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Planning Theory and Practice

The latest issue of [Planning Theory and Practice](#) is online, and includes articles on [spatial development in Europe](#) and thinking on [loving attachment in planning](#).

In their article on [England's New Deal for Communities](#), Paul Lawless and Sarah Pearson explore the programme's impact and outcomes, suggesting that change was limited due to a lack of local involvement in NDC Partnerships. "Regeneration schemes have consistently tried to engage local residents" says Paul Lawless. "Probably no English regeneration scheme has ever placed so much emphasis on the community dimension as did the NDC Programme. But in general, not a great deal of thought was given to what



engagement meant, and how logically engaging more residents could plausibly lead to changes in themes such as trust and friendliness”.

RTPI members can [subscribe to Planning Theory and Practice](#) for just £33 per year, saving over £100.

RTPI awards for planning excellence

Entries are now open for the [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence](#)! With refreshed categories and criteria this year to ensure the Awards remain relevant to current best practice in planning, there is no requirement to be a member of the RTPI to enter and we particularly encourage collaborative entries. Winning, or being shortlisted for, these prestigious awards is a clear demonstration of the quality of your work - get 2013 off to a great start by getting the recognition you deserve. The deadline for entries is Friday 15 February, and [further information](#) on the Awards is available online.

ESRC committee vacancies

The ESRC is currently seeking to appoint up to six new members to its committees and networks. The appointments will run from September 2013 and committee members are expected to commit to at least ten working days per year to committee business, in addition to attending committee meetings. More information on the vacancies and how to submit an application is available on the [ESRC's website](#).

Who teaches planning?

A study carried out in the U.S. has considered the [role of the planning faculty in shaping future planners](#). Professor Tom Sanchez (Virginia Tech) looked at indicators such as planning academics' experience and their social networks to conclude that planning in the U.S. is a specialised discipline, wherein a dense group of academics influence training and thought.

Calls for papers

Theoretical and quantitative geography colloquium

This year's [European Colloquium on theoretical and quantitative geography](#) is being held in Dourdan, France, from 6-9 September. Papers are welcomed on a number of themes including urban dynamics, spatial data analysis, economic geography and environmental management. A special session entitled 'Urban models: places to people, people to places' will consider advances in urban models and the link between built-up morphologies and the behaviour of urban actors. Abstracts must be submitted by 15 March 2013.

Annual International Conference 2013

The [Annual International Conference](#) is, this year, being hosted by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London. The conference takes place from 28-30 August on the theme of new geographical frontiers. The deadline for the call for sessions is 13 February 2013, and the deadline for papers is 12 April 2013. There are also a number of advertised calls for papers on subjects including 'arguing about cities', 'governing resilient communities' and 'Olympic legacies and sustainable urban

development'. The deadline for submitting papers for advertised calls varies; [check the website](#) for more details.

Contribute to Planning Theory and Practice

[Planning Theory and Practice](#) has recently re-launched its reviews section, and the editors are inviting contributions for three different types of articles.

1. 'Comment articles' of between 1,500-2,000 words can include retorts to previously published Planning Theory and Practice articles or critical reflections on developments within Planning Theory and Practice.
2. 'Policy and Planning Briefs' of 1,500-2,000 words can include critical insights and analysis of key policy developments and debates, or analysis of spatial plans based on describing the plan's context, its aims and content, the planning process and an illustration or map.
3. 'Book reviews' of between 800-1,000 words should give the journal audience a concise summary and offer a critical assessment of the book's content. Articles that re-evaluate 'classic' planning texts within the context of a more recent publication are also welcomed.

Comment and reviews or suggestions for contributions should be emailed directly to the Reviews editor, Mark Scott (mark.scott@ucd.ie). For further information on the journal, or advice on how to write and submit articles, visit the [Planning Theory and Practice website](#).

Other publications

Environmental justice and the city

A new study conducted by Simin Davoudi and Elizabeth Brooks at Newcastle University on '[Environmental Justice and the City](#)' presents a five-dimensional framework for understanding environmental justice. The study also developed a 'test of fairness' based on seven related principles and uses these to reflect upon the state of environmental fairness in Newcastle.

Land use research

Each month during 2013, Routledge will be exploring a topical theme relating to geography, planning and urban studies, and articles on each theme will be freely available online for a limited time. January's theme is '[land use](#)', and free articles are available on issues such as [greenbelt politics in Ontario](#), [land reform in Papua New Guinea](#) and [land use conflict resolution](#).

Future proofing cities

A new report produced by Atkins, DFID and UCL assesses the risks to cities from climate hazards, resource scarcities and damage to ecosystems. [Future Proofing Cities](#) looks at 129 cities across 20 countries with a combined population of 350 million people and identifies practical measures that cities can take now to manage future risks.

Other events

Rethinking centres and peripheries

The [Rethinking Centres and Peripheries \(ReCAP\)](#) research seminar series will contribute to important debates by examining contemporary and historic responses to uneven development, decline and regeneration in the UK. The first seminar is being held in York on **25 January 2013**. For further information, or to book a place, email Jack Denham (curb@york.ac.uk).

Land ownership and sustainability

A seminar being held at Cardiff University will present research on the [regulation and ownership of land](#) in the UK and North America. The research, carried out by Dr Alex Franklin (Cardiff University) has explored how different models and patterns of land ownership and shared land use can influence the ability of communities to develop collective forms of sustainability practice. The event takes place on 5 March 2013.

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Proud of planning, proud of planners?

Then [like our page on Facebook](#). The page includes a timeline of images and events since 1914. A recent story highlights Professor Michael Batty's achievement in being awarded the '[Nobel Prize](#)' of geography. If we have missed anything that we should be proud of, go to the page and [tell us about it!](#)



Mary Langman essay competition

Entries can now be submitted for this year's [Mary Langman Essay Prize](#), run by the Pioneer Health Foundation. The prize is awarded annually for an essay which shows an understanding of the principles of the Peckham Experiment (which studied people's health in relation to their environment) and its relevance to today's issues. Essays are welcomed from students engaged in undergraduate or postgraduate study, and should be submitted by 1 April 2013.

Planning for economic growth – call for case studies

As part of the RTPI's forthcoming Centenary, we are preparing a series of topic papers, including 'Planning for Economic Growth'. This particular paper will consist of case studies, best practice, informed dialogue and forward thinking for the profession. We are therefore looking for member support in providing case studies for inclusion at this stage.

If you have an example of where a planning professional has made a difference to

economic growth, through conventional or unconventional means, we would like to hear from you. The RTPI sees planning as central in unlocking growth and facilitating development; this is a unique opportunity to showcase our successes across all our regions and, of course, internationally.

Please respond to our [Policy Officer](#) with your contributions, no matter how small. We also ask members to confirm whether or not they would be happy for the RTPI to make contact to discuss contributions, if necessary.

Using spatial scenario tools in practice

Robert Brodnax, a senior manager working for the New Zealand Transport Agency, is carrying out research funded by the New Zealand Government's Leadership Development Centre on how to use complex spatial planning tools in practice.

Robert is involved in a range of collaborative spatial planning exercises with local government and communities, and geospatial scenario planning tools (e.g. www.creatingfutures.org.nz) have been developed to help inform decisions. However, it has been difficult to translate the tools from the desktop to the actual decision making process. He is interested in understanding from a leadership perspective what staff capability or governance issues need to be addressed in order to make effective use of the tools, and is particularly interested in examples of best practice.

Robert would welcome thoughts on this via email but will also be in the UK between 25 March and 12 April to conduct interviews in person, if that is preferable. Please email robert.brodnax@nzta.govt.nz if you would like to contribute.

Other publications

Key planning books for 2013

Routledge has published its [planning and urban design catalogue 2013](#) which outlines upcoming and established titles for planning students, academics and practitioners. The catalogue includes publications on planning history, transport planning and spatial and regional planning. Also available is the [environment and sustainability catalogue](#) which includes titles on sustainability theory, environmental justice and agriculture and food.

Lessons from the new deal for communities

An article in the current issue of [Planning Theory and Practice](#) on the new deal for communities (NDC) has been featured on the [Guardian website](#). Paul Lawless (Sheffield Hallam University) explains that, although the NDC was proactive in engaging local residents, change was "relatively limited". The article examines the reasons for this, and stresses that lessons must be learned to avoid making the same mistakes again.

Territorial impact of globalisation

A project looking at Europe's regions in the context of globalisation has published its final report. The report considers how Europe should position itself in the global economy and how European regions can improve their performance in the global economy. A number of working papers have also been produced on topics such as

[cities, networks and economic performance](#) as well as a [case study of London](#).

