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INTRODUCTION

Following an often quoted Castells's metaphor of space of flows we must recognize cities not only as nodes concentrating those flows, but also as political agents entangled into innumerable networks encompassing the globalised world. Those networks may operate on various scales – from the very local one (like in case of local community or entrepreneurs engaged in public governance) to the regional (metropolitan cooperation) and international ones (twinning or urban organisations). As a result, cities operate in multi-scalar spaces. It allows to look at the cities as political agents shaping their presence on the global political and economic arena. It also provides scope for treating inner urban politics and policies as signs of downscaling.

The lock-in concept is brought up not only to underline that the importance of network structure for contemporary development and policy can have positive and negative influence on different processes and places, but fore mostly to enhance discussion about origins and history of the diverse sets of factors influencing policy implementation with which the cities struggle in the 21st century. The lock-in concept brings to the discussion such notions as: sustainability, flexibility, incremental changes, evolution, durability, permanency, and self-reinforced mechanisms.

This perspective allows to embrace all the topics related to the relations constructed by cities and urban actors towards external actors. The proposed conference tracks encompass political, social, democratic, functional, economic and spatial relations providing scope for participation of scholars and practitioners dealing with cities from various perspectives.

This year conference **is co-organised by Capital City of Warsaw. We will be welcomed in Warszawa by Deputy Mayor Michał Olszewski** in Palace of Culture and Science where some of City Hall offices are located. Deputy Mayor will also join the conference during Practitioners Round Table on Friday morning. Some of the participants taking part in panel discussions are also University of Warsaw graduates and Warsaw City officials. Warsaw local government is now working on **Warsaw 2030 Strategy**. We will have an opportunity to ask questions about it and watch movies documenting the process.



GENERAL PROGRAMME

Day one – Wednesday 21.06.2017

- 3:00 p.m.-4:40 p.m. Meeting of the Urban Research and Practice Editorial Board
- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. EURA Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Pre-conference reception

Day two – Thursday 22.06.2017

- 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Registration of participants
- 9:00 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Plenary session I
- 10:40 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Plenary session I cont.
- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Panel sessions in tracks (1)
- 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Panel sessions in tracks (2)

Day three – Friday 23.06.2017

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Plenary session II – Practitioners round table
- 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Panel sessions in tracks (3)
- 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Panel sessions in tracks (4)
- 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. EURA General Assembly
- 7:00 p.m. Conference dinner

Day four – Saturday 24.06.2017

- 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Coffee
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Panel sessions in tracks (5)
- 12:00 a.m.-12.30 a.m. Coffee & sandwich break
- 12:30 Mobile workshops

FULL PROGRAMME

2017-06-21 Wednesday	
14h30-17:00	Registration of participants (Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies building)
15h00	Meeting of the Urban Research and Practice Editorial Board (W107)
17h00	EURA Board Meeting (W107)
19h30	Pre-conference reception (Palace of Culture and Science (PKiN))
2017-06-22 Thursday	
08h30-16h30	Registration of participants (Old Library Building, ground floor)
09h00	Welcoming of Participants by Local Organising Committee and Mikołaj Madurowicz presentation titled Warsaw Snapshots (Old Library Building, Auditorium, ground floor)
09h15	Opening plenary session part 1: Barbara Czarniawska, The Mediated City: Cities in the Media and Media in the Cities (Old Library Building, Auditorium, ground floor)
10h50	Coffee break
11h10	Opening plenary session part 2: Richard Feiock, Metropolitan Governance in the US and Institutional Collective Action
12h30	Lunch

