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Danuta Hübner was graduated from Warsaw School of Economics with an MSc (1971) and a PhD (1974). Awarded with a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of California, Berkeley (1988-90), she is one of Poland's foremost economists and policymakers who played a key role in the enlargement of the EU. Since 1992 she is a professor in economics, teaching at many European universities.

In 2004, Professor Hübner was appointed Commissioner with the regional policy portfolio. In the decade previous to this, her roles in Poland's Government included Minister for European Affairs, Head of Office of the Committee for European Integration and Secretary of State for Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2000-01 Professor Hübner was Under-Secretary-General of the UN and Executive Secretary at the UN Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

Since July 2009 Professor Hübner is a Member of the EP and Chair of the Committee on Regional Development as well as a member of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis and the Delegation for Relations with the US. She has been awarded with five doctorates *honoris causa* by European universities.

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Governance has become increasingly multi-level and multi-actor in Europe. But how do we deal with this phenomenon in territorial practice?

At one scale, it is impossible to define territorial policies and conceptualize territorial development without recognizing that the most powerful driving forces of development are located in the cities, or are these cities themselves. Given this, what role will cities play in the territorial governance of regions and national states?

At another scale, many Europeans are turning back to the perceived comfort of the national state. They feel distant from 'Europe' as the complexities of the governance of the financial crisis or the even more fundamental crisis of our model of democracy, seems increasingly removed from and irrelevant to contemporary society. This underlines the urgency of finding new models of territorial governance, models that reflect the realities of new social, economic and environmental goals and challenges.





FROM CITIES OF TO-MORROW TO A TOMORROW FOR CITIES

The Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) and the International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) have launched a joint activity within the framework of the Decade of Planning: a series of lectures in 2012-2013 by well known planners and other 'urban thinkers', both academics and practitioners. The idea is to attract not only the planning community but also a wider audience of politicians, community leaders and organizations, business and the media to promote planning as a discipline that can contribute to the quality of life, help find new tools of governance of the urban structures and function as an effective mediator between the many stakeholders.

The aim is to find possible answers to present day and emerging challenges that face planning and planners as a modern discipline in a new role in our contemporary complex and dynamic society. Big name speakers will attract media attention and give us the possibility of presenting planning in more positive, constructive and attractive way.

The connecting element running through the whole series is for the speakers to fill in on aspects of a new vision for planning by taking lessons from the past. Of course, each lecture will be following by a discussion with the audience led by a professional moderator. There is a (case by case) option for sending out the lecture live on the web to capture an even wider audience.

The first two years of lectures will form part of the activities being organised within the framework of both the Silver Jubilee of AESOP (2012) and the Centenary of IFHP (2013).

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