Community gardens in New York

A new book by Efrat Eizenberg focuses on community gardens in New York – of which there are some 650. '[From the Ground Up](#)' considers how, despite continuous threats from market forces, these gardens have been able to thrive since the 1970s.

Other events

Human rights and urban development

Professor Paul Taylor (Cardiff University) is giving a talk on [human rights and urban development](#) in Cardiff on 24 April 2013. In it he will address the current international human rights regime and its implications for the development of cities. The event is free to attend, but places must be booked in advance.

Local infrastructure planning and delivery

An event being held at UCL on 21 June 2013 will focus on local infrastructure delivery and strategic planning, national infrastructure planning and the approaches being taken in Wales and Scotland. The event is free to attend, but places are going fast. [Book a place](#).

European cities of vision

This year's [European Cities of Vision study tour](#) takes place from 27 September – 4 October 2013 in Freiburg and Strasbourg. The tour allows planners to visit and learn in depth about two of Europe's most liveable and sustainable cities. Participation is limited to 20, and an early registration rate is available until 1 May 2013.

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Budget response and key items of interest to planners: Trudi Elliott (Chief Executive of the RTPI) has provided [an overview](#) of the key items on planning, infrastructure, housing, and fiscal measures announced by the Chancellor in the [Annual Budget](#).



Building Sustainable Communities: The next [Wales Planning Conference 2013: Building Sustainable Communities](#) will be looking at the planning system in Wales, the Government's evidenced-based approach to policy making and improvements to the Welsh planning application system. Organised by [RTPI Cymru](#), the conference will include keynote speakers [Carl Sargeant](#) (AM Welsh Government Minister for Housing and Regeneration) and [Dr Emyr Roberts](#) (Chief Executive, Natural Resources Wales). The [day programme](#) offers a panel discussion on the delivery of sustainable communities, topic based breakout seminars, a series of 'speed briefings' and the opportunity to network. The conference will take place at the City Hall in Cardiff on 5 June 2013.



Planning for Growth Convention: The [2013 Planning Convention: Planning for Growth](#) will be examining the key issues of growth in the future, and the practical mechanisms that planners are currently using to create growth. The [Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP](#) (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) will deliver the keynote address and will be joined by leading edge speakers from across the industry. The [day programme](#) will include plenaries, special interest sessions and high quality networking for planners. The event will take place at One Wimpole Street (London) on 11 July 2013.

***Please note: Study tours:** Convention delegates will be offered a host of optional extras the day before on 10 July 2013. This includes a wide choice of guided study tours in the afternoon. [Four study tours](#) have been confirmed so far and further information on timings and tours can be found [here](#).

RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence: The [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence](#) will also take place on 11 July 2013. This event will be celebrating the contribution that planners and planning makes to society, whilst offering an excellent opportunity to network and extend your contacts. Exceptional examples of planning will be highlighted to inspire others and the evening will be chaired by the leading planner and architect [Sir Terry Farrell](#). The event will take place on One Wimpole Street (London) and tickets are available [here](#). ***Please note:** If you are also planning to attend the Planning Convention (above), you can book your place for the Awards presentation and Convention - plus master classes and study tours [here](#)).

Calls for papers

Postgraduate Bursary Funding Available: Newcastle University. The [School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape](#) at Newcastle University is offering a [Postgraduate bursary scheme](#) for September 2013 entry. 2k fees discount bursaries and 2 full fees bursaries are on offer. Bursary applications are open to both full and part time students with a 2:1 or above UG degree. The application deadline is 3 May 2013.

Sustainable Health Development Strategy 2014-2020: The [NHS Sustainable Development Unit](#) is running a [consultation](#) in order to produce a new Sustainable Development Strategy for the Health, Public Health and Social Care System to 2020. The new strategy will outline practical steps that need to be taken to move towards more sustainable healthcare delivery. The consultation closes at 17:00 on 31 May 2013.

Experiences of Urban Housing in Mexico and South Africa: [Sheffield Institute for International Development](#) is looking for [interested presenters and attendees](#) to present at a one-day workshop on examining and comparing housing themes in Mexico and South Africa. The workshop [Urban Housing in Mexico and South Africa](#) will focus particularly on the post-construction, post-receipt lived experiences of state-subsidised housing, and the wider implications this has for the cities in these countries. The workshop is free to attend and will take place at the University of Sheffield on 7 June 2013.

Long Term Care Revolution Workshop: The [Technology Strategy Board](#) is inviting applications for a workshop on innovative approaches to develop new, radical ideas on institutional long-term care. The [five-day workshop](#) will be

held on 16-20th of September, and the ideas will be developed in full proposals for industry-led Small Business Research Initiative projects. The deadline for [applications](#) is noon on 12 June 2013.

Other publications

Land Lines: [Volume 25, No 2](#) is now available, featuring articles on valuing and taxing iconic properties in the UK, analysing successful strategies on land trusts in the United States and innovative institutional approaches to planning for (Nation) States in the United States and Europe.

Cities as the New Green Entrepreneurs: The latest issue of the [Green Alliance](#) journal examines new forms of leadership that cities are providing to develop a more sustainable economy in the UK. [Inside Track 32: Cities - The New Green Entrepreneurs](#) looks at what makes a sustainable city, future community and business opportunities through the city economy, new funding and investment models in Manchester, why Nottingham should invest in green energy and the importance of placing natural infrastructure at the centre of development plans in London.

International Journal of E-Planning Research: [Volume 1, No 4](#) is now available, covering topics on renewable energy planning, virtual 3D visualisation and e-planning, cadastral systems using 3D maps, socio-technical systems and policy activity, digital urbanism and ‘the unconscious dimensions of planning’.

Conflict Prevention Between Refugees and Host Communities: Three main good practice programmes to prevent and address conflict between refugees and host communities are highlighted in this edition of the Helpdesk Research Report. [Preventing Conflict Between Refugees and Host Communities](#) points out that one of the main barriers to effective programming is the tendency donors have to separate humanitarian assistance for refugees from broader development assistance.

Policy and Planning for Low-Carbon Land Transport: This policy handbook offers a practical guide for transport policymakers and planners to reduce carbon emissions through low-carbon land transport systems. [Low-Carbon Land Transport](#) is based on case studies from both developed and developing countries, and outlines how reducing emissions and greenhouse gas savings are measured and the success factors for implementing policies in complex decision-making processes.

FILM: Hospital Building Design in a Changing Climate: A [research project](#) by Cambridge, Loughborough, Leeds and the Open universities has released a film examining how the architecture of existing NHS hospital buildings can

be refurbished to lower the levels of energy use and to perform better in extreme summer temperatures, without exceeding the costs of new-build construction. The film, [Design and Delivery of Robust Hospital Environments in a Changing Climate](#), discusses two of the project's case studies.

Prof. Sir Peter Hall on Smart City Growth and New Technologies: The fourth AESOP-IFHP lecture, given by Professor Sir Peter Hall on '[Squaring the Circle: How to Reconcile Apparently Impossible Contradictions in Contemporary Urban Policy](#)' is now available to watch online. The lecture is followed by a roundtable expert panel discussion on the application of new technologies in creating smarter cities.

Lessons for Street Plinths: This open source book investigates the concepts, philosophy and strategies behind planning the ground floors ("plinths") of urban environments. [The City at Eye Level: Lessons for Street Plinths](#) is based on a collaborative effort of five editors and 43 professional contributors from the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, USA, UK and Germany, and includes interviews, case studies and first-hand stories to highlight important examples of best practices in selected cities. The project is on-going and you can contribute new stories and chapters via the [website](#).

Other events

Rediscovering the Power of Community Conference: Together with the [Informed Cities Forum 2013](#), [InContext](#) will host a final conference on how better places, stronger communities and resilient societies can be created through collaboration and the power of community. The conference [How to create space for change? Rediscovering the power of community](#), will examine future-oriented initiatives in the field of participatory governance, energy, food and mobility, and explore the role of research and 'scientivism' in facilitating local transition processes. The conference will be free of charge and take place in the tak (Berlin) on 6-7 June 2013.

A New Social Contract for Sustainability Conference: Inspired by the [World in Transition – A Social Contract for Sustainability](#) report, the [Schumacher Institute](#) and partners is hosting a [two-day conference](#) that will combine research and public debate to explore new ways of confronting deepening environmental, social and financial crises worldwide. [A New Social Contract for Sustainability?](#) will take place at the Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems (Bristol) on 20-21 June 2013.