	B111	B112	B113	B114	B115	B116
14h00	<p>1 Structures of metropolitan governance (Chair: Marta Lackowska)</p>	<p>2 Urban regimes, networking and public-private co-operations (1) (Chair: Iwona Sagan)</p>	<p>3 Citizens, local authorities and EU attitude (Chair: Rob Atkinson)</p>	<p>4 Sustainable urban development (Chair: Mirosław Grochowski)</p>	<p>5 Climate Change and Resilience (1) (Chair: Matthias Finger)</p>	<p>6 Good urban governance: assessing principles and practices (Chair: Kristof Steyvers)</p>
	<p>Mark Limb, Carl Grodach, Expectations of Mobile Policy: A new theoretical framework to examine policy adoption and implementation</p> <p>Koenraad De Ceuninck, The city-regional debate in Flanders. Still a long way to go</p> <p>Patricia Feiertag, The label of metropolitan region in Germany and France</p> <p>Cristina Stănuș, The politics of metropolitan areas in Romania</p>	<p>Paweł Swianiewicz, Is there re-municipalization? Forms of local public service delivery in the opinions of European mayors</p> <p>Robert Łuczak, New spatial division of labor and the nodes of global information economy – key development factor or also an obstacle?</p> <p>Matteo Basso, Prosecco Town goes global: explorations on a globalizing low-density territory</p> <p>Deepanjan Saha, Joy Sen, Role of networks in creative economy: Case of Varanasi, India</p>	<p>Sonia De Gregorio, Analysing EDUSI in the context of the evolution of the EU urban policy in Spain</p> <p>Iwona Sagan, James Scott, Place-Making through Urban Culture: East-West Perspective on Europeanisation</p> <p>Adrian Favero, Political Attitudes Among the Urban Polish Youth: Assessing the Role of the City on Support for the European Union</p> <p>Tom Verhelst, The Influence of Local Government on EU Decision-Making: a Comparative Case Study</p>	<p>Tanima Bhattacharya, A Study to Augment the Vitality of an Urban Space by Regulating Visual art Parameters</p> <p>Vidhu Pandey, Joy Sen, Methodology for identifying indigenous urban patterns for sustainable urban development of a traditional city system: Case of Varanasi</p> <p>Gro Sandkjær Hanssen, Multi-level governance of sustainable urban development in Norway: Ambitious cities and an ambiguous state in localization issues</p> <p>Maja Nilssen, Urban planning in smart cities: Innovation or merely old wine in new bottles?</p>	<p>Francisco Javier Toro Sánchez Cities locked in hierarchical sustainable networks in Spain: an assessment of some of these initiatives</p> <p>Filippo Magni, Francesco Musco, Climate change adaptation measures for coastal cities</p> <p>Magda Buchczyk, Keri Facer, Entanglements of resilience: addressing global challenges in Bristol</p> <p>Stephen Hall, Exploring self organised responses to climate change in Europe: A Q Methodology study</p> <p>Mario Reimer, Karsten Rusche, Governance for Green Infrastructures in European City Regions: The Cases of Manchester, Copenhagen and the Ruhr</p>	<p>Filipe Teles, Luis Sousa, Sara Moreno Pires, Ana Macedo, Assessing the Quality of Local Governance: a review of normative principles and theoretical approaches</p> <p>Jurga Bucaite Vilke, Public Involvement and Governance Alternatives: Discussion on the Normative Patterns of Local Interests in Lithuania</p> <p>Nuno da Cruz, António Tavares, Ringa Raudla, Daniel Fernandes, The Quality of Local Governance: A Critical Review of Current Assessment Models</p> <p>Alistair Jones, What is 'Good Governance'? A Model of 'Good Governance' for restructuring English Local Government</p>
16h00	Coffee break					

