

**Collaborative Research Exchange Workshop
on Public Space Design and Social Cohesion**

Program of activities

**Cardiff, 15th December 2017
Committee Room 1, Glamorgan Building, Cardiff University**

12 – 1 pm: Lunch

1 pm: Introduction to workshop and research project

Dr. Patricia Aelbrecht, Lecturer in Urban design, Cardiff University, UK
Dr. Richard Gale, Lecturer in Human Geography, Cardiff University, UK
Mr Sanjeev Kumar, Research Associate, Cardiff University, UK
Dr. Quentin Stevens, Associate Professor in Urban Design, RMIT, Australia

UK academic session

1:30: Prof. Ali Madanipour, Professor in Urban Design, Newcastle University, UK

1:45: Dr Nicola Dempsey, Senior Lecturer in Landscape architecture, The University of Sheffield, UK

2:00: Dr Juliet Davies, Reader in Architectural Theory and Design, Cardiff University, UK

2:15: Questions

2:25: coffee break

Denmark and Netherlands academic session

2:35: Prof. Tom Nielsen, Professor in Urban and Landscape Planning, Arhus University, Denmark

2:50: Dr Tuna Tasan Kok, Associate Professor in Planning, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

3:05: Questions

3:15: coffee break

Practitioner's session

3:25: Anna Dekker, Sociologist and Urban Planner, Placemakers, Amsterdam, Netherlands

3:40: Jane Dann, Director of Tibbalds Urban Design and Planning, London, UK

3:55: Questions

4:05: coffee break

International professional and research organizations session

4:15: David Bravo, Architect and secretary of the Jury of the European Prize for Urban Public Space, Centre of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona (CCCB), Barcelona, Spain

4:30: Dr Sabine Knierbein, Associate Professor and Director of Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space, Wien, Austria

4:45: Questions

4:55: coffee break

5:00 - 6:30: Plenary session

7 pm: Drinks followed by dinner

List of speakers and biographies

David Bravo

David Bravo is an architect and secretary of the Jury of the European Prize for Urban Public Space. Since 2003, he collaborates with the Centre of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona (CCCB) in the development of the European Prize for Urban Public Space, where he is responsible for contents and secretary of the Jury. He has directed for the Spanish public television (RTVE) the "Europe City" documentary (2012), on the validity of the European model of city and he has been curator of "Piso Piloto" (2015), an exhibition on the right to housing and the right to the city presented simultaneously at the CCCB and the Museum of Antioquia in Medellin (Colombia). He has also collaborated in the publication of the book *Europe City: Lessons from the European Prize for Urban Public Space* (Lars Müller Publishers, 2015). He has taught in the Master of City and Urban Planning at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC), the graduate of Art and Public Space of ELISAVA School of Design and the Master of Architecture and Urban Culture Metropolis. He talks about cities and public space in articles and lectures and he is a regular contributor to the *Revista Diagonal* architecture magazine.

Jane Dann

Jane Dann is Director of Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design, based in London. She is an urban designer, architect and town planner. Her focus is on the interface between design and planning. Her interests include the distinctive character of different places, the relationships between new and existing, heritage and placemaking. Jane's specialist expertise includes design guidance and design coding, having led a research programme that shaped government policy, and led to *Preparing Design Coding – A Practice Manual* (2006). Jane is a member of Historic England's London Advisory Committee and a Design Council CABE Built Environment Expert.

Juliet Davis

Juliet Davis is Reader in Architectural Theory and Design in the Welsh School of Architecture, Cardiff University. Three main interests inform Juliet Davis's academic research. First, she is interested in the role of design in the context of regeneration, and in the frequently problematic connections between urban improvement and processes of social change involving displacement and/or gentrification. She is interested in temporal aspects of urban transformation – the relationships that change articulates between past, present and future. She is particularly concerned with how design approaches the future, whether as a realm of anticipation, of endless possibility, of creative or speculative opportunity and/or of uncertainty. But, she is also interested in the history of the city, especially in exploring the nature of change over time, the relationship between future-oriented visions and everyday realities, and the path-dependencies of development.

Juliet Davis received her architectural education at Cambridge University, graduating in 1995 with a first-class degree (and the Edward S. Prior Prize for design) and, in 1999, with a Commendation for the Diploma in Architecture (RIBA Part II). She became a registered architect in 2001 and a Chartered Member of the RIBA in 2005. She completed an Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) PhD at the LSE in 2011.

Nicola Dempsey

Nicola Dempsey is Senior Lecturer in Landscape Architecture in the Department of Landscape at the University of Sheffield. She is joint editor of *Place-keeping: open space management in practice* (2014) and *Future Forms and Design for Sustainable Cities* (2005) (both Routledge). Nicola has extensive experience of researching public space in the urban environment, from the perspectives of users, practitioners and decision-makers. Her recent research examines decision making in open-space design and planning to explore their implications for all actors involved and for long-term management practices. Nicola holds a PhD in Urban Social Sustainability from Oxford Brookes University, UK.

Anna Dekker

Anna Dekker is Sociologist and Urban Planner in Placemakers an interdisciplinary urban design and planning practice in Amsterdam. She is also affiliated with Design Studio KNOL, co-founder of non-profit Stichting Thuismakers Collectief and the academic director of the UvA summer programme on Placemaking entitled 'The Everyday City and Beyond'.