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A Future for Town Centres? Reports from the Town Centres Review: RTPI [West of Scotland Chapter](#) and the [REPR](#) at the University of Glasgow are hosting an event that will look at the findings from the Town Centre Review. Speakers at [A Future for Town Centres?](#) will include Malcolm Fraser, Alasdair Morrison and Kevin Murray. The event is free to attend and [bookings](#) can be made online. The event will take place in Glasgow on 28 May 2013.



RTPI Awards ceremony Now Sold Out: Tickets for the [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence](#), which will be presented on 10 July 2013, are now sold out. The awards are set to be hotly contested with 30 schemes shortlisted for 7 project categories, ranging from the regeneration of King's Cross to public realm improvements in Singapore. The [awards shortlist](#) is available online and there is a [waiting list](#) for those who are still interested to attend.



RTPI Interview with Phil Skill: Phil Skill, Head of Planning at [Stroud District Council](#), recently appeared on the BBC2 series '[The Planners](#)'. The RTPI carried out an [interview](#) with him to find out more about his experience of appearing on the programme.

Planning Theory and Practice: The latest [Planning Theory and Practice, Volume 14, No 1](#) includes a free article reflecting on the last decade of flood risk management and planning. [Living with Flood Risk](#) investigates whether flood risk management should focus on resilience or building social

capacities. The article also looks at what lessons can be learnt from Bangladesh (planning and retrofitting for floods) and Australia (neighbourhood design considerations in flood risk management), and the challenges for effective implementation

Call for Proposals

PhD Studentship on Longitudinal Research Methods: The [Institute for Social and Economic Research](#) (ISER) is offering a three year, fully-funded [PhD studentship](#) for a quantitative social science postgraduate student, with experience in managing large and complex datasets and with good statistical or econometric analysis skills. The position will be located in the [School of Social and Political Sciences](#) at the University of Lincoln. The project will be on longitudinal research methods in social welfare, investigating the analysis of irregularly-sequenced data, developing new methods and applying them to more practical applications. The studentship will start in October 2013, and the deadline for [applications](#) is 30 May 2013.

Special Issues on Social Research Methodology: The [International Journal of Social Research Methodology](#) editorial board is inviting [proposals](#) for Special Issues, Volume 18. Proposals should be submitted to the [Journal editors](#) by 12 July 2013, for consideration at the September editorial board meeting.

Reviewers wanted: The editors of the [International Journal of Social Research Methodology](#) are looking for reviewers in all academic rankings – from established professors to early career scholars, to review books and other electronic sources. To join the panel of reviewers, provide your name, email, academic affiliation and area of methodological interest in an [e-mail](#).

Other Publications

UK in the Top Six of KPMG's Green Tax Index: [KPMG](#) has identified six countries (USA, Japan, UK, France, South Korea and China) as [the most active in using tax as a tool to drive sustainable corporate behaviour and achieve green policy goals](#). The findings are the result of KPMG's first ever [Green Tax Index](#), a tool created to raise corporate awareness of green tax incentives and to encourage collaborations in factoring in green tax considerations in investment decisions.

Inspiration on Local Climate Change Adaptation: The [CIRCLE-2 network](#) has published a book presenting the progress on climate change adaptation by showcasing the early adaptors in Europe. The [Adaptation Inspiration Book](#) highlights 22 inspirational adaptation projects, divided into four key areas of climate risk: flooding, sea level rise, heat, and drought. The book concludes with some key lessons for all policy-makers, professionals and scientists working on adaptation to climate change and is designed to inspire.

The Street as a Social Public Space: In this book, Vikas Mehta analyses how ordinary public spaces can be planned and designed to support various social behaviours. [The Street: A Quintessential Social Public Space](#) reveals that

sociability is not achieved by the physical environment alone, but by the relationships between the physical environment, land use (management) and the places to which people assign special meanings.

UK Energy System in 2050: The [UK Energy Research Centre](#) has released a report demonstrating what the UK energy system might look like in 2050. The report, [The UK Energy System in 2050: Comparing Low-Carbon, Resilient Scenarios](#), reveals new scenario projections for the UK energy system and compares them with earlier projections

Adapting to Climate Change in the Built Environment: [ARCC CN](#) has looked at ways to promote adaptation to climate change in the built environment. Examples of current projects include: the [Future Resilient Transport Networks \(FUTURENET\)](#) project, which has developed an integrated framework to model transport system behaviour in order to deliver resilient networks to extreme weather events; the [Built Infrastructure for Older People's Care in Conditions of Climate Change](#) (BIOPICCC) project, which has launched a new toolkit to help organisations develop effective plans to make health and care services for older people more resilient to extreme weather; and the [Design and Delivery of Robust Hospital Environments in a Changing Climate](#) (DeDeRHECC) project, which has investigated ways of adapting existing NHS hospital buildings to cope with overheating due to changing climate. The research findings of DeDeRHECC have been presented in a [film](#) available online.

VIDEO on Manski's Public Policy Lecture: On 27 March 2013, the [Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice](#) (cenmap) and the [British Academy Policy Centre](#) organised a lecture in which Professor [Charles Manski](#) argued that the current practice of policy analysis hides uncertainty, as researchers use untenable assumptions to make exact predictions of policy outcomes. The lecture was based on his new book [Public Policy in an Uncertain World: Analysis and Decisions](#) and a [video with slides](#) of the lecture are available to view online.

Water Sensitive Urban Design in the UK: The [Construction Industry Research and Information Association](#) (CIRIA) have published a report examining the drivers, benefits and vision for Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) in the UK. WSUD is the process which integrates water cycle management with the built environment through planning and urban design and [the report 'Water Sensitive Urban Design in the UK: Ideas for built environment practitioners'](#) looks at how WSUD can be applied at different scale levels: from individual buildings to neighbourhoods, large commercial developments and entire cities.

Other events

Seminar on Assessing Progress in Marine Spatial Planning: The [Marine Spatial Planning Research Network](#) is organising the first (out of two) seminars on maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management. Several coastal countries, including the UK are developing, implementing and exploring different approaches to systems of marine spatial planning. This [seminar](#) will provide an opportunity to present and discuss academic perspectives and the findings of

current research on the development of MSP. The seminar will take place at the University of Liverpool on 29-30 May 2013.

Lecture on Improving building performance: [Bill Bordass](#) will present the Inaugural George Henderson Memorial Lecture, in which he will address why the quest for more sustainable, lower-energy buildings is turning into a complicated, expensive and bureaucratic obstacle race, and what can be done to change this. The event will be chaired by Professor [Tadj Oreszczyn](#), and [Steve Selkowitz](#) will give a response following the lecture. The lecture is [free to attend](#), and will take place at the UCL Energy Institute on 12 June 2013.

Debate: Is UNESCO holding back our cities? The [Royal Institute of British Architects](#) (RIBA) is hosting its second Building Futures Debate on whether the preservation of heritage is becoming an obstacle to creating great cities in the future. [This house believes that UNESCO is holding back our cities](#) is a free event, which takes place at the RIBA on 18 June 2013.

Research, Policy and Practice in Eco-City Indicators: As part of the Leverhulme International Network [‘Tomorrow’s City Today’](#), this first of three workshops will compare and analyse conceptual, policy and practical approaches to urban sustainability across the UK. [Taking Stock: Current Research, Policy & Practice in ‘Eco-City’ Indicators, Standards and Frameworks](#) is jointly hosted by UCL’s [Bartlett School of Planning](#) and the University of Westminster’s [International Eco-Cities Initiative](#), and will review recent research on the conceptualisation and application of indicators and frameworks, and analyse current policy initiatives as well as practical developments. The workshop is free to attend, and will take place in the UCL Lecture Theatre on 28 June 2013.

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Young Planners Conference – Planning out of Recession: Early bird tickets for this years [Young Planners' conference: Planning out of Recession](#) will go on sale on the **14 June 2013**. Limited reduced price tickets are also available for student planners and the unemployed. The conference will focus on 'growing out of the recession' and how growth can be driven, delivered and unlocked in the future. The conference will host a number of high profile speakers, including [Nick Boles MP](#), Dr. [Peter Geraghty](#), [Clive Betts MP](#) and [Steve Quartermain](#). The conference will take place in Leeds on 11-12 October 2013.



Workshop Appraising Projects and Plans: The [RTPI South West](#) is hosting a session on [project appraisals and identified potential impacts](#). It will bring together expertise relating to Environmental Impact Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment. The day will include an interactive workshop and you can [register](#) online. The event will take place in Devon on 21 June 2013.