16h30	1 The post-Trump reform of metropolitan governance (Chair: Robin Hambleton)	2 Urban regimes, networking and public-private co-operations (2) (Chair: Linze Schaap)	3 Multilevel governance, innovation in governance, territorial development (Chair: Sonia De Gregorio)	4 Social urbanism (Chair: Gro Sandkjær Hanssen)	5 Climate Change and Resilience (2) (Chair: Hubert Heinelt)	6 Urban leadership: mayors (Chair: Colin Copus)
	<p>Kitty Kelly Epstein, Left-wing cities confront Right-wing National Agendas</p>	<p>Dubravka Jurlina Alibegovic, Sabina Hodzic and Emira Becic, Limited Fiscal Autonomy of Croatian Large Cities and its Impact on the Global Political and Economic Arena in Croatia</p>	<p>Eleni G. Gavra, Kleoniki Gkioufi, Balkan cities towards European networking</p>		<p>Robert Dare, Lisa Bornstein, David Brown, Addressing the Threat of Heat in the Built Environment: An Overview of Physical Planning Policy for Heat Mitigation in North America and Western Europe</p>	
	<p>Valeria Fedeli, Mind the gap: metropolitan reforms and the new space-society relationships</p>	<p>Matteo Basso, Francesca Gelli, Maurizio Pioletti, Residential building energy retrofitting in a policy perspective: an assessment of tools and models of action</p>	<p>Joerg Kemmerzell, Innovative climate policy instruments in the European multilevel system. Do they make a difference at the local level?</p>	<p>Barbara Jaczewska, Anna Grzegorzczuk, Social challenges in Berlin, Paris and Warsaw Metropolitan Area. Enclaves of wealth and poverty</p>	<p>Filippo Magni, Denis Maragno, Francesco Musco, Alberto Innocenti, Vittore Negretto, Innovative perspective of climate proof cities: adaptation guidelines for Medium size Municipality</p>	<p>Adam Gendzwill, Are independent mayors different? Non-party local leaders and their views on local democracy in European countries</p>
	<p>Karsten Zimmermann, Seeing it like a metropolitan region: How ideas influence metropolitan governance</p>	<p>Ernesto d'Albergo, Giulio Moini, Barbara Pizzo, Urban development, accumulation strategies and urban regimes: is change possible? The AS Roma stadium project in Rome</p>	<p>Aldona Wiktorska-Święcka, Integrated Territorial Investments (ITIs) in Poland – an innovation in governance, a standard or a wasted opportunity?</p>	<p>Marta Derek, Multifaceted heritage in Warsaw. Urban tourism locked in history?</p>	<p>Eva Frensemeier, The Lock-in of German Municipalities on Energy Efficiency Funding Programs – Critical review of the Cases Dinslaken-Lohberg and Bottrop</p>	<p>Joanna Krukowska, Marta Lackowska, How to become a mayor? European mayors' political careers</p>
	<p>Robin Hambleton, The rise of the city region - exploring alternative models of sub-national governance</p>	<p>Julita Łukomska, Katarzyna Szmigiel-Rawska, Inter-Local Relations and Trans-Scaling through Finance in Polish Local</p>	<p>Kamil Przyborowski, Integrated Territorial Investments as a base for metropolitan cooperation – practical aspects of programming and implementation of the ITI in Poland</p>	<p>Markku Norvasuo, Finnish cities locked in the historical space of neighbourhood units: the case of Pansio</p>	<p>Sandra Moye-Holz, The transformation towards low-carbon housing for low-income households</p>	<p>Bas Denters, Kristof Steyvers, Networked mayoral leadership in Europe</p>
	<p>Daniel Galland, The substantive and procedural character of metropolitan planning: Towards an understanding of metropolitan space and metropolitan relations in Scandinavian contexts</p>		<p>Maurizio Pioletti, Giancarlo Cotella, Umberto Janin Rivolin, Elena Pede, Promoting sustainable and inclusive</p>	<p>Ewelina Biczynska, Spatial barriers and social urbanism in Medellin (Colombia)</p>		<p>Daniel Čermák, Dan Ryšavý, Renáta Mikešová, The Influence of Municipality Size and Personal Characteristics of Mayors on Mayoral Agenda</p>

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2017-06-23 Friday

08h30	Coffee					
09h00	Plenary session: Practitioners round table: Urban Policy Challenges (Chair: C. Copus, P. Swianiewicz) (Old Library Building, Auditorium, ground floor)					
11h00	Coffee break					
	B111	B112	B113	B114	B115	B116
11h30	1 Cooperation in metropolitan areas (Chair: Filipe Teles)	2 Global politics and path dependencies in urban development (1) (Chair: Paweł Swianiewicz)	3 Europeanisation, cities and urban policies (Chair: Sonia De Gregorio)	4 Physical territory and path dependence (Chair: Gro Sandkjær Hanssen)	5 Social issues (Chair: Hubert Heinelt)	6 Urban development: instruments and policies (Chair: Tom Verhelst)
	<p>Ivan Tosics, Metropolitan areas around European cities: the cooperation challenge</p> <p>Victor Osei Kwadwo, Metropolitan governance cooperation and long term environmental objectives: a three-level hierarchical linear model analysis</p> <p>Nerih Catik, Municipal international cooperation as a new instrument of development aid: The Case of Marmara</p>	<p>Martin T. W. Rosenfeld, Bastian Heider, Constraints from Socialism for Urban Economic Recovery – Results from Case Studies in East German Cities</p> <p>Igor Vojnovic, Laura Reese, Jeanette Eckert, Gary Sands, Crumbling Local and Regional Networks: Revitalization Initiatives in Detroit</p>	<p>Joanna Koszewska, Alexandre Fruchart, Sarah Dubeaux, Development and shrinkage of cities across Europe in the light of planning instruments. A comparison of chosen cases in Poland, France and Germany</p> <p>Bastian Heider, Eastern EU Enlargement and Urban Development - Did Polish, Czech and German Border Towns Benefit?</p>	<p>Camilla Perrone, Giancarlo Paba, Physicality and path-dependence in the post-metropolitan transition: the case of Florence and Tuscany</p> <p>Michele Dalla Fontana, Francesco Musco, Limited solutions for sustainable supply of water, energy and food in urban areas: the case of Guarulhos (Brazil)</p> <p>Christian A. Nygaard, Persistent spatial social structures: on the emergence of modern</p>	<p>Carmen Navarro, Alfonso Egea, Ageing cities: ageing, public policy and local government</p> <p>Matteo Puttilli, Cultural heritage, tourism, and sustainability. Reflections from the "Sustainable Destination Plan for the Ancient Cities of Upper Myanmar: Mandalay, Amarapura, Innwa, Sagaing, Mingun (2016-2021)"</p>	<p>Natasha Fletcher, A Multi-Sector Approach to Creating and Maintaining Affordable Housing in Berlin</p> <p>Rob Atkinson, Emerging forms of governance in urban development: the role of contractual relations in public accountability</p> <p>Luis Miguel Sánchez Escolano, Interlocking, mid-sized cities and regional development in Andalusia (Spain)</p>

