Productive Processes
Sustainable Transitions for Urban Industrial Lands
12.10.2022 | 17:00 - 20:00 pm (CET) | Online
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Productivity is an integral component for how cities might sustainably develop as well as thrive. But how we understand it is no longer comparable to how it was defined a century, or even a decade ago. So, why is it important that we re-acquaint ourselves with the existing and new flows, chains, technologies, or models that contribute to contemporary definitions of productivity? How do these determine the qualities or designs of processes that help us produce goods and services or plan cities? Who can set these processes in motion? For whom are the (in)direct impacts most palpable? Finally, how do these processes look in theory and on the ground?

This iteration of Pt.Seminar brings together curious minds and experienced personalities to examine the current discussions and dilemmas with productivity in relation to key concepts for Planning Instruments & Policy and emerging models for Stakeholders & Management. These starting points facilitate pilot and comparative research on the formative impacts from urban planning processes that support productivity. They also motivate us to share experiences and engage in conversation with three international case studies from Germany, Canada, and Belgium, which demonstrate how diverse actors strive to be productive while grappling with evolving and multi-level processes.

Pt.Seminar is a dialogue format on current planning methods run by the Chair of Planning Theory & Urban Development at RWTH Aachen University, addressing contemporary and pressing planning issues on multiple scales. The seminar encourages the exchange of