Debate - The Fast Train South is a Strain, Not a Gain: The RTPI, the [Royal Institute of British Architects](#), the [Landscape Institute](#), the [Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors](#) and the [Institution of Civil Engineers](#) are hosting this [debate](#) for and against the controversial proposed HS2 extension from Birmingham to Leeds and Manchester. Speakers will include [Neil McLean](#), Hon. Professor [Mike Geddes](#), [Andrew Mason](#) and [Jim Steer](#), and the debate will be chaired by [Martin Wainwright](#). Advance [booking](#) is essential and tickets cost £10 per person. The debate will take place in Leeds on 27 June 2013.

Joint Planning Law Conference: Early bird tickets (£599 + VAT) and Scholarship tickets (£320 + VAT) are available until **28 June 2013** for the 41st [Joint Planning Law Conference](#). This not-for-profit conference will provide the opportunity to discuss issues facing the property industry with experts in law and planning. The conference, jointly organised by the RTPI, [the Law Society](#), [the Bar Council](#) and the [Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors](#) is specifically aimed at barristers, lawyers, planners and surveyors. The [programme](#) includes an inspiring [list of speakers](#) and the conference will take place in Oxford on 20-22 September 2013.

Large Scale Housing Development: The RTPI is writing a policy paper on large scale housing development and is calling for your ideas for [practical solutions on how areas that want to expand their housing stock and meet their housing needs can be facilitated to do so](#). Your views will help us form practical recommendations for them and central government, and will ensure that ideas from the planning profession are central to the housing debate. To get involved, please fill out [this form](#) and send it to housingproject@rtpi.org.uk. The deadline for response is 5 July 2013.

Call for Proposals

Inclusive Design in the UK: [McKinsey & Co.](#) are carrying out research on inclusive design within the built environment in the UK. They are interested to hear the views on this matter from both academics and professionals working and teaching built environment courses. Please note: there are two versions of the questionnaire: one for [academics](#), and one for [practitioners and professionals](#).

What does the EU mean for the UK? For the [Balance of Competences Review](#), the [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills](#) (BIS) is looking for experts and interest groups in the fields of research, technological development, space and innovation to give their views on what the EU means for the UK. The review is a coalition commitment to analyse where the EU helps and where it hampers. BIS will also be hosting [two stakeholder events](#), for which [registration](#) is required. These events will take place in London on **3 July 2013** (for the research community) and on **8 July 2013** (for business, innovation and space stakeholders). You can also join the debate on Twitter via #BOCReview

The Future of Regional Studies: The [Regional Studies Association](#) (RSA) is [calling for papers](#) from academics, policy makers, practitioners and (particularly) early career researchers interested in the future lines of research and action for regional studies. The papers will be presented at a [conference](#) in Manchester on 1 November 2013, which will focus on revising theoretical and policy frameworks on regional and local development. The deadline for abstract submission is 12 July 2013.

Territorial Strategies for Growth: The [Regional Studies Association](#) (RSA)

is looking for [contributions](#) to present at the RSA [Mobilising Regions Winter Conference](#) on 22 November 2013. The conference will investigate how regions are being mobilised in support or opposition to particular territorial development models and strategies, the need for future research imperatives and the resulting challenges confronting policymakers and practitioners. The deadline for abstract submission is 12 July 2013.

Call for PhD Applicants in Urban Studies: The Italian [Gran Sasso Science Institute](#) (GSSI) is calling for 2013/2014 applicants for PhD programmes in Urban Studies (amongst other subjects). The GSSI is located in L'Aquila, offering a unique setting for observing contemporary processes of housing reconstruction, urban regeneration and issues related to urban resilience and sustainability. Applications can be submitted [online](#) and the deadline for submission is 15 July 2013.

Other Publications

Planning Theory & Practice The latest edition, [Volume 14, No 2](#), of the Planning Theory & Practice journal cover issues on climate change, including: [Institutional perspectives on operationalising climate adaptation through planning](#) and [Reconceptualising territoriality and spatial planning: insights from the sea](#). This edition also includes examples from [the Netherlands](#), [Abu Dhabi 2030](#), [Brazil](#) and [Adelaide](#).

100 years of Spatial Planning in Europe: The [European Council of Spatial Planners](#) has published a book to mark the last hundred years of spatial planning in Europe. [A Centenary of Spatial Planning in Europe](#) gives an overview on where planning in Europe has come from and where it is heading to in the future.

Cultural Sustainability in Chinese Courtyard Housing Projects: This book focusses on the political, economic, social and spatial factors that affect cultural sustainability. [Courtyard Housing and Cultural Sustainability](#) examines the interplay between nature-culture-architecture, setting themes from both Chinese and Greek philosophy as criteria to evaluate the renewed and new courtyard housing projects constructed in China since the 1990s.

Toolkit - Planning for Climate Change Adaptation: [Net Balance](#), the [City of Greater Geelong](#) and [RMIT University's Climate Change Adaptation Programme](#) have developed a free climate change adaptation Toolkit to assist organisations in prioritising their climate risks and adaptation actions and to make risk consideration a part of everyday operations. The [Climate Change Adaptation Toolkit](#) is based on practical experience using three tools: to explore the risk context, to develop adaptation actions and to screen for climate change interactions.

Meeting the Needs of the World's Growing Population: The [Green Growth Action Alliance](#) has published a report on the infrastructure that will be needed to support the 9 billion people that will make up our total population within the next generation. [The Green Investment Report](#) explores how we can pay for, and meet the increasing demands for water, food and energy, while respecting planetary boundaries.

Other events

Workshop on Empirical Policy Evaluation: The [Programme Evaluation for Policy Analysis](#) is organising a workshop on [Advances in Empirical Policy Evaluation](#). The full workshop [programme](#) includes speakers: [Alberto Abarde](#), [Gerard van den Berg](#), [Clément de Chaisemartin](#), [Gordon Dahl](#), [Paolo Pinotti](#) and [Andrea Weber](#). The workshop is free to attend ([register](#) online) and will take place in London on 19 June 2013.

10th Biennial of European Towns and Town Planners: This [Biennial](#) will focus on how European towns and cities are preparing for the generation born today. It will look at new paradigms, challenges and opportunities for European cities and the contribution that spatial planning is making to overcome the crisis. The Biennial will include several influential [speakers](#) and a number of [workshops](#) for which the deadline for [registration](#) is **30 June 2013**. The Biennial will take place in Cascais (Portugal) on 18-21 September 2013.

Conference: Making Cycling a Policy Priority in the UK: Jon Snow, Channel 4 News and an expert team will be hosting a conference on the opportunities of the changing cycling policy landscape in the UK. The conference, [Shifting Gears Conference: Making cycling a policy priority for health and sustainability](#) will look at the radical shifts in policy, culture and infrastructural provisions that are needed to support the large-scale uptake of cycling for transport and leisure in the UK, and the role that public health, the built environment and sustainability sectors can play in bringing about change. The conference will be held at the University of the West of England on 2 July 2013.

Seminar on Biodiversity and the Natural Environment: The [Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Forum](#) is organising a seminar on the development and implementation of UK policy to enhance biodiversity and the natural environment. The seminar [Biodiversity and the Natural Environment: valuation, localism and engaging business](#) will discuss the objectives outlined in Defra's [Biodiversity 2020 strategy](#), its [2011-2015 Business Plan](#) and the UK's [Natural Environment White Paper](#). Particular attention will be on the economic, logistical and practical challenges in achieving these objectives. The [seminar](#) will take place in Central London on 4 July 2013.

2013 Triple Helix International Conference: Hosted by the Big Innovation Centre, Birkbeck University of London and UCL Advances, the [Triple Helix International Conference](#) will look at how universities, businesses and governments ('the triple helix') can work together to solve the current global economic challenges of unemployment, low growth, increasing healthcare needs, digitalisation and unsustainable environmental changes. The conference will take place in London on 7-10 July 2013.

Buildings to Communities Workshop: This workshop on [Environmental Assessment Methods](#) will look at how methods of assessing the sustainability of individual buildings and the planning of larger developments can help local planning authorities achieve - and gain from - the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development. [Taking part](#) costs £75, and the workshop will take place at the University of Reading on 17 July 2013.

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SOLD OUT! The RTPI Planning Convention 2013:

The [RTPI Planning Convention 2013: Planning for Growth](#) is now sold out. Speakers will include: Rt Hon [Eric Pickles](#) MP, [Trudi Elliott](#) CBE, Lord [Paul Deighton](#), Dr [Adam Marshall](#) and Dr [Peter Geraghty](#), amongst others. The [programme](#) is available online and the event can be followed on Twitter via [#plancon13](#). You can still [register your interest](#) and we'll contact you if a place becomes available. The event will take place in London on 11 July 2013.



