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## **GROWING BAD? The Regional Sub-Urban Housing Challenge**

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*International Scientific Symposium on Built Environment and Urban Design*

*September 06-07, 2018*

*Handwerkskammer Aachen/ Chamber of Crafts and Skilled Trades*  
*Sandkaulbach 17-21, 52062 Aachen*

The two-day scientific symposium will focus on regional housing markets under structural pressures and their implications on suburban development. The aim is to clarify links and interdependencies between the coordination and regional re-distribution of housing demand within the urban and sub-urban context of growing urban areas in industrialized countries. At the same time, it seeks to analytically grasp implications of diversifying functional requirements and forms of accommodation on housing within the existing suburban environment. By asking how to accommodate inhabitants within the competitive setting of urban-suburban settlement patterns, the focus will be on trends that break traditional rules and practices through innovative approaches in regional governance, land and housing estate management as well as urban design.

The first day, titled ‘Understanding Housing in a Regional Suburban Context’, is dedicated to theoretical and analytical grounding of general development strategies and practices for accommodating housing demand within the urban-suburban interrelations of local governments, private stakeholders and members of the public. The sessions will map the conceptual landscapes of the wide field of urban-suburban relationships in the regional context of housing, drawing from results of empirical research on pull-push factors such as land availability and market practices, organizational frameworks and stakeholders’ roles. In addition, opportunities and challenges arising from digitalization and related new practices, and regional data analytic frameworks aimed at integrating multiple objectives and agendas will be discussed.

The second day, titled ‘Materializing Housing Supply’, will analyse 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 attention to the post-suburban redevelopment and reutilization of existing residential and non-residential sites through densification, infill, and retrofitting of post-suburban business locations to meet 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, planning, urban design and data analysis and processing, who are working in the field of housing.

Venue  
Handwerkskammer Aachen  
Chamber of Crafts and Skilled Trades  
Sandkaulbach 17-21  
52062 Aachen  
Germany

**\*\*Participant registration untill August 31, 2018\*\***

Students: Free

PhD candidates, PhD holders, officials of public bodies, NGOs, NPOs and universities: 150,- EUR

All others: 300,- EUR

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**Weitere Informationen:**

[https://www.ils-forschung.de/index.php?lang=de&s=2018\\_09-growing-bad](https://www.ils-forschung.de/index.php?lang=de&s=2018_09-growing-bad)

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**Anhang**



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