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Productive Processes: Sustainable Transitions for Urban Industrial Lands

A substantial challenge for many urban centres is to develop and modernise industrial lands. Legacy industrial lands serve as a spatial and functional nexus in cities – vital to environmental, economic, and social stability. The tensions between economic vulnerability and economic growth on these lands are spanned by the need to balance social objectives. In achieving these objectives, cities’ steps towards integrating natural, built, and social landscapes are only as effective as the capacity for their local communities to accept, design, and plan for new functions. This complexity compels us to rethink the dynamic challenges of urban industrial lands beyond debates of urban production or the Productive City.

For this iteration of Pt.Seminar, participants are invited to explore the processual or programmatic ways to co-produce new (combinations of) forms, functions, as well as relevant policies encouraging or giving rise to the sustainability-oriented (re)development of urban and industrial lands. For this, Productivity as understood at various levels ranging from firms and producers, through to neighbourhoods or districts, as well as cities and regions serve as the backdrop to emerging (processes for) Planning Instruments & Policy, and Stakeholders & Management. These starting points will support conversations on the interactions and intricacies of how (agents of) planning may contribute to the transformational governance of urban industrial lands in space and over time.

Wednesday, 12th October, 2022 | 16:30 - 20:00 CET via Zoom
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