Her academic and professional interests revolve around the planned vs. lived city, community development on the neighborhood level, co-creation processes, responses to office and shop vacancy, the planning, design and use of public space, sensory responses to architecture, alternative ways of mapping, feeling at home in the city and new work environments. Anna is involved in the work of Placemakers, Thuismakers Collectief and design studio KNOL, developing strategies, research and socio-spatial interventions. Anna spent time studying in Lausanne, Switzerland, Lyon, France and London, UK. She is a guest lecturer and guest critic at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy and HKU.

She holds a BA in Sociology and an MSc in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Amsterdam and an MSc in City Design and Social Science from LSE in London.

Richard Gale

Richard Gale is Lecturer in Human Geography in the School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University. His research lies at the intersection of geography with sociology. His substantive interests are in the areas of ethnic and religious segregation, place and the politics of identity, religion and urban governance, and ethnicity and political participation. Richard is also increasingly interested in debates surrounding social research methodology, and is committed to strategies that combine the insights of quantitative and qualitative research approaches. To date, his primary contributions have been to debates in the geographical study of religion and Islam in the UK and the political engagement of young people of minority ethnic heritage. He holds a PhD in Human Geography from the University of Oxford, an MA in Area Studies (South Asia) from SOAS, and a BA in History of Art and Architecture from the University of East Anglia.

Sabine Knierbein

Sabine Knierbein is Associate Professor in Urban Culture and Public Space at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, TU Wien, Austria. Since December 2008, she is

also head of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR). And a founding member of AESOP's Thematic Group for Public Spaces and Urban Cultures. Her research interests include the production of public spaces, epistemology of lived space and everyday life, urban politics, post-disciplinary approaches in urban studies, planning theory and postmodern urbanisms. Her particular field of expertise is global urban restructuring and urban societies' incentives to resist to, to alter and to overcome structural change.

She holds a PhD in European Urban Studies, from the Faculty of Architecture, Bauhaus-University Weimar and a Diploma in Landscape Architecture/Open Space Planning, from the University of Applied Sciences, Osnabrück, Germany.

Sanjeev Kumar

Sanjeev Kumar is Research Associate in the School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University. He is also an architect and urban designer with extensive expertise and project experience in sectors such as mass housing, large scale mixed-use development and urban design with project experience in multiple countries such as India, UK and UAE having specific interests towards International development, Urban design, regeneration, development and planning. He holds an MSc in International Planning and Development from Cardiff University and a BArch in Architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, India.

Patricia Lopes Simoes Aelbrecht

Patricia Aelbrecht is Lecturer in Urban Design in the School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University. Her research focuses on the social dimension of urban design, in particular on how social practices and activism in public space shape and redefine the meanings and uses of public spaces in a wide range of cross-cultural and social European contexts. Recent work also investigates mega-events as catalysts of urban regeneration and the contested regeneration of post-war modernist cityscapes. She holds a PhD in Urban Studies and an MSc in International Planning from University College London, and a BArch and MArch from the Technical University of Lisbon.

Ali Madanipour

Ali Madanipour is Professor in Urban Design in Newcastle University. He has studied (MArch, PhD), practised, researched, and taught architecture, urban design and planning, winning design and research awards, and working with academic and municipal partners from around the world. His work has been translated into French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Persian and Spanish. His research interests include: Design, development and management of cities, in particular research into the urban space, its social and psychological significance, processes that shape it, agencies of urban change, and implications of change for disadvantaged social groups and the environment.

Tom Nielsen

Tom Nielsen is an architect and Professor in Urban and Landscape Planning in the Aarhus School of Architecture in Denmark. He has broad experience within the fields of urban design, planning and landscape architecture. His research lies within the fields of

urban spaces, regional urban development and the ethics of urban design. He is the author of two books (Formless 2001; Good Intentions, Unruly Cities 2008 –Danish only], joint editor of Urban Mutations (2004) and author of numerous articles. In addition to his academic work, Tom Nielsen has been working as an architect and consultant in urban design and planning projects since 1997.

Quentin Stevens

Quentin Stevens is Associate Professor in Urban Design in the School of Architecture and Design at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. He is author of The Ludic City, joint editor of Loose Space: Possibility and Diversity in Urban Life (both Routledge 2007), and author or editor of four other books with Routledge. His research focuses on environment-behaviour relations in public spaces; his recent projects have investigated social engagement around public memorials, public artworks, and urban waterfronts. He holds a PhD in Urban Design and a BArch from the University of Melbourne, and a Master's in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Tuna Tasan Kok

Tuna Tasan-Kok is Associate Professor in Urban Planning at the University of Amsterdam. Tuna has wide-ranging knowledge and experience in the fields of urban social geography and urban planning and has worked for several high-ranking international organisations with connections to extensive international research networks with whom she actively collaborates with. She is interested in analysing urban transformation from different angles of social geography and spatial planning. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Geography from the University of Utrecht, an M.Sc. in Regional Planning from the Middle East Technical University (METU) in Turkey and B.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from Dokuz Eylul University (DEU) in Turkey.