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Registration deadline is 12/15/2014

Registration is necessary, but no fee is required to participate.

Conference language is English.

**Deadline extended  
December 31st**



### Venue

Hospitalhof Stuttgart  
Büchsenstrasse 33  
70174 Stuttgart  
Germany

### Public Transport Information

S-Bahn station „Stadtmitte“ and Stadtbahn station „Berliner Platz (Liederhalle)“ are in walkable distance to the conference venue.



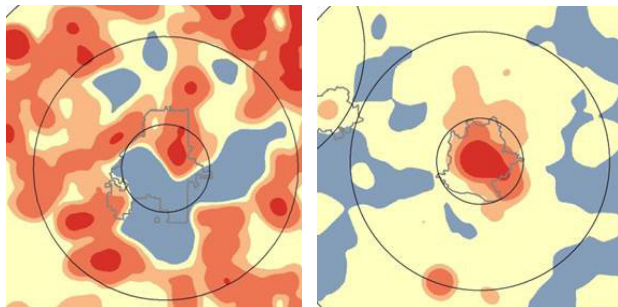
## Comparing Apples and Oranges? A Colloquium on International Comparative Urban Research

January 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Hospitalhof  
Stuttgart

## Comparing Apples and Oranges?

We live in an increasingly urbanized world. However, this simple and undisputable fact tells us little about how urbanization trends impact the form and functional patterns of cities. Scholars have attempted to categorize and problematize the evolving urban forms using an array of conceptual frameworks including post-suburbanization, polycentricity or – in recent times – reurbanization. But do these notions carry the same meaning when used in different cultural and political contexts? What can we learn from comparing demographic processes, policy environments, and urban morphologies across metropolitan areas of different countries?

Even though scholars agree that international comparisons are a powerful tool to analyze urbanization patterns and test theories, comparing cities and metropolitan areas in different world regions poses a multitude of methodological challenges. This colloquium will bring together urban researchers addressing the complexities of conducting systematic internationally comparative research utilizing both quantitative and qualitative methods. The colloquium is embedded in a research project on reurbanization patterns in Germany and the US funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). It will serve as a forum for an exchange of practical experience with a focus on both methodological standards and the results of cross-national comparative research.



## Program

**Thursday, 01/15/2015**

**13:00 Welcome and Reception**

**13:30 Introduction**

Stefan Siedentop,  
ILS – Research Institute for Regional  
and Urban Development, Dortmund

**13:45 Towards a Relational Comparative  
Approach to Cities**

Kevin Ward,  
University of Manchester

14:30 Coffee break

### Comparing Urban Patterns

Chair: Thorsten Wiechmann,  
TU Dortmund University

**15:00 Comparative Urban Studies in Europe:  
an Introduction to the Euricur Method**

Leo van den Berg,  
EURICUR Rotterdam

**15:35 Analysis of Urban Land-Use Patterns and  
their Multiple Drivers across European  
Cities since 1990: Concepts, Models  
and Findings**

Dagmar Haase,  
Humboldt-University Berlin

**16:10 Patterns of Reurbanization in US  
and German Metro Regions**

Stefan Siedentop/Philipp Zakrzewski,  
ILS, Dortmund

**16:45 Discussion**

17:25 Snacks and Drinks

**Friday, 01/16/2015**

### Comparing Urban Policies

Chair: Karina Pallagst,  
University of Kaiserslautern

**09:10 Lessons from International Comparative  
Research on Spatial Planning Systems  
in Europe**

Vincent Nadin,  
TU Delft

**09:45 Lessons from 10 Years of Comparative  
Research in Transport Policy and Travel  
Behavior in North America and Western  
Europe**

Ralph Bühler,  
Metropolitan Institute Virginia Tech

10:20 Coffee break

**10:50 Reurbanization in Stuttgart (Germany)  
and Portland (USA)**

Karoline Brombach/Johann Jessen,  
University of Stuttgart

**11:25 Discussion**

**11:55 All Cities are Unique: The Limits, Value and  
Methodologies of Comparative Urbanism**

Philipp Rode,  
LSE London

**12:30 Closing Remarks**

Johann Jessen,  
University of Stuttgart