

The planning community is still trying to come to terms with the rational and functional project of modernist planning. Both theory and practice are revisiting the tools, aims and knowledge of urban planning. To address these issues planning studies are increasingly drawing upon concepts and methodologies of science and technology studies (STS). At this intersection, theoretical and empirical approaches have underlined the complexity and uncertainty in the object of planning, and have brought into focus the relation between planning practices, techniques, expertise and politics. Also in the field of STS and urban studies, the notion of planning as a technocratic and a rational exercise has been challenged. Where STS has turned to the city and its planning in order to examine the relationship between technologies, knowledge and power, urban studies has looked at the city not as a stable and bounded entity but as an object that is continuously made through diverse and situated practices.

The workshop aims at discussing and further developing conceptual, methodological and practical aspects of STS approaches to the planning and making of cities. Particularly inviting theoretical and empirical contributions, the workshop aims:

1. To consider cities not as the backdrop but as the object of science and technology in urban planning research. That is, to study how knowledges and technologies such as planning ideas, instruments and procedures come to frame and are being framed by the city.
2. To focus on the specific sites and practices that relate planning knowledge and practice. In particular to find out empirically how urban planning is a technical or political exercise legitimized in participatory and expert driven planning processes, and how diverse actors mediate planning intervention.
3. To explore the ways STS approaches can be productive in planning research and practice. It is interested in how STS concepts retain and gain an analytical and methodological edge among comparative and normative planning studies.

Organization

Jean Ruegg and Marko Marskamp, Institute of Geography and Sustainability (IGD) at the University of Lausanne; and Monika Kurath and Julio Da Cruz Paulos, ETH CASE, Department of Architecture at the ETH Zurich.

Registration

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Assembling Cities:

STS concepts and methodologies in planning studies

International conference at the
ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Wednesday
21 January 2015

Thursday
22 January 2015

Main building, Rämistrasse 101
Room HG E 42

Tuesday 20 January 2015

15:00 - 17:00

City Tour Zurich

Guided by Oliver Zenklusen
Meeting point: Brasserie Bernouilli, Hardturmstrasse 261

Wednesday 21 January 2015

09:00 - 09:15

Opening

Monika Kurath, Jean Ruegg

09:15 - 09:45

Anders Blok

Assembling urban riskscapes: Climate adaptation planning, scales of change, and the politics of expertise in Surat, India

09:45 - 10:15

Ignacio Fariás

Urban Cosmograms: The cosmopolitics of master plans for urban reconstruction

10:15 - 10:45

Discussion

Chaired by **Marko Marskamp**

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 - 12:45

Parallel sessions

1. Technologies and Artifacts of Planning

2. Practices of Planning Urban Futures

12:45 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 14:30

Anique Hommels

Re-assembling Cities: Applying SCOT to post-disaster urban change

14:30 - 15:00

Francisco Klauser

Studying the Smart City in Action: Tensions and complementarities between STS and Michel Foucault

15:00 - 15:30

Discussion

Chaired by **Julio Da Cruz Paulos**

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Parallel sessions

3. STS in Use: Methods and Concepts

4. Participation and Planning a Common City

17:30 - 18:00

Discussion

Thursday 22 January 2015

09:00 - 09:15

Opening

Monika Kurath, Jean Ruegg

09:15 - 09:45

Mattias Kärrholm

Some notes on time-space territorology

09:45 - 10:15

Jonathan Metzger

Care-ful approaches to the more-than-human urban collectif: How feminist STS opens up affordances for doing planning differently

10:15 - 10:45

Discussion

Chaired by **Jan Silberberger**

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 - 12:45

Parallel sessions

5. Planning Discourses and Infrastructures

6. Planning Knowledges and Controversies

12:45 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 14:30

Michael Guggenheim

Endostructural cosmopolitics: Im/mutable im/mobiles

14:30 - 15:00

Ola Söderström

Governing at a distance: models, discourses and images in urban development

15:00 - 15:30

Discussion

Chaired by **Michaela Schmidt**

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:15

Discussion

Chaired by **Julio Da Cruz Paulos and Marko Marskamp**

17:15 - 17:30

Closing

Monika Kurath, Jean Ruegg

Parallel sessions Wednesday

1. Technologies and Artifacts of Planning

Room HG E 42

Discussants: Anique Hommels and Francisco Klauser

Data Dreaming: The case of Soviet territorial production complexes

Diana Kurkovsky West

Master plan, Master land: Reconstruction and redevelopment in Kaliningrad, the former Koenigsberg

Olga Sezneva

Smart about cities: Techno-optimism and 21st century urbanism

Matthijs Kouw

Cities, innovation, sustainability and the future of health

Rider Foley and Lauren Withycombe Keeler

2. Practices of Planning Urban Futures

Room HG E 33.3

Discussants: Ignacio Fariás and Jonathan Metzger

Assembling legality: the material politics of a “squatter” settlement on the urban periphery

Craig Hatcher

Give us a mobile unit of the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and we can raise the transit city

Melina Antonakaki and Evgenia Tousi

Municipal planning practices as complex co-production of fluid and network topologies: The example of removal and non-removal of illegal artworks in public places

Emma Paulsson

Urban futurity and the preservation of Detroit sound

James Macmillen and Trevor Pinch

3. STS in Use: Methods and Concepts

Room HG E 42

Discussants: Mattias Kärrholm and Michael Guggenheim

Framing the city

Krishna Bharathi

How to “anonymize” an architectural project?

A methodological reflection

Jan Silberberger and Ignaz Strebler

Obduracy and Emotions: A hospital’s embeddedness in the city

Dara Ivanova, Iris Wallenburg and Roland Bal

What planners do: Networks of collective action in the Ruhr Area and Grand Lyon

Andreas Putlitz

4. Participation and Planning a Common City

Room HG E 33.3

Discussants: Anders Blok and Jonathan Metzger

Translating factishes into blueprints: an ‘in situ’ analysis of a cooperative planning workshop in Vienna

Julio Da Cruz Paulos

Public Participation and Eventual Urbanism:

A social material enquiry

Jorge Martin Sainz de los Terreros

The continuities of participatory urban planning: Who are the stakeholders?

Helena Leino

Tracing the democratic deficit: An ANT view on urban governance networks

Guillén Hiram Torres Sepúlveda

Parallel sessions Thursday

5. Planning Discourses and Infrastructures

Room HG E 42

Discussants: Anique Hommels and Michael Guggenheim

Mobile Obduracy in Everyday Practice: A mobile ethnography of London buses and cyclists

Pim Peters

Going down the drain: The biopolitics of sewage in Vienna

Markus Maicher and Sebastian Raho

The socio-technical framing of urban water in the Capital Region of Denmark

Chiara Fratini and Jens Stissing Jensen

Alternative Food Networks: The agro-food system and relocalization: sociotechnical perspectives in Ile-de-France

Raphaël Stephens

6. Planning Knowledges and Controversies

Room HG E 33.3

Discussants: Anders Blok and Ola Söderström

Enacting the Cities of the Future through environmental knowledge management

Lucía Liste, Lina Ingebrogud and Vivian Lagesen

Reconstructing communities: locals, experts and knowledges in Japan’s participatory recovery planning

Tyson Vaughan

Translating sustainable urbanism: traveling ideas as assemblages

Elizabeth Rapoport

Things Overlooked? An ANT approach to urban renewal in Rotterdam (NL)

Marko Marskamp