

2011 UK/Ireland Planning Research Conference 12-14 September 2011

PLANNING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Hosted by the University of Birmingham and Birmingham City University



Call for Abstracts and Sessions

The challenging times we face expose communities to a range of risks, hazards and perceived threats which have direct implications for planning: climate change and associated environmental issues; financial constraints, access to credit and economic uncertainty; political and security disorders; the effects of social polarisation and migration upon community cohesion; and challenges to existing patterns of governance and leadership styles. But what is the role and remit of planning in these challenging times when places and communities will need to be increasingly resilient? Here resilience is increasingly being focused not upon state institutions but upon citizen and community responses. But do communities have the skills to make effective decisions affecting their resilience and will all voices be heard equally? Moreover, how is planning reconciling the challenge of finding solutions and spatial strategies that will deliver 'more for less' whilst balancing future needs and resources?

We invite suggestions for thematic sessions by **28 January 2011** and abstracts of papers by **25 March 2011** to planningconference@contacts.bham.ac.uk

The conference will follow the well established pattern of plenary sessions, parallel track sessions and mobile workshops. Abstracts addressing British, Irish, European and international approaches to resilient communities are very welcome on the following indicative topics:

- Planning for climate change
- Planning theory
- Sustainable development
- Mobility and transport
- Planning for risk
- Urban and rural regeneration
- Participation and governance
- Urban design and physical forms
- Planning and the economic recession
- Learning and education



Key speakers include:



Lord Richard Rogers

Richard Rogers is the 2007 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate, the recipient of the RIBA Gold Medal in 1985 and winner of the 1999 Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Foundation Medal. He is also winner of the 2000 Praemium Imperiale Prize for Architecture, the 2006 Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement (La Biennale di Venezia) and the 2007 Tau Sigma Delta Gold Medal. He was awarded the Légion d'Honneur in 1986, knighted in 1991 and made a life peer in 1996. In 2008 he was made a Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour. In 1995, he was the first architect ever invited to give the BBC Reith Lectures – a series entitled 'Cities for a Small Planet' – and in 1998 was appointed by the Deputy Prime Minister to chair the UK Government's Urban Task Force. He was Chief Advisor on Architecture and Urbanism to the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone and has played an advisory role on design to the current Mayor of London, Boris Johnson. He has also been an Advisor to the Mayor of Barcelona's Urban Strategies Council. He has served as Chairman of the Tate Gallery and Deputy Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain. He is currently a Trustee of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. For full biography see website.



Simin Davoudi

Simin Davoudi is Professor of Environment Policy and Planning at the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape and the 'Justice and Governance' Theme Leader at the Newcastle

Institute for Research on Sustainability (NIReS), at Newcastle University. She held the Presidency of the Association of the European Schools of Planning (AESOP 2004-06) and was member of the AESOP Executive Committee (2003-2007), and co-chair of the

ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress Committee 2008 in Chicago, and led the UK Government's (ODPM / CLG) Planning Research Network (2003-2007) which provided advice on planning research programmes. She has served on different UK and International expert panels and advisory boards. For full biography see website.



Kelvin MacDonald

Kelvin MacDonald is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge. He is the Policy Adviser to the Royal Town Planning Institute and a member of

the Board of Trustees of Shelter. He is a registered Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) Commissioner and a Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Communities and Local Government and Transport Select Committees. He runs his own consultancy, Spatial Effects Ltd, and is a CABE Enabler. He has written *Planning at the Heart of Local Government*, published by DCLG and the LGA, *Creating Low Carbon Homes for People in Eco-towns* published by the TCPA and DCLG and *Building Blocks*, published by Shelter. He has been the Director of Policy and Research at the RTPi and Director of ROOM, the National Council for Housing and Planning. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and a Fellow of the Royal Town Planning Institute and of the Royal Society of Arts. For full biography see website.



Kieran Rose

Kieran is a Senior Planner with the Economic Development Unit of Dublin City Council. He was rapporteur for the Lord Mayor's Commission on Employment (2010); a

political response to the economic challenges for the city. The final report was titled: *Dublin:*

Working city; Learning city; Creative city; Open city; Global city, Liveable city. He drafted the economic policies for the Dublin City draft Development Plan (2010 - 2017) that stressed issues such as the challenges of the recession, the need for planning to be agile and responsive, to promote innovation, regeneration and for Dublin to be globally competitive. He co-authored the *Economic Development Action Plan for the Dublin City Region (2009)*. He was responsible for developing and guiding through successfully a new Dublin City Council policy for apartments, a quantum leap in the quality of this type of housing. He has a particular interest in Regeneration issues and the role of equality and diversity and competitiveness. He delivered a paper on 'Diversity Powering Dublin's Success' to a Conference on 'Dublin: A Creative City Region' (2007) at which Prof. Richard Florida was the keynote speaker. A shorter version was published as an Op-Ed piece in the Irish Times (17.6.2008): *Dublin could be a creative city if we get rid of self-limiting mind-sets*. He co-authored a paper on *International Competitiveness and the New Economy: The role of diversity and equality* (GLEN, 2009). He is a member of the Board of the Equality Authority and chair of GLEN.

Learn more

For more information, details of requirements for abstracts and on-line registration visit: www.curs.bham.ac.uk/planning-research-conference-2011

Venue

The University of Birmingham (Birmingham Business School)

Please send proposals for:

- Thematic sessions by 28 January 2011
- Abstracts (approx. 300 words) by 25 March 2011 to planningconference@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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