TRAVELLING CONFERENCE
ON URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS
IN INDUSTRIAL REGIONS

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

9.00 Welcome and Introduction – Osaka City University
   Prof. Dr. Michio Miyano  Vice-president of Osaka City University
   Prof. Dr. Thorsten Wiechmann  TU Dortmund University

9.30 Block 1 – Transforming Urban Regions: Lessons from Kansai
   Moderator: Prof. Dr. Todd Herzog  University of Cincinnati
   Pres. 1: Industrial Restructuring and Expanding Income Stratification: The Case of Japan’s Four Largest Major Metropolitan Areas
           Prof. Dr. A.J. Jacobs  East Carolina University
   Pres. 2: Urban Re-Development Projects: Waterfront Areas of the River Okawa
           Dr. Nobuko Ueno  Mayor of Kita Ward, Osaka City
   Pres. 3: The Yodo River and its SDGs
           Prof. Dr. Kazuko Goto  Setsunan University
   Pres. 4: Recent Progress of Unique Regeneration and Gentrification in the Global City
           Prof. Dr. Toshio Mizuuchi  Osaka City University

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Block 2 – Transforming Urban Regions: Lessons from the Ruhr
   Moderator: Dr. Katharina Borgmann  University of Duisburg-Essen
   Pres. 5: Structural Change in the Ruhr
           Prof. Dr. Stefan Siedentop  ILS Dortmund & TU Dortmund University
   Pres. 6: The Emscher Conversion: Europe’s Largest River Restoration Project
           Dr. Martina Oldengott  Emschergenossenschaft

16.30 Panel Discussion – Comparing Urban Transformation Experiences
   Moderator: Prof. Dr. Thorsten Wiechmann  TU Dortmund University
   Prof. Dr. Holger Bungsche  Kwansei Gakuin University
   Prof. Dr. Toshio Mizuuchi  Osaka City University
   Mr. Kurt C. Reinhardt  Zollverein Foundation Essen
   Prof. Dr. Dong-Ho Shin  Hannam University
   Prof. Dr. Stefan Siedentop  ILS Dortmund & TU Dortmund University
   Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Yahagi  Ryukoku University

19.00 Reception
   Ms. Mako Orihara  Chief Administrative Officer, Osaka City University

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German Delegation
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

9.00 Welcome – Osaka City University

Prof. Dr. Masaki Abe  Director of Urban Research Plaza, Osaka City University

9.15 Block 3 – Travelling Concepts in Urban Transformation: Brownfield Redevelopment

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Markus Taube  University of Duisburg-Essen

Pres. 7: Concepts of Policy Diffusion
Prof. Dr. Florian Freitag  University of Duisburg-Essen

Pres. 8: Renovation, Art and the Meaning of Place in Osaka’s Industrial Belt: Towards a Contextual Approach
Prof. Dr. Johannes Kiener  Saitama University

Pres. 9: Renovation of Vacant Houses and Unused Spaces in the Post-Industrial Areas
Prof. Dr. Yuichiro Nishino  Fukuoka University

Prof. Dr. Thorsten Wiechmann  TU Dortmund University

12.00 Lunch Break

13.30 Roundtable Discussion on Topics and Opportunities for Further Cooperation

14.30 Site Visits

Expert: Mr. Hiroshi Yabuuchi  Former Director of Port & Harbor Bureau, Osaka City

Reclaimed Lands
Renewed Former-industrialized Areas
River Banks Turned into Parks and Boardwalks
Dump Site Transformed into a Small Green Mountain

19.30 Farewell Dinner

Mr. Akihiro Sujihara  Mayor of Minato Ward, Osaka City

22.00 End of Conference

The majority of Osaka Bay area is built on reclaimed land
TRAVELLING CONFERENCES ON URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS IN INDUSTRIAL REGIONS

Travelling Conferences (TCs) are a format designed to promote and foster international exchange about specific current issues. More specifically, given the significant interest in questions of current urban transformation and comparable challenges in many metropolitan regions around the world (e.g., post-industrial transformation, demographic change, urban strategies of climate change mitigation and adaptation, waterfront development) as well as an interest in the ways in which policies, strategies, blueprints for such transformations are exchanged globally (e.g., research on policy diffusion, policy mobility, travelling concepts), this series of TCs aims to combine a theoretical and conceptual approach along with an empirical section on selected current policies. To accomplish this goal, a number of presentations will be given at each conference, supplemented by panel and round-table discussions.

The thematically and structurally similar events will take place in Osaka, Ulsan, Essen and Cincinnati between October 2019 and September 2020. Representatives of the Ruhr region and the University Alliance Ruhr in Germany, which organize the conference series, will be travelling to all four locations accompanied by members from institutions in the partner regions.