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**“Growing Bad? The Regional Sub-Urban Housing Challenge.
International Research Perspectives”**

September 6 – 7, 2018

**RWTH Aachen University, Main Campus, Reiff-Museum
Templergraben 51, 52062 Aachen**

The two-day scientific symposium will focus on regional housing markets under structural pressures and their implications on the suburban development. The aim is to clarify links/interdependencies between the quantity-oriented coordination and regional re-distribution of the housing demand within the urban and suburban context of growing urban areas in industrialized countries on one hand, and the implications of diversifying functional requirements and forms of accommodation on housing within the existing suburban environment, as well as the ways to analytically grasp them, on the other. By asking how to accommodate inhabitants within the competitive setting of the urban-suburban settlement patterns, it puts focus on trends breaking traditional rules and practices by innovative approaches in regional governance, land management and urban design.

The first day, titled **Understanding Housing in Regional Sub-Urban Context**, is dedicated to theoretical and analytical grounding of general development strategies and practices for accommodating housing demand within the urban-suburban interrelations of municipal administration(s), private stakeholders and involvement of the public. On behalf of results in empirical research on pull-push factors such as land availability and market practices, organizational frameworks and stakeholders' roles, the sessions will map the conceptual landscapes of the wide field of urban-suburban relationships in the regional context of housing. In addition, chances and limitations arising from digitalization and related new practices, regional data analytic frameworks aiming at integrating multiple objectives and agendas will be discussed. The second day, titled **Materializing Housing Supply**, will tackle materializations in real estate investments and their interrelation to the demand and supply gaps on one hand and the financial market framework vs. public subsidies on the other. It is dedicated to a critical review of housing concepts dealing with extensive land use and sprawl. The sessions will further draw the attention to the post-suburban re-development practices at existing residential and non-residential sites through densification, infill, retrofitting of post-suburban business locations, as well as the re-utilization of existing non- and housing estates to the currently diversifying demands of the housing market.

The symposium language is English. Target groups include researchers on metropolitan urban development covering disciplines of regional governance, housing, urban design and data analysis and processing.

The Call for Short Papers, the Tracks and the Deadlines will be announced in April 2018.

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