und KNIERBEIN, S (2014)** Espacio Público y las Políticas Urbanas. Gestión y Ambiente (peer-reviewed, open access). Vol. 17, No. 1+ No 2, 2014

PROGRAMME

City of Vienna Visiting Professorship for Urban Culture and Public Space Programme

PHASE III URBAN CULTURE, PUBLIC SPACE AND THE ...URBAN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

(2017) ...Future(s) - Urban Equity and the Global Agenda, (2016) ...Present(s) - Urban Solidarity and European Crisis, (2015) ...Past(s) - Urban Peace and National Welfare

PHASE II URBAN CULTURE, PUBLIC SPACE AND ...URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(2014) ...Ways of Life - Everyday Life and Insights, (2013) ...Knowledge - Education and Difference, (2012) ...Resources - Aesthetics and Materiality

PHASE I URBAN CULTURE, PUBLIC SPACE AND ...URBAN SOCIETY

(2011) ...Market - Economy and Innovation, (2010) ...State - Politics and Planning, (2009) ...Civil Society - Culture and Conflict

for further projects (WTZ, WWTF, a.o.), visit <http://skuor.tuwien.ac.at/en/research>

NETWORKS

ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN SCHOOLS OF PLANNING, Thematic Group for Public Spaces and Urban Cultures (AESOP TG PSUC) <http://www.aesop-planning.eu/>

KNIERBEIN, S und SEZER, C (2015) AESOP Thematic Groups. Public Spaces and Urban Cultures. DISP- the Planning Review, 51. 2015/2. S. 80-87.



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E. Wall



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D. Linder



K. Höftberger



D. Mayer

RESEARCH PROFILE / FORSCHUNGSPORTFOLIO

INTERNATIONAL URBAN STUDIES

- lived space
- urban restructuring
- capitalist urbanization 20th/21st century

POLITICAL TRANSITIONS

- Neoliberal urbanization and beyond
- Politics of public space/Cultural policy
- Regulation and post-political governance
- ...

ECOLOGICAL TRANSITIONS

- Political ecology
- De- and post-growth urban development
- Urban health, climate and wellbeing in compact and dense cities
- ...

SOCIAL TRANSITIONS

- Social polarization and precarization
- Urban minorities and majorities
- Public space and housing research
- ...

CULTURAL TRANSITIONS

- Urban everyday life
- Urban migration and difference
- Urban education and learning
- ...