

City Reformers Group - PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10th October 2012

Location: Former Airport Tempelhof – Room: Windrose,
Tempelhofer Freiheit, Platz der Luftbrücke 5, 12101 Berlin

10:30-11:30: Introduction – Recovering Cities across Europe

- (20 min.) **Oliver Weigel:** Welcome; National Urban Policy (NSP) conference; WMC project(s) since 2006 at ILS and LSE; new project phase, situation of recovering cities during “difficult times”; CRG network; welcoming of participants from new case study cities
- (25 min.) **Anne Power & Jörg Plöger:** Cities hit by crisis; considerable recovery efforts, showing resilience; findings from “Weak Market Cities” project; introduction of main themes for discussion (> session 1)
- (5 min.) **Jörg Plöger:** Structure of workshop, dinner, practical information

11:20-12:35 Session 1: Which direction? – Cities between recovery and on-going struggle

Chair: Anne Power

(60 min.) Main Themes

Theme 1: Recovery affected by financial and economic crisis

Input: Juan Alayo, Bilbao

Theme 2: Yet, cities are showing resilience (why?)

Input: Elisabetta Rosa, Torino

Theme 3: Social cohesion on the agenda in European cities (how?)

Input: Mathieu Goetzke, Lille

Theme 4: Economic development (which direction?)

Input: Achim Lohse, Leipzig

Theme 5: Urban development with less financial resources – instruments and experiences

Input: Burkhard Huhn, Bochum

(15 min.) Open discussion

12:35-13:30 Lunch break – time for discussion

13:30-14:45 Session 2: Learning from recovering large-sized European Cities – Benefitting from core functions?

Chair: André Müller

(50 min.) **Case Studies**

GER, Dortmund: *Rainer Danielzyk*

UK, Liverpool: *Gerald Murden*

POL, Poznan: *Iwona Matuszczak-Szulc*

ROM, Cluj: *Adrian Nicolae Raulea*

(Brief presentations of ~12 min.; brief overview of history/path, crisis/structural change, reorientation/approaches/strategies, signs of recovery, what did work?, what can we learn? Is this transferable?)

(10 min.) **Discussion of/response to presentations by City Reformers Group**

Thomas Kristen, Bremen

Sean Safford, US-expert

(15 min.) **Open discussion**

What works? What doesn't work? What can we learn from it?

14:45-16:00 Session 3: Learning from recovering medium-sized European Cities – How to survive on the periphery?

Chair: Mathieu Goetzke

(50 min.) **Case Studies**

GER, Pirmasens: *Sabine Weck*

UK, Rochdale: *Gareth Swarbrick*

POL, Konin: *Barbara Kietner & Alexandra Kaminska*

ROM, Bistrita: *Laura Muresan*

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Massimo Bricocoli, Milano

Andreas Kaufmann, Leipzig

(15 min.) **Open discussion**

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16:00-16:20 Coffee break / refreshments

16:20-17:20 Session 4: Dynamics in Eastern and Western Europe

Chair: Oliver Weigel

(50 min.) **Roundtable Discussion**

- Learning from which cities?
- Dynamics between East and West
- Discussion of useful case studies etc.
- Input and thoughts from experts

(10 min.) **Open discussion**

17:20-17:45 Round-up / What's next?

(25 min.) **Jörg Plöger, Oliver Weigel & Anne Power:**

- What have we learnt today? Which questions remain open? Where is research needed?
- Upcoming research in selected case study cities
- Interest in longer-term reactivation of the CRG network

20:00 CRG Dinner

Café Aroma

Hochkirchstraße 8, 10829 Berlin

<http://www.cafe-aroma.de/>

There will be a bus shuttle from the venue to the restaurant

