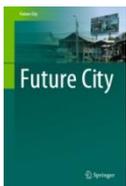


The "Speakers' Corner" is a quarterly newsletter to provide information regarding the progress of the IP-work. It informs about ongoing processes, decisions and events. Its content is the result of the close consultation of IP-Speaker, Manager and WP-Speakers. In the event of queries or requests for additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

WP Research

In **WP 1** (Concepts/Synthesis) members of our IP organize the [matchmaking event](#) for the Call "Food-Water-Energy Nexus" of the Sustainable Urbanisation Global Initiative (SUGI) which takes place on January 12 at UFZ. Furthermore, the steering board of the Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA) will meet at UFZ on January 13 and IP members K. Krellenberg, S. Kabisch and D. Rink will participate in this meeting. In **WP 2** (Urban Land Use & UES), several scientists took part in the IST Conference in Wuppertal in September 2016; F. Koch and K. Krellenberg (WP4) chaired a session on "Researching Urban Transformations towards Sustainability: A practical experience report". At our October meeting, R. Krämer & A. Richter, Department ESS at iDiv, were welcomed as new collaborators in WP2. Last but not least: Have a look at our recently published conceptual viewpoint on land-use changes: Banzhaf et al.: [Integrated research on land-use changes in the face of urban transformations – An analytic framework for further studies](#). Land Use Policy, 60. In **WP 3** (Sustain. Water Infrastructures) E. Gawel held a keynote speech on "Micropollutants and Reforming the German Waste Water Charge - the Leipzig Model" at the Conference "Pharmaceuticals and Micropollutants in Waterbodies" in Düsseldorf (Germany) in September 2016. The final report on the empirical assessment of the Water Abstraction Charge in Baden-Württemberg (authors: E. Gawel & W. Bretschneider) has been published by the Landtag (LT-Drs. 16/900). In **WP 4** (Env. Risks & Vuln.), a workshop on "Environmental conditions in urban neighborhoods" takes place on January 19 at the VisLab. D. Hertel and M. Ueberham will present their PhD research on the contribution of anthropogenic factors on temperature increase in Leipzig and sensor-techniques for measuring environmental conditions. Representatives of the city of Leipzig will also participate.

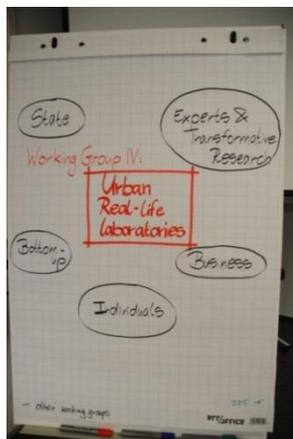
IP Book: "Urban Transformations: Sustainable Development through resource efficiency, quality of life and resilience"



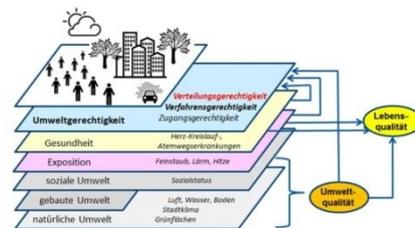
All chapters of our IP book (Editorial Team: S. Kabisch, F. Koch, E. Gawel, A. Haase, S. Knapp, K. Krellenberg, A. Zehndorf) have passed proof reading and are now in the final editing process. The volume is an important result of our interdisciplinary and collaborative work. It contains contributions from researchers of eight different departments of the UFZ and four different IPs as well as external cooperation partners. The book proposal has been accepted by Springer Editorial and will be published in its "Future City" series in the course of this year.

IP Event "Real World Laboratories"

November 10-11, 2016: The IP UrbTrans organized a working group on „**Urban Real World Laboratories (RWL)**“ within the Workshop ["Unpacking the political in contemporary discourses on sustainability transformations"](#) by the Department of Environmental Politics/UFZ. We invited Matthias Wanner from Wuppertal Institut/ TransZent to present his research on RWL-research and the notion of RWLs in the Flagship report "Humanity on the move: Unlocking the transformative power of cities" of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU).



IP Event "Environmental Justice"



November 25, 2016: IP Workshop **"Environmental Justice, quality of life and urban transformations"** with presentations by C. Bunge, Umweltbundesamt as well as by the IP-members A. Kindler, M. Reese, M. Ueberham and U. Schlink. In the following discussion the concepts of environmental justice and equity were distinguished and put into context with the exposition of urban individuals to environmental risks. The final program of the workshop can be downloaded [here](#).

IP Flashlights

- IP UrbTrans Job Offer: We are currently searching a PhD student (m/f) on the topic **"Assessing socio-spatial impacts on health of children in urban areas"**. The Closing date for applications is 26 February 2017, further information can be found [here](#).
- Our **IP UrbTrans plenary meeting** with all IP Members and Prof. Frauke Kraas (lead author of the recent WBGU-Flagship report) takes place on 18 January 2017 at UFZ in Leipzig.
- The international Scientific Advisory Board of **JPI Urban Europe** will meet at UFZ 12-13 January 2017. It follows the invitation of the IP UrbTrans speaker S. Kabisch who is member of this SAB.