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**SQUARING THE CIRCLE:
HOW TO RECONCILE
APPARENTLY IMPOSSIBLE CONTRADICTIONS
IN CONTEMPORARY URBAN POLICY**

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There is an apparently-irreducible and impossible set of contradictions in urban policy across the developed world – and, increasingly across the developing world – between policy constraints, policy aspirations and the reality of socio-economic trends:

Policy constraints: climate change, almost everywhere recognised as a reality, is compelling policymakers to develop new guidelines;

Policy aspirations: these guidelines involve land use policies to reduce the need to travel and the substitution of more sustainable travel modes (public transport, cycling, walking) for automobile dependence;

Socio-economic trends: despite interesting recent contra-trends ('peak car', urban renaissance), the overwhelming trend everywhere is to continuing urban deconcentration.

Is it possible to reconcile these basic contradictions? Maybe, but the answer may vary greatly, depending on the basic political realities in different kinds of country across the world.





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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