	<p>Region in Turkey</p> <p>Rachel Wall, Alistair Jones, Combined Authorities: Urban imperialism or loss of urban identity?</p>	<p>Anna Dąbrowska, Wojciech Dziemianowicz, Local innovation systems in peripheral regions – case of cities located in Eastern Poland</p>	<p>Sune Wiingaard Stoustrup, European Spatial Planning - From Policy to Project in Budapest and Vienna</p>	<p>neighbourhoods</p> <p>Angelika Psenner, "Wiener Null" - Levelling the City of Vienna</p>	<p>Sonia Uribe, Gentrification in a Cultural Landscape: Forces Driving Population Turnover</p>	<p>Lorena Axinte, Regenerative city regions: exploring the connections between regenerative development, collaborative governance and progressive regionalism</p>
	<p>Aleksandra Picej, The local governments' activity in the networks of inter-municipal cooperation in the metropolitan area of Poznań</p>	<p>Özlem Bülbül, Thinking of the Neoliberal Populist Turn in Turkey: the charm of the 'construction' in the 2000s</p> <p>Heba Hussein, Cities in the Rise of Cloud Urbanism - As Interplay of Metropolitan Areas and virtual networks urbanism</p>	<p>Rafał Florczyk, European Union's impact on urban regimes of cities situated in metropolitan areas, case of Legionowo</p> <p>Ignazio Vinci, Understanding urban policy through the lens of twenty years of cohesion policy: the case of Palermo</p>		<p>Patrycja Grzyś, The place of locality in a globalized world. How to maintain the local identity of city in the era of global standardization? - a case of city Lodz</p>	<p>Robin Chang, Temporary Use: Dichotomies between ephemeral tactics and strategic institutions</p>
13h30	Lunch					

14h30	1 Metropolitan management instruments (Chair: Marta Lackowska)	1 Spatial planning in metropolitan areas (Chair: Joanna Krukowska)	6 Urban citizenship: participation and resilience (Chair: Kristof Steyvers)	4 Size and urbanity (Chair: Mirosław Grochowski)	5 Infrastructures (Chair: Matthias Finger)	6 Urban leadership: elections, representation and interest mediation (Chair: Koenraad De Ceuninck)
	<p>Michel Rochefort, Defusing Local Resistance to a Metropolitan Land-use and Development Plan through Innovative Partnerships: The Case of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (Canada)</p> <p>Klaudia Peszat, Agnieszka Laskowska, Integrated Territorial Investments in Poland and local innovation systems in the Polish capital cities of provinces</p> <p>Zeynep Arslan, Municipality's Role in Identity Development in Turkey</p> <p>Eran Razin, The Metropolitan Scale of Planning Systems:</p>	<p>Gro Sandkjær Hanssen, How to overcome the "spatial fit"-dilemma in metropolitan planning?</p> <p>Agnieszka Telega, Agnieszka Małkowska, Spatial planning in Metropolitan Areas – is there policy - mimicking among Polish municipalities?</p> <p>Paweł Sudra, Urban sprawl in the Warsaw agglomeration in the context of local spatial planning and coordination of planning at the metropolitan level</p>	<p>Sinem Atay, Drawbacks of Turkey's new metropolitan administrative system: an example of Ankara</p> <p>Delaram Ashtari, Seyed Mohsen Habibi, Fostering Participation in Urban Planning Through the Use of Social Media: Case Studies from Iran</p> <p>Bianca Radu, Influence of public participation on the resilience of communities in the case of emergency situations in Romania</p> <p>Paula Russell, Spaces for Community- Local Government Reform in Ireland and Citizen Engagement</p>	<p>Jan Polivka, Locking and De-Locking Neighborhoods' Development Paths - Strategies of Stakeholder Networks to develop Sprawled Monostructural Settlement Areas at Urban Fringes</p> <p>Aaron Deslatte, Izabela Karsznia, Katarzyna Szmigiel-Rawska, António Tavares, Regional Governance and Land-Use Changes: A Comparative Study of Metropolitan Areas in the US and Europe</p> <p>Elena Otilia Tarita Cimpeanu, Andreea Popa, Street network pattern Based on the performance criteria of urban traffic in a small</p>	<p>Renard Teipelke, Advanced Urban Analytics Lab on Urban Development in Asia</p> <p>Sunny Bansal, Arkopal Kishore Goswami, Joy Sen, Globally Integrated Urban Network Management based on Airport-oriented Development (AOD) - evaluation of concept and strategic model: A case of Varanasi, India</p> <p>Alessandra Fasoli, In between citizens and institutions: how the digital manufacturing network is becoming an important economic agent in the urban development. A Case Study: Fab Lab Roma Network</p>	<p>Colin Copus, Councillors: Public Accountability a Political Innovation or unrecognized Potential for Governing</p> <p>Lee Pugalis, Ania Ankowska, Institutional memory, policy disruption and the evolution of city-regional governance and accountability</p> <p>Ljubinka Andonoska, Pre- and post- election local budgets: The case of Macedonia</p> <p>Jan Erling Klausen, Sub-municipal Governance in Oslo</p>