Forty Years of Planning Aid: The RTPI is celebrating forty years of Planning Aid! [Planning Aid](#) started in 1973, and 40 years on, [Planning Aid England](#) works throughout England, as well as separate charities delivering services in Scotland, Wales and London, to offer free, independent and professional advice on planning issues. Planning Aid is built on the principle that everyone should have access to the planning system regardless of their ability to pay. To celebrate its 40th year, a [timeline](#) has been created to highlight the contributions that Planning Aid has made over the years.



Territorial Cooperation for Growth and Jobs: On 13-14 June, [ESPON](#) held a two-day [Open Seminar](#) in Dublin, on territorial cohesion and identifying policy options for generating growth and jobs in Europe. The seminar was attended by policy makers, practitioners, scientists and experts and speakers included [Jan O'Sullivan](#), [Jim Keogan](#) and [Niall Cussen](#). The presentations are available to read [online](#).

Call for Proposals

Territorial Strategies for Growth: The [Regional Studies Association Winter Conference](#) is being held in London on 22 November 2013. The conference will ask searching questions on how regions are being used to support territorial development strategies. [Papers are welcomed](#) on a number of themes including understandings of how regions are mobilised, the role of leadership in mobilising regions, and new forms of territorial cooperation/conflict across regions. Abstracts should be [submitted](#) by 12 July 2013.

Other Publications

The Future of Planning: This book analyses the limitations of the growth-dependence paradigm that our planning system has operated on over the past half century. In response, [The future of planning: Beyond growth dependence](#) reflects on alternative urban development models, ways of protecting and enhancing existing low value land uses and community asset management within the built environment.

Coastal Erosion in Europe: [Coastal Erosion and Protection in Europe](#) offers a review and analysis of erosion problems and solutions for the entire coastline of Europe. The book particularly looks at how demographic and economic factors are influencing coastal erosion, and the technical criteria that is influencing the design of defense projects.

New Issue - Land Lines: The latest edition, [Vol.25, No.3](#), of the [Land Lines quarterly magazine](#) is now available online. Featured topics include: Regenerating America's Legacy Cities, the social value and cost of regenerating Puerto Madero (Buenos Aires), local conservation in Kenyon College and the best practices and lessons learned from post-disaster reconstruction.

The Impact of Social Science Research: The [Academy of Social Sciences](#) has published a [new issue](#) of the [Professional Briefings series](#), which offers a collection of impact case studies that highlight the importance of social science work to society. This is the second issue of the series and the case studies were originally gathered to make a case in favour of social science to the [Government's Spending Review](#).

Renewable Energy in the Built Environment: [Business Models for Renewable Energy in the Built Environment](#) looks at how new and innovative business models and policy measures can help stimulate the use of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency measures in the field of

policy and market analysis.

Contemporary Social Change: Special Issue, [Vol.8, No.1](#) is now available online, covering topics on alcohol, public policy and social science.

Return and Reintegration of Irregular Migrants from Nigeria: This report offers a set of recommendations to improve the process of returning irregular migrants from the EU to Nigeria. [Homecoming: Return and reintegration of irregular migrants from Nigeria](#) looks particularly at how reintegration support available to irregular migrants can be improved to ensure that policy in this area is effective, efficient, humane and sustainable.

Britain and Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles: This IPPR publication discusses how Britain can increase its share of the international market for ultra-low-emission vehicles (ULVE's), and how it can further develop its domestic demand. [Leading the Charge: Can Britain Develop a Global Advantage in Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles?](#) explains how investing in ULEV's can provide opportunities for jobs and growth security, help achieve environmental targets and improve Britain's energy grid. The IPPR has also released a [video](#) on this topic.

Carbon Balance Decision-Making Tool: The [FAO](#) has developed an 'Ex Ante Appraisal Carbon-balance Tool' (EX-ACT), which provides estimations on the impact of agriculture and forestry development projects on greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration. The [EX-ACT decision-making tool](#) can be used in investment projects, value chains and for policy scenarios.

Climate Change: What USA and the UK Can Teach Each Other: Vol.30, No.3 in the [Environmental Forum](#) investigates key USA and UK actions to combat climate change. [The Sustainable Relationship: What the United States and the United Kingdom Can Teach Each Other About Climate Change and Sustainable Development at the National Level](#) describes and compares six elements that can accelerate the transition to sustainability: i.e. national strategy, legal integration mechanisms, governmental implementing or coordinating bodies, monitoring and review mechanisms, leadership, and bottom-up sustainability movements.

Other events

Lecture: Is the UK prepared for the risks from a changing climate? This years [Walker Institute](#) Annual Lecture will be looking at the risks of climate

change in the UK. The [lecture](#) will be presented by [Lord Krebs of Wytham](#) kt FRS, who will draw on the latest [Adaptation Sub-Committee](#) reports to reflect on how well the human and natural influences on weather and climate are understood, whether these risks can be predicted, how they are currently being managed and what still needs to be done. The lecture is free to attend ([registration](#) required) and will take place in London on 11 July 2013.

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RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence: The Presentation for [RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2012/13](#) took place in London on 10 July 2013. The ceremony was attended by Sir [Terry Farrell](#) and Dr [Peter Geraghty](#) and the awards included a panel of 32 judges. Congratulations to all the winners, in particular [Natural Resource Wales for the Wales Coast Path](#) – Winner of the Silver Jubilee Cup. More details on all of the winning and shortlisted entries can be found [here](#), and photos of the evening can be found in the [RTPI Flickr account](#). Entries for the 2014 RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence will open later in the year.



RTPI Planning Convention 2013: The [2013 Planning Convention](#) was a huge success! The day was filled with plenaries, special interest sessions and 'The Big Debate'. The theme, Planning for Growth, was carried forth through sessions on the role of cities and major towns in delivering growth and planning naturally, and the Rt Hon [Eric Pickles](#) MP and [Lord Deighton](#), provided the political input. The date for next year's Planning Convention has already been set for 24 June 2014, so save the date!



RTPI Blogs: A new series of [RTPI blogs](#) has been launched on the RTPI website, covering various topics on a weekly basis. Topics so far include [strategic planning](#), [planning data](#), [housing](#), [public-private infrastructure partnerships](#) and [transit-oriented development](#). More blogs to follow soon...

Call for Proposals

Global Urbanisation – Challenges and Prospects: The [Regional Studies Association](#) is calling for papers on various topics related to the challenges and prospects of global economic integration, technological change and rapid urban development. The [list of research topics](#) is available online and abstract should be submitted via [e-mail](#) by 19 August 2013. The conference will take place in Los Angeles on 16-18 December 2013.

RSA Abstract Submission – The Future of Regional Studies: The [Regional Studies Association](#) has extended their call for papers deadline to present at their upcoming [Early Career Conference - Looking Forward: The Future of Regional Studies](#). The deadline for submission has been moved to 25 August 2013, and the list of research topics that are accepted for the abstracts are available [online](#). The conference will take place in Manchester on 1 November 2013.

Special Issue on Inclusive Research in Education: The guest editors of the [International Journal of Research & Method in Education](#) are currently seeking reflective critiques on the benefits and quality of inclusive research, and papers addressing problematic issues on the reality and rhetoric of inclusive research for their Special Issue on [Understandings and Enactments of Inclusive Research: Progress and sticking points in developing participatory and emancipatory research in the field of education](#). The deadline for [submitting papers](#) is 7 September 2013.

Other Publications

Sustainable Stockholm: This new publication, [Sustainable Stockholm: Exploring Urban Sustainability in Europe's Greenest City](#), investigates how different intersecting fields, such as urban planning and architecture, traffic planning, land-use regulation, waste management, regional development and water management, have contributed to making Stockholm Europe's "greenest" city.

Sustainable Retrofit and Facilities Management: In this book [Sustainable Retrofit and Facilities Management](#), Paul Appleby provides comprehensive guidance on minimizing carbon emissions, water consumption and waste to landfill for those interested in refurbishing and managing existing buildings.

Eco Innovation Observatory Report on Green Economy: The report '[Europe in transition: Paving the way to a green economy through eco-innovation](#)' outlines how systemic change and new forms of collaboration are necessary in the transition to a sustainable economy based on eco-innovation. Only by doing so can a functional system be created that places the integration of environmental sustainability at its core. The report offers 35 specific recommendations for policy makers at all levels.

Residential Mobility Behaviour: The NCRM has recently published a working paper on [Modelling residential mobility behaviour using a commercial data set: An analysis of mover/stayer characteristics across the life-course](#). The paper looks at various personal, individual-level characteristics of movers and non-movers to try and fully understand the processes and patterns behind residential mobility and immobility.

