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Notification deadline is Friday, 31st October 2014

Notification is necessary, but no fee is required to participate.

Conference language is English.



Venue

KunstSalon
Brühler Str. 11-13
D-50968 Köln

Public Transport Information

Bus Departure from Central Station: bus line 132 or 133 to station „Mannsfeld“ (approx. 2 Min. walk to the Venue).

If you prefer to travel by car please be aware that there is limited parking space available.

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Workshop

Exploring the Future of Suburban Neighbourhoods under Conditions of Declining Growth

Friday, 14th November 2014
KunstSalon, Köln

Exploring the Future of Suburban Neighbourhoods under Conditions of Declining Growth

Declining growth as an evolutionary phenomenon of cities in old-industrialized countries has been object of a large body of research and led to manifold strategies for planners, administration and owners.

At the same time suburban areas prospered, provoking the 'donut effect', so that suburbanization was often blamed to be a push factor for the urban decay. However, in recent years some suburbs themselves face the challenges of decline due to economic, social and demographic change. Most of the urban strategies are not appropriate for handling problems arising from the specific trajectories of suburban development.

The aim of the workshop is to explore the current debate regarding differences of suburbs and their evolution, possibilities of sustainable development, and lessons learned from empirical analyses.

It is the „kick-off“ of a project on shrinkage and declining growth in suburbia the ILS has recently started to work on. We want to explore both, the character shrinkage and decline in suburbia in an international context and adaptation strategies understanding decline as a chance.

Previously, ILS studied risks and opportunities of older single-family-housing estates in times of demographic and economic change. We are cooperating in a network with partners from Université Paris Est, Université Liège, Cardiff University, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, University of Applied Sciences Neubrandenburg, SBRCURnet Rotterdam, and Saxion University of Applied Sciences Deventer to analyse the different trends and conditions of shrinkage in neighbourhoods in Europe.

Programme

10:15 Registration

10:30 Introduction

Dr.-Ing. Frank Roost , ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, Germany

10:45 Suburban Neighbourhoods in Europe today – a Comparative Overview

Dr.-Ing. Tine Köhler, ILS

11:15 The Eye Level Perspective: Dealing with Declining Growth in Suburban Neighbourhoods

Prof. Dr. Gert-Jan Hospers, University of Twente & Radboud University, The Netherlands

12:00 Lunch



13:00 Demography-driven Suburban Decline? At the Crossroads: Mature Single-family Housing Estates in Germany

Andrea Berndgen-Kaiser, ILS

13:45 The Family House and its Territories in Contemporary Italy: Present Conditions and Future Perspectives

PhD Federico Zanfi,
Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU) Politecnico di Milano, Italy

14:30 Coffee Break

15:00 Shrinkage in Suburbia - the American Perspective

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Karina Pallagst,
Department International Planning Systems, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

16:15 Conclusion

Dr.-Ing. Frank Roost, ILS

Chair: Dr.-Ing. Frank Roost
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