	Ontario, British Columbia and Israel			town Dorota Mantey , Suburban public spaces as an effect of strong ties with the city Bettina Knoop , Urbanity locked in growing cities? A theoretical approach to the potentiality of urban space	Michele Dalla Fontana , Francesco Musco , Rethinking cities through a water-energy-food nexus approach Monika Kustra , Smart city and urban technological innovations – tools for strategic city management?	
16h30	Coffee break					
17h00	EURA General Assembly (Auditorium)					
19h00	Conference dinner (Villa Foksal)					

2017-06-24 Saturday

09h30	Coffee (Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies Building) Coffee-Break Chats on the Publishing Process (for those interested)			
10h00	B107	B308	W111	W108
	1 Housing Policy in comparative perspective (Chair: Björn Egner)	4 Infrastructure, hubs, and nodes (Chair: Mirosław Grochowski)	4 Reshaping the skylines of historic cities (Chair: Igal Charney)	5 Migration (Chair: Karsten Zimmermann)
	<p>Magdalena Gorczynska, Affordable housing: changing notion and policy responses in comparative perspective</p> <p>Katharina Grabietz, Heike Böhler, Max Kayser, German housing policy in times of austerity – best practice examples from the local level</p> <p>Leila Javanmardi, Housing for whom? The Emergence of Residential Segregation in Iran's Contemporary Urbanism</p> <p>Zeynep Arslan, The Impact of Neoliberal Aspect on Housing Policy: Reflections from Istanbul</p>	<p>Peter Toth, Experiences in bike sharing and city development in Hungary</p> <p>Marek Wojtaszek, From Network to Meshwork. Material Heterotopia of the Airport Code-space</p> <p>Urszula Nikitin, How do urban ring roads supported by EU Structural Funds improve economic and social connections between cities of Mazovian Regions?</p> <p>Julia R. Kotzebue, Integrated Sustainable City-State Development and Hamburg's Motorway A7 Cover-the Need for Place Oriented Spatial Governance</p> <p>Leticia Nerone Gadens, Urban rupture as a process of spatial transformation: the construction of urban spaces from mega-sport events</p>	<p>Igal Charney, Gillad Rosen, Creeping verticality in Jerusalem: reshaping the skyline beyond the limits of the historic city</p> <p>Martine Drozd, Densification without verticalisation: The inconspicuous volumetric urbanism of contemporary Paris</p> <p>Andrea Glauser, Lost in 'viewing corridors': On the politics of Vienna's skyline</p> <p>Manuel Appert, Maxime Huré, Restructuring the contestations against tall buildings in London : the London's Skyline Campaign</p>	<p>Susanne Søholt, Cities – locked in by international and national regulation of migration</p> <p>Maurizio Pioletti, Emanuela Bonini Lessing, Reducing Boundaries. Understanding urban exclusion through perception and policy implication of urban security: the case of Porto Alegre (BR)</p> <p>George Touma, The Effect of Migration on the Urban Planning Environment</p> <p>Hee-Jung Jun, Hyun Jeong, Evaluating Sustainability in the Urban Village Project: The Case of a Multicultural Community in Seoul</p>
12h00	Coffee and sandwiches break (Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies Building) Coffee-Break Chats on the Publishing Process (for those interested)			
12h30	Mobile workshops			