Training Material on Energy in Urban Planning: The [Urban Planners with Renewable Energy Skills](#) is providing [free online training material](#) on the role of energy in urban planning. The training modules are available in ten European languages, and are aimed at urban and regional planners to help understand energy issues.

Digital Methods as Mainstream Methodology: A new discussion paper on [Building capacity in the research community to address the challenges and opportunities presented by digitally inspired methods](#) has been published online by the [Digital Methods as Mainstream Methodology network](#). The paper highlights some of the concerns over digital methods in research, such as maintaining ethical research practices, avoiding unrecognised biases, and keeping up with the pace of contemporary technological developments.

Other events

News - New University Rankings: U-Multirank, an initiative led by the [Centre for Higher Education](#) (in Germany) and the [Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies](#) (in the Netherlands) is planning to introduce [a new form of university ranking](#). The €2 million-plus EU-funded initiative aims to offer prospective students and employers a more nuanced and user-friendly guide to universities than a simple one to 100 list.

New MSc Environmental Sustainability theme: A new [“Mountains to city” theme](#) has been launched as part of the [MSc Environmental Sustainability](#) course at the [Birmingham School of the Built Environment](#). It explores the links and dependencies between Britain’s remote upland landscapes and its largely urban population. The theme involves collaboration with the [University of the Highlands and Islands](#) (UHI), and it teaches principles that can be applied to the management of multi-functional landscapes across the world.

A Literary and Pubbing Roam Around Southwark: APG is hosting its second [Planning Ramble](#), which will be on the history of Southwark through the stories of the literary characters who hung out in the Borough High

Street pubs. Author [Pete Brown](#) will be curating the ramble based on his book '[Shakespeare's Local](#)', giving a short tour around some key historical spots around the area. The walk costs £20 and will start at the George Pub at 12:30 on 23 August 2013.

Census and Population Change-Impact on Planning, Land Use and the Environment: The [TWRI](#) is hosting a [conference](#) on the implications of demographic change on planning, land use and the environment, and will feature various presentations from the [Office of National Statistics](#), government departments and agencies, as well as local authorities, utilities, academics and TWRI Policy and Research staff. The conference will be chaired by Professor [Alan Townsend](#), and [registration](#) is required (the booking fee is £125, or £95 if booked before 1 September 2013). The conference will take place in York on 18 October 2013.

PPR Training Programmes for 2013/2014: [Place and Space Research](#) (PPR) is dedicated to promoting good practice and research to improve our towns, neighbourhoods and rural areas. It aims to make them more resilient and responsive to the growing demands of climate change and the changes in local service delivery. PPR has just launched a new training programme for 2013/2014 to provide support across the UK and ROI. To attend the training days, participants must complete the [online Booking Form](#). The day long sessions cost £200 (+ VAT) and a list of the upcoming training days for 2013/2014 can be found [here](#).

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London Planning Summit 2013: The [RTPI London](#) is organising a one-day conference on [Planning Beyond Boundaries](#). The conference will look at current and emerging best practice in London across three sessions: planning beyond borough boundaries, beyond professional boundaries and planning infrastructure. The programme will include several high profile speakers, including Professor Sir [Peter Hall](#), Dr [Peter Geraghty](#) and [Rob Krzyszowski](#). The sessions will be followed by five different study tours and the full programme is available on the [London Calling Blog](#). For booking details, please click [here](#). The conference will take place in Paddington on 19 September 2013.



Project Logs: The RTPI has launched a page for [Project logs](#), which will allow researchers and practitioners to post a record of their projects – whether completed or in-progress – to generate knowledge that is potentially useful for policy and/or practice. There is no central repository for researchers and practitioners to share information about their projects currently, so this will allow planning policymakers and practitioners to gain insight into projects that are happening. Three project logs have been posted so far: [SolidarCity](#), [URBAN-NEXUS](#) and [Future Cities](#). Contributions for further project logs are welcome, and information on how to submit a project log can be found [here](#). Your comments and feedback would be much appreciated through a ten-minute [online survey](#) or via research@rtpi.org.uk.



RTPI Blogs: Five new blog entries have been added to the [RTPI blog site](#), including topics on [broad-minded policy making in transport planning](#), [practitioners as sources of evidence](#), [planning messages from Europe](#), [the science and art of planning](#) and [future proofing with future thinking](#). Every week, new blog entries are added, so stay tuned for more!

Environmental Communities of Interest Forum: This new RTPI [Environmental Communities of Interest](#) forum offers a space to share knowledge, ask questions and promote best practice in environmental planning and protection. The forums are open to anyone with an interest in the subject area, though you must [join the group](#) (this is free and quick to do). Your input is welcome on new, or the current topics: Energy and Planning, Water and Marine Spatial Planning, Biodiversity and Countryside Management, Minerals and Waste and Environmental assessment.

MSc in Integrated Urbanism: The [Collaborative Centre for the Built Environment](#) (CCBE) and the [Northampton Institute for Urban Affairs](#) (NIUA) have developed a new [MSc in Integrated Urbanism](#), which will be taught at the [University of Northampton](#). The programme will cover various research topics spanning sustainable development, urban regeneration, urban design and housing growth, focussing particularly on advocacy, collaboration and creative thinking. The course will start in September 2013.

Online MSc Module on Policy and Practice: The [EPPI-Centre](#) is offering an online course on evidence-informed policy and practice. [Systematic Reviews for Policy and Practice](#) will teach students how to conduct and appraise systematic reviews and how to assess their strengths and limitations. The course is flexible on where and when you study, and students will receive tuition from experienced researchers at the EPPI-Centre in London. The course runs for 15 weeks from 9 September 2013 and fees start at £637.

Call for Proposals

Improving Energy Performance in Commercial Properties: The [Journal of Property Investment & Finance](#) has announced a call for papers for a Special Issue on topic areas related to [Improving Energy Performance in Commercial Property](#). The Special Issue will be published in 2014 and deadline for [submission](#) is 1 October 2013

Other Publications

Contemporary Social Science: The latest issue, [Vol 8, No 2](#), on 'Young People, Social Science Research and the Law' is now available, including topics on emotions, experiential knowledge for health-care research, community-university partnerships, ethics, knowledge mobilisation in education and 'development knowledge'.

Planning Theory & Practice: The latest article [Measuring Wellbeing: Towards Sustainability](#), by [Ian Bache](#) is now available online.

Conceptualising Hospice Space: [The Production of Hospice Space: Conceptualising the Space of Caring and Dying](#) examines the positive and negative impact that space can have in the pursuit of hospice care. It argues that the spatial practices surrounding hospice care are critical and that it could and should be available within any setting of choice where the spatial practices support that philosophy.

Serving the Hinterlands through Dry Ports: Water Seaports have traditionally been the focus of maritime logistics chains. The development of long-distance rapid transport of goods has changed production patterns, altering the logistical landscape of seaports and consequently making port hinterland transport more important. [Dry Ports – A Global Perspective: Challenges and Developments in Serving Hinterlands](#) provides case studies on the development of dry ports to demonstrate the potential economic, social, institutional and environmental benefits of successful inland port connectivity into transportation systems.

Britain as a Low Carbon Nation: The book [Low Carbon Nation?](#) investigates what the transition to a low carbon economy will mean for the technological, scientific, social and economic future development of cities and regions in Britain.

Improving Police Performance in Cities and Regions: This Helpdesk Research Report on [Effective Methods to Improve Police Performance in Cities and Regions in Developing Countries](#) looks at examples of effective methods to improve police performance in cities and regions in India, Mexico, Colombia, Peru and Pakistan. The research suggest that the reason for improvements in effective methods for police reform has not necessarily been the use of innovative reform policies, but rather the political and social context in which these have taken place.

disP - The Planning Review: [Volume 48, No 1](#) is now available for free online, including articles on children and spatial planning, planning the post-metropolis, Berlin in transition, integrating mobility and urban development and urban conservation and planning.

Water Governance as Connective Capacity: Water problems are complex and difficult to resolve. It involves many stakeholders, who all approach the problems and possible solutions differently. This requires delicate ways of governing multi-actor processes. [Water Governance as Connective Capacity](#) offers an interdisciplinary and governance-orientated perspective on water management. It focuses on how to deal with the various sources of fragmentation in water governance by giving practical insight into how connective capacity can be enhanced. The book includes case studies from countries including the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Romania, Sweden, Finland, Italy, India, Canada and the United States

Other events

How To Do Policy Better: The [RSA](#) is hosting [From flawed to fool-proof: How to do policy better](#): a talk in which Prof. [Anthony King](#) and Sir [Ivor Crewe](#) explain the common patterns that can be found in government mistakes and poorly executed policy. Informed by decades of research and insider interviews, Crewe and King will offer a diagnosis of flawed government and recommendations for more fool-proof policy. The event is free to attend, though [registration](#) is required. The event will take place in London on 19 September 2013.

