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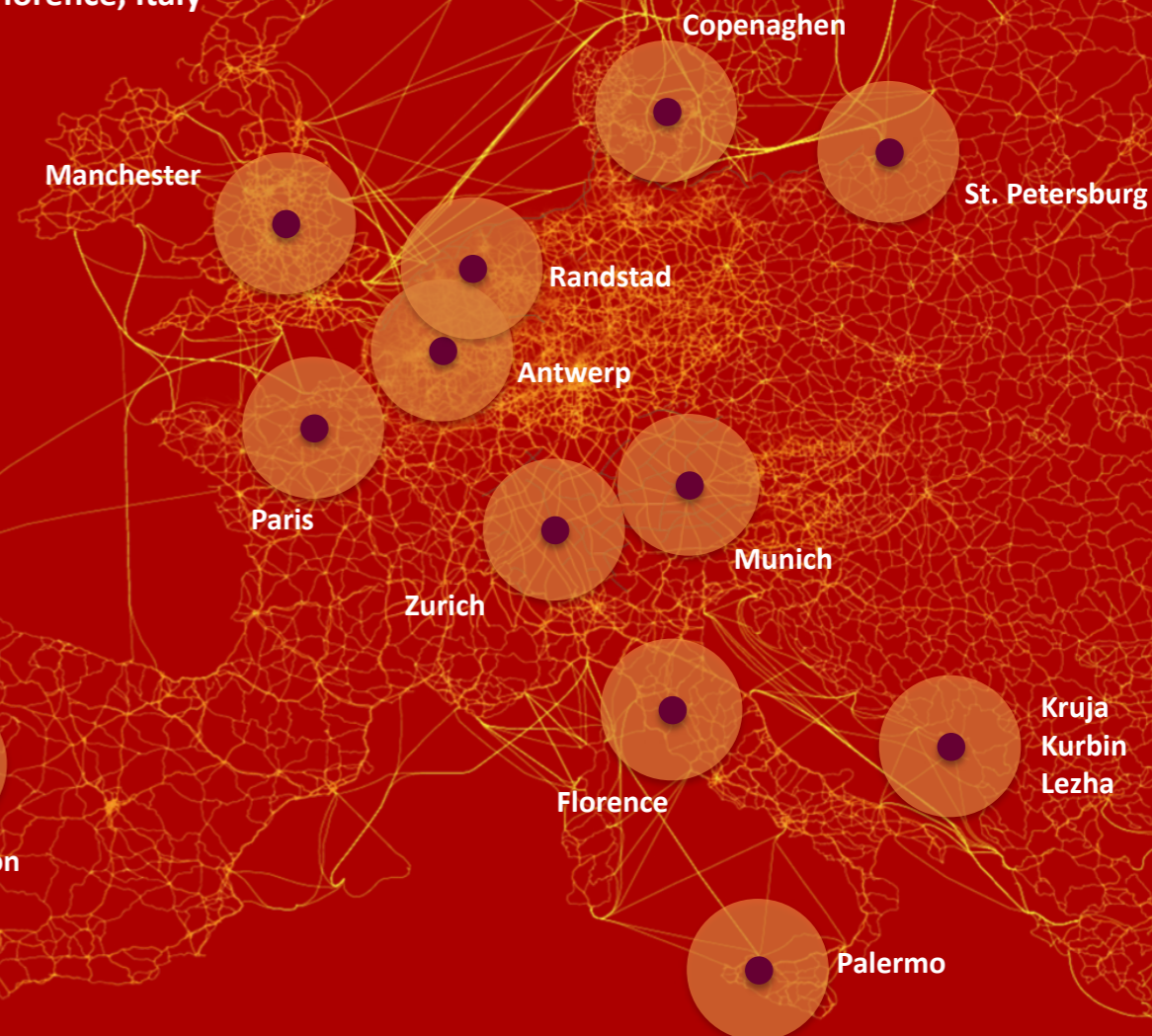


Florence, 18-19 May 2017

SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES

Designing and visioning in governance rescaling

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Aim of the conference

The conference SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES: DESIGNING AND VISIONING IN GOVERNANCE RESCALING discusses the role of regional design and visioning in the formation of regional territorial governance. The conference aims at an increased understanding of how practices, engaged with the imagination of possible futures, support the creation of institutional capacity for strategic spatial planning at regional scales.

Governance rescaling in spatial planning is about shifts in organisational and institutional structures that are the result of a search for efficiency, effectiveness and legitimation in planning. Such processes of rescaling take place in many European countries and find different expression: the amalgamation of municipalities, the definition of new urban/metropolitan authorities and the emergence of new commitments to co-operate in planning, for instance. Rescaling of governance has generated considerable debate, particularly in metropolitan regions, leading to a wide set of questions. Who is best equipped for regional planning? How can planning actions across administrative boundaries be motivated? How can they be legitimated?

Regional design concerns the imagination of spatial solutions for problems in particular regions and the use of these visions, even in the form of metaphors, for planning purposes. Both processes are deeply engaged with specific spatial environments and their distinct geographies. Both processes have territorial implications. They challenge formal planning by leading to the definition and re-definition of boundaries, often around non-statutory areas.

Focus of the conference SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES is the role of designing and visioning in processes of governance rescaling. It investigates two prepositions: 1) by recognising and understanding spatial dynamics within metropolitan regions, regional design and visioning, connecting administrative boundaries; 2) the imagination of possible spatial futures through regional design and visioning contributes to shared planning agendas which seek connect broader planning objectives with concrete spatial interventions.

Discussion around these two prepositions is expected to lead to a more profound understanding of how design, visioning and governance rescaling are interrelated. Practices of regional design and visioning differ across European regions depending on planning cultures and planning systems as well as shared histories of regional governance and capacity building. This is why the conference seeks a comparative perspective: a variety of governance rescaling processes and of design and visioning practices are discussed.