the impact of the cities on the implementation of activities supported by cohesion policy in their functional areas. The paper will focus on the presentation of ways of dealing with the challenges that have emerged in the process of programming and implementation of an ITI in Poland on the example of the Warsaw Functional Area (WFA). The main challenges in the process of programming of the ITI in WFA was primarily: the identification of common and acceptable (for all municipalities) development goals, overcoming the barriers of mistrust towards Warsaw and to raise awareness of the benefits of working together (the success of the entire area as the success of each municipality). Challenges that appeared on the stage of implementation of the ITI instrument are: the need to reconcile the roles of Intermediate Body in Regional Operational Programme and the organizer of metropolitan cooperation and how to realize integrated partnership projects with high added value for the integrity of the functional area while they are selected in a competitive procedure. I believe my proposition will be interesting both for researchers and for the policy makers involved in implementation of ITI.

Angelika Psenner

“Wiener Null” - Levelling the City of Vienna

Nestled between hilly landscape (foothill of the Alps) and marsh land (Danube) the city of Vienna was prevented from easily spreading. During Gründerzeit (Historism 1848-1918), when the city experienced a rapid population growth (from 400.000 to over 2.2 Million inhabitants) the townscape was therefore modified radically: Not only has the river Danube and its wetland been regulated, but also has the soil of the entire city been levelled to a normative height: the “Wiener Null”. The aim of this large-scale intervention was to prevent slopes and to build straight and ideal streets that subsequently would form a grid that was “as evenly and uniformly as possible”. So far this major change in the cityscape has not been investigated appropriately. The paper will therefore examine the following themes and questions: How has the enormous amount of soil been removed? Which technical and organisational problems had to be approached? Where has the earth been stored? What (ecological) consequences did this intervention imply? Does the extensive levelling impose actual impacts on a climatic level (heat island effect; heavy rain drain problem)? Throughout the 20th century the levelling of the city of Vienna proceeded to some extent. Only in the 70ies, when because of the planned raising of the soil the catholic church feared to lose the grand staircases leading up the churches the levelling of a certain area in the 9th district was stopped – by leaving behind a site of houses with parterre-cellars. The paper aims to enlighten a peculiar and uncharted aspect of Vienna’s urban planning history. Key words: Vienna; Gründerzeit



(Historism); surface condition; street grid; levelling.

Lee Pugalis

Ania Ankowska

Institutional memory, policy disruption and the evolution of city-regional governance and accountability

Fiscal purging, austerity urbanism and ‘push’ politics are altering the nature, form and contours of city-regional governance. Of central concern to this paper are the interconnected issues of democratic engagement, accountability and legitimacy. The renegotiation of systems of city-regional governance are challenging traditional normative principles and engendering their reinvention. From an English perspective, important concerns have been expressed by a variety of actors concerning the accountability of city-regional systems of governance, with evidence disseminated in the popular media in late 2016 highlighting widespread conflicts of interests, and the severity of potential abuses of power and misappropriation of public resources. Investigating recent English practice, including the introduction of both soft and hard spaces of governance (e.g. Local Enterprise Partnerships and Combined Authorities, respectively), we trace the evolution of city-regional governance and accountability mechanisms in Greater Manchester and Greater Birmingham. The former can be characterized as benefiting from a legacy of institutional memory, embedded patterns of working and cross-party and cross-sector collaboration, whereas the latter has been prone to fractured political relationships, policy disruption and more fluid territorial configurations. Empirical insights are analyzed through a post-positivist interpretive framework, which draws upon the collation and analysis of case specific documents and 47 semi-structured, face-to-face interviews with a broad range of state and non-state actors over the period May to November 2016. The study sheds new light on intersects between formal and informal systems of governance and accountability mechanisms.

Matteo Putilli

Cultural heritage, tourism, and sustainability. Reflections from the “Sustainable Destination Plan for the Ancient Cities of Upper Myanmar: Mandalay, Amarapura, Innwa, Sagaing, Mingun (2016-2021)”

Tourism represents one of the main challenges investing cities worldwide. On the one hand, it fosters economic development and intercultural exchange; on the other hand, it could have destabilizing effects at the social, cultural and environmental levels. In Myanmar the recent opening up to the global economic system is producing an impressive increase in