RFSC Conference on Sustainable Urban Development: The [Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities](#) (RFSC) is hosting a conference on integrated and sustainable urban development. [Towards a European model of a](#)

[sustainable city](#) will offer practical solutions for improving integrated urban development at the local level, and encouraging the exchange of experience between European cities working with the RFSC toolkit. The event is free to attend, though [registration](#) is required. The conference will take place in Brussels on 9 October 2013.

Seminar Series: Evidence-Based Social Policy: In partnership with various organisations, the [Academy of Social Sciences](#) is organising a series of five seminars on [Social Science Evidence and the Policy Process: International Insights](#). The seminars will explore new approaches to the effective use of social science evidence in policy-making in different countries and will consider the conditions under which these models could be transferred across nations. The seminar topics are available [online](#) and if you would like to attend, contact the [International Advisory Group](#). The first seminar will take place in London on 17 October 2013.

NCRM Annual Lecture: Why do Fieldwork? The [National Centre for Research Methods](#) is hosting its Annual Lecture on *Why do Fieldwork?* The [lecture](#) will be presented by [Professor Paul Atkinson](#), who will reflect on research from across his career, arguing for the relevance of rigorous field research as opposed to more vaguely-specified qualitative research. The lecture is free to attend, though [registration](#) is required. The event will take place in London on 23 October 2013.

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RTPI Membership Survey: The RTPI is launching an online survey to find out what members think of the RTPI and how they view their membership. The findings will help us to continue our commitment to providing our members with the best possible services, benefits and support to assist them at every stage of their professional career. We invite all RTPI members to [fill out the survey](#), which should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. For every completed survey response, the RTPI will also make a donation to [Habitat for Humanity](#), a charity which aims to break the cycle of poverty by eliminating poor housing and homelessness in the UK and internationally. The survey will be live on the RTPI website until 25 October 2013.



Free Seminar on Good Practice in Strategic Planning: The [UK ESPON Contact Point](#) is holding a free evening seminar in Birmingham on 31 October aimed at helping local decision-makers develop integrated strategies and policies. [Good practice in strategic planning – Integrating goals, visions and strategies](#) will set out findings from the ESPON project, RISE, which was carried out on behalf of Birmingham City Council and looked at good practice in strategy development. [RISE](#) generated a toolkit which can be used as inspiration in the strategy-making process. Its findings, and those from other research projects, will be explained in the context of creating integrated strategies across the West Midlands. Places are limited. To attend the event, please complete the



[registration form](#) and return it to research@rtpi.org.uk by 24 October 2013.

RTPI Nathaniel Lichfield Annual Lecture: This year, the Rt Hon the [Lord Heseltine CH](#) will be giving the RTPI's [Nathaniel Lichfield Annual Lecture](#), which will be discussing the growth agenda with respect to cities, and how pioneering city leaders can develop visions for growth. This is a particular area of interest for the RTPI – one which will be further developed in the RTPI's [Policy Futures](#) work as part of our Centenary in 2014. The lecture costs £10 to attend (£8 concessions/free for students) and [registration is required](#). The lecture will take place at University College London on 12 November 2013.

RTPI Blogs: Read the latest [RTPI blog](#) entries, including topics on [The role of planning councillors](#), [Lessons on the state of planning guidance in England from the Taylor Review](#), [Promoting the best in planning research](#), [Labour's proposed policies and the housing crisis](#) and [Linking research and practice: The European Dimension](#). New blog entries are added on a weekly basis and can be found on the [RTPI Blog](#) webpage.

Calls for papers

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants: The British Academy is currently inviting applications from scholars for the [BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants scheme](#). Funds are available to facilitate the initial project planning and development in humanities and social sciences, to support the direct costs of research and to fund workshops, conferences or visits by/to partner scholars. The grant level varies from £500-£10,000 and applications must be submitted via the [e-GAP system](#). The deadline for submission is 16 October 2013.

Other publications

Planning Theory and Practice: The latest issue, [Vol. 14, No. 3](#), is now available, covering articles on [community gardening policy](#) in Ontario, [non-implementation of development plans](#) in Zimbabwe, [political dilemma's in peripheral development](#) in metropolitan Amsterdam, [resilience to large-scale urban green structures](#) and [transformative learning in the participatory planning process](#) in California. It also covers [suburban planning theory and practice](#) in America.

National Heat Map in England: A [National Heat Map](#), commissioned by the [Department of Energy and Climate Change](#), has now been published online. The map provides web-based maps of heat demand by area, identifying areas where heat distribution is likely to be beneficial and support planning and the deployment of low-carbon energy projects in England.

Good Cities, Better Lives: In his latest book, Sir [Peter Hall](#) investigates how the UK can create better towns and cities. [Good Cities, Better Lives: How Europe Discovered the Lost Art of Urbanism](#) looks at what the UK can learn from best practice examples in other countries (especially in Europe), and what lessons the UK can provide for other countries facing similar dilemmas.

Other events

Challenging Myths and Understanding Society: This last debate of the [Myths and Realities](#) public debate series by the [Academy of Social Sciences](#) will be on [Challenging Myths and Understanding Society](#). The debate will look at why people believe the social myths that they do, the role of the print press and media in producing and maintaining these myths and how social scientists can help address them. Tickets can be bought [online](#) at a cost of £7.50/£5.00 concessions (including one drink per person). The debate will take place at the British Library on 15 October 2013.

Conference on Crime and the Media: The [Campaign for Social Science](#) is holding a one-day conference on crime and the media, which will be co-chaired by Prof. [Laurie Taylor](#). Other speakers will include [Roger Graef](#) and [Jon Silverman](#). [Crime and the Media: Social Science Perspectives](#) will look at citizen journalism and how the modern media reports on crime and the lives of criminals. It will be aimed at those involved in the media and the study of crime and criminality, or those interested in related fields. The conference costs £65 [to attend](#), and will take place at Gresham College in Holborn on 5 November 2013.

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Promoting Local Growth: The RTPI is organising a free half-day event on 15 November 2013, which will look at [Promoting local growth](#) and what decision-makers and others can do to create an environment which promotes successful, balanced enterprise. The event will consider the [Government's new Growth Deals](#) and examine how sustainable economic growth is being stimulated in London and the South East. It will also show how tools and concepts developed by [ESPON](#), a major European research programme, can encourage strategic thinking and help in the formulation of strategies for growth. Speakers will include [David Crook](#) (BIS) and [Dave Valler](#) (Oxford Brookes University). The event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). The event will be followed by a free networking lunch from 1-2pm. Registration is required by 8 November 2013.



Note to RTPI Members: Launch of The Planner and Friday Briefing: Following the end of RTPI's contract with Haymarket for *Planning* magazine in August, the RTPI has launched [The Planner](#), an interim publication which will complement the new weekly news service, the [Friday Briefing](#). Both the publication and news briefings are available to RTPI members only. To find out more on how to become a member, click [here](#).



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Planning Theory and Practice Blog: [Planning Theory and Practice](#) has now launched its [first blog](#), written by [Jill Grant](#) (Professor of Planning, Dalhousie University). The article gives advice on how to write an article which will impress critics. Planning Theory and Practice is encouraging contributors, reviewers and readers of the magazine to [get in touch](#) if they have an idea for a relevant blog they would like published.

What Do Social Science Graduates Do? The [Campaign for Social Science](#) has recently published a [new report](#) looking at what social science graduates do after they graduate. The report reveals that social science graduates are more likely to be in work than STEM or arts-humanities graduates and that, of those in work, social science graduates are more likely to be managers, directors and senior officials at the same point in time. The report also reveals that social science graduates are more likely to be employed in the professional and scientific industries. The [full report](#) is available to read online.

World Cities, City Worlds: This recently published book, [World Cities, City Worlds: Explorations with metaphors, icons and perspectives](#) explores ways of seeing, experiencing and thinking about cities, by framing them through metaphors, referencing to iconic cities and by looking at them from different perspectives, i.e. those of city rulers, of artists, of analysts and of everyday city life. By doing so, the book reveals how - across the world and through history – cities work, how they change and what makes them tick.

Methodological Review Paper on Inclusive Research: The paper '[Practical considerations in doing research inclusively and doing it well](#)' looks at the practical, political and ethical challenges of inclusive research, particularly focussing on doing research with, rather than on, people with learning disabilities and others.