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Conference programme

Day 1 – 18th May 2017

Metropolitan cities in the context of governance rescaling

- 8.30 – 9.00 **Participant registration**
- 9.00 – 9.45 **Welcome and Introduction**
Valeria Lingua, Assistant professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Architecture, University of Florence
Marco Bindi, Vice-President (Pro-Rettore) of the University of Florence
Saverio Mecca, Dean of the Department of Architecture, University of Florence
Pietro Rubellini, Director of the Metropolitan City of Florence
Andrea Simoncini, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Florence, Coordinator of the Strategic Plan for the Metropolitan City of Florence
Silvia Viviani, President of National Town Planning Institute (INU)
Roberto Masini, President of the Association of Architects of the Metropolitan City of Florence (to be confirmed)
- 9.45 – 11.30 **Regional design and visioning in governance rescaling**
Chair: **Giuseppe De Luca**, Associate professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Architecture, University of Florence
Introduction: visioning and designing in interactive governance, between soft and hard spaces for planning.
Valeria Lingua, University of Florence
Prepositions: Enhancing governance capacity in metropolitan regions through regional design.
Wil Zonneveld, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Delft University of Technology
The renaissance of big plans. The role of regional design
Alain Thierstein, Professor of Urban Development, Faculty of Architecture, Munich University of Technology
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 13.00 **The context: Governance rescaling across Europe**
Chair: **Valeria Lingua**, University of Florence
Governance rescaling and strategic planning in England
Graham Houghton, Professor of Urban Planning, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester
Territorial administrative organization and spatial planning from regional to soft spaces in Portugal
João Pedro Costa and Cristina Cavaco, Assistant Professors of Urbanism, Faculty of Architecture, University of Lisbon

- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Effects of governance rescaling in spatial planning practices**
Chair: **Wil Zonneveld**, Delft University of Technology
The strategic role of spatial planning in redefining scales and governance structures in Denmark
Daniel Galland, Associate Professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Development & Planning, Aalborg University
Strategic planning in Russia: From national to local government approaches
Limonov Leonid, Director of ICSE “Leontief Centre”, NRU HSE, St. Petersburg, Russia
The institutional reforms on spatial planning for French metropolitan cities and agglomerations
Anna Geppert, Professor of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Paris-Sorbonne, France. President of AESOP, the Association of European Schools of Planning
- 16.00 – 16.30 Discussion
- 16.30 – 18.00 Coffee break
- Visioning in governance rescaling: Florence**
Chair: **Saverio Mecca**, University of Florence
Introduction
Luigi Dei, President (Rettore) of the University of Florence
Representing and communicating the metropolis: Florence
Fabio Lucchesi, Associate professor of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Florence
Metropolitan renaissance: A vision for the Metropolitan City of Florence
Valeria Lingua, University of Florence
The strategic plan in perspective: Governance options
Andrea Simoncini, Professor of Constitutional Law University of Florence
- 18.00 – 18.30 **Conclusion**
Valeria Lingua, University of Florence & **Verena Balz**, Chair of Spatial Planning & Strategy, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Day 2 – 19th May 2017

Shaping the future of metropolitan cities: theories and practices

- 9.00 – 9.30 **Welcome and brief synopsis of the first conference day**
- 9.30 – 11.00 **Regional design and visioning: advancing theories**
Chair: **Valeria Lingua**, University of Florence
Regional design as a discretionary approach to planning
Verena Balz, Chair of Spatial Planning & Strategy, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
How regional designing affects spatial planning
J. Annet Kempenaar, Chair of Landscape Architecture, Wageningen University, The Netherlands
The synthesising competencies of regional designers
Lukas Gilliard, Chair of Urban Development, Munich University of Technology
Discussion
Prepositions, concerning roles of design and visioning in governance rescaling, from a theoretical perspective
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 **Shaping regional futures through metaphors**
Chair: **Giuseppe De Luca**, University of Florence
The Ville Poreuse and the Horizontal Metropolis
Paola Viganò, Professor of Urbanism & Urban Design, EPFL Lausanne, University of Venice IUAV
The role of metaphors in defining the metropolis
Michiel Dehaene, Associate professor in Urban analysis and design, Department of Architecture & Urban Planning, University of Gent
The scale in-between and the Patchwork Metropolis
Carlo Pisano, School of Architecture, University of Cagliari
Discussion
Prepositions, concerning roles of metaphors in governance rescaling
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Shaping regional futures: metropolitan visions and plans**
Chair: **Alain Thierstein**, TUMunich
Zurich Metropolitan visions
Anna Schindler, Head of Urban Development, City of Zurich
Antwerp, City of Tomorrow
Katlijn Van der Veken, director of the Department of Urban Space, City of Antwerp, and Katrijn Apostel, project leader Strategic Structure Plan of Antwerp
The vision for the general local plans of Kruja, Kurbin and Lezha in the framework of the Albanian Administrative-Territorial Reform
Roberto Mascarucci, University of Chieti-Pescara, Charged of the general local plans
Discussion
- Shaping regional futures: design approaches**
Chair: **Verena Balz**, TUDelft
Atelier Making Projects: Promoting planning by means of regional design studios in the Netherlands
Jelte Boeijenga, reporter on Atelier Making Projects, independent researcher, planner and author
Palermo Mediterranean Gateway City
Daniele Ronsivalle, University of Palermo, charged for the Strategic Plan for the metropolitan city of Palermo
Munich Metropolitan City
Agnes Förster, Studio Stadt Region, München
Discussion
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 17.30 **Conclusion**
Chair: **Valeria Lingua & Giuseppe De Luca**, University of Florence
Syntesis of case studies discussions - Roundtable Conclusion