Other events

Reaching into the Outside: To mark the 70th anniversary of the [Field Studies Council](#) (FSC), the [RSA Action and Research Centre](#) and FSC have invited four thinkers, from a range of different fields, to address [how we can best support and meet the needs of future generations to become custodians and beneficiaries of the natural environment](#). The speakers will include Dr [Jo Twist](#) (CEO at the Association of UK Interactive Entertainment); Dr [Maggie Atkinson](#) (Children's Commissioner for England); [Jonathon Porritt CBE](#) (Environmental writer, broadcaster and co-founder of Forum for the Future) and Professor [Kate Jones](#) (Chair of Ecology and Biodiversity at UCL). This event is free to attend, though [registration](#) is required. It will take place in London on 5 November 2013.

World Town Planning Day Online Conference 2013: This years' [World Town Planning Day Online Conference](#) will be on Water and Planning: The Fluid Challenge. The online conference will bring together ideas from around the world about how we plan for communities in response to water-related issues. The speakers will provide perspectives from a wide range of multi-disciplinary material to offer insights to help improve the built environment - our cities, towns, rural communities – and the natural environment. [Fees to attend](#) will vary and the [full programme](#) is available online. The event will take place (online) on 6-7 November 2013. [Registration](#) is required and the deadline to register is 5 November 2013.

Hacking the Smart City: As part of the [ESRC's Festival of Social Science](#), the [Bartlett Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis](#) (CASA) at [UCL](#), co-sponsored by the [UK's Ordnance Survey](#), is hosting a hackathon aimed at finding solutions to make cities smarter. [Hacking the Smart City](#) will cover a number of innovative technologies which can be used to extract, analyse and visualise big data streams arising from social media, transport data from the city of London, weather data, air pollution and survey data from crowdsourcing. The hackathon is free to attend ([registration](#) is required) and will take place in London on 7-9 November 2013.

Exhibition: Saving the Twentieth Century: Post-war buildings such as the [Royal Festival Hall](#) and [Coventry Cathedral](#) are now widely admired, but their listing was once fiercely debated. [Brutal and Beautiful: Saving the Twentieth Century](#) looks at our love/hate relationship with our recent architectural past and asks, 'what is worth saving?'. Don't miss this exhibition, which will be showing in London until 24 November 2013.

Architecture on the Thames - East: [Open City](#) is offering a [tour of the River Thames - East](#), which will look at landmarks along the river, starting in Greenwich and going out towards Dartford Crossing and back. The landmarks will include the Dome, the Tate and Lyle Sugar Refinery in Silvertown, the Victorian Grade I listed Crossness Sewage Treatment Works and the future of Thames Barrier. The tour will be led by [Benedict O'Looney](#) and will cost £35.50 to attend. [Registration is required](#) to fit the deck capacity. The tour will start (and end) at Greenwich Pier, and will take place on 30 November 2013.

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RTPI Seeks Input on Strengthening Economic Benefits of Planning: The RTPI is seeking input in a 10-week [call for evidence](#) to assist in developing an upcoming policy paper exploring how planning can more effectively promote growth in the UK and Ireland. Planning is often cited as a barrier to growth, but evidence supporting this claim is scarce. It is therefore worth taking a step back to examine what is working and what is not. The RTPI encourages interested members, stakeholders and organisations to [take part](#) in the call for evidence, which will close on 24 January 2014.



Highlights from ESPON Week: From 11-15 November, the RTPI held 'ESPON Week'. Several [blogs](#) were published, briefings on [how to use the Nexus tool](#) and [how to plan for more people](#) were launched, and an event focused on [promoting local growth](#) was held. For more information about the RTPI's ESPON work, take a look at the [UK ESPON Contact Point web pages](#).



RTPI Nathaniel Lichfield Lecture 2013: On 12 November 2013, the [RTPI's Nathaniel Lichfield Lecture](#) took place at University College London. Sir [Peter Hall](#) chaired the lecture which saw the Rt Hon the [Lord Heseltine](#) CH give a thought-provoking speech on the growth agenda with respect to cities, the development of HS2, and how pioneering city leaders can develop visions for growth. A podcast from the lecture, which was generously supported by Dalia Lichfield, is [available online](#).

The Decline of the Urban English Pub: [Planning Theory & Practice](#) has published a new article on the decline of the urban English pub amongst young adults, and what this means for the UK planning system, social sustainability and public health. The article is [free to download](#) online.

RTPI Blogs: Read the latest two [RTPI blog](#) entries on [What's at stake with the changing Census](#) and [Are national and local politicians talking the same language when it comes to planning?](#) The full list of recent blog entries can be read on the [RTPI Blog](#) webpage.

Call for Proposals

Royal Docks Design Competition: The [Landscape Institute](#) and [Ecobuild](#) have launched a competition to transform the Royal Docks into a multi-functional 'liveable' space. The [Royal Docks Ideas Competition](#) seeks innovative and inspiring design ideas which incorporate green infrastructure and water-sensitive design ideas to make the area more resilient against environmental, social and economic challenges, and to transform it into a world class location. The competition is open to all individuals and teams, and those interested can [enter the competition](#) online. The winners will be announced on 5 March 2014, and the top 20 designs will be exhibited at [Ecobuild conference](#) in March 2014. The deadline for submissions is 6 January 2014.

Other Publications

Podcast: Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion of Communities: The [National Centre for Research Methods](#) (NCRM) has published a [podcast](#) in which Director [Patrick Sturgis](#) discusses the effect of ethnic diversity on communities. Numerous studies have characterised ethnic diversity by distrust and low levels of social cohesion, and this view is often adopted by academics and policy makers. New research by NCRM has shown a different and more complex picture however. [Mark Easton](#) has also covered this research in his article ['Is diversity good or bad for community cohesion?'](#)

Neighbourhood Planning in the UK: The [Institute of Public Policy Research](#) (IPPR) has published a report on the future potential of neighbourhood policy in the UK. [Love thy neighbourhood: People and place in social reform](#) investigates what makes a 'good neighbourhood', how and why UK neighbourhoods are changing and what strategies can be adopted to improve them. The report is [free to download](#) online.

Routledge Companion to Urban Regeneration: This book explores recent conceptual, policy and practical developments in the field of urban regeneration. With contributions from 73 international experts across the

globe, [The Routledge Companion to Urban Regeneration](#) considers the meaning of urban regeneration in different national contexts, providing informed discussion and analyses by drawing out common themes and significant differences, and highlighting potential transferable lessons for good practice.

Condition of Britain: Raising a Family: The [Institute for Public Policy Research](#) (IPPR) has started a new series of briefing papers as part of its [Condition of Britain Programme](#). The first paper of the series, [Raising a Family](#), explores the pressures on families in the UK. It reflects on recent attempts to provide a more supportive environment for families and asks how they can be helped to thrive in times of uncertain growth, limited public budgets and shifting pressures on family life.

Video: Why do Fieldwork? The [National Centre for Research Methods](#) (NCRM) has now posted a video of their annual lecture. In the lecture [Why do fieldwork?](#), Professor [Paul Atkinson](#) argues for the continuing relevance of rigorous fieldwork, in contrast to qualitative research, basing his lecture on research from his own career. The lecture took place on 23 October 2013.

Youth Unemployment in Europe: The [IPPR](#) has recently published a report on youth unemployment in Europe. [States of uncertainty: Youth unemployment in Europe](#) looks at the main causes of youth unemployment and the most effective means of helping young people transition from education to employment. The report is [free to download](#) online.

Other events

Designing for Great Estates: [New London Architecture](#) (NLA) is giving a [free breakfast talk](#) in which architects [Paul Davis](#), [Mike Stiff](#) and [David Walker](#) will look at three Estates which are currently being developed, to discover how their longer-term attitude to investment, development and management is influencing the way they are designed and developed. The talk will accompany the NLA's current exhibition: ['Great Estates: how London's landowners shape the city'](#), to explore the value of new, good quality architecture in securing the long-term future of estates. The talk is free to attend, though [registration is required](#). It will take place at the Building Centre in London on 3 December 2013.

Making Sense of Big Data: The [Oxford Martin School](#) will be hosting a free seminar on the potential benefits and risks of using big data. [Making sense of big data](#) will be given by Sir [Mark Walport](#), who will explore the benefits of using large datasets for research, innovation and productivity, the associated privacy and security risks, how to govern its use and how it can impact policy. The seminar is free to attend, but [registration is required](#). The seminar will take place in Oxford on 3 December 2013.

Who Will Plan Africa's Cities? The [Africa Research Institute](#) is hosting a panel discussion with [Peter Ngau](#) and [Vanessa Watson](#) on [the future of planning education in Africa](#). The event is free to attend, though [registration is required](#) due to limited space. The event will take place in London on 5 December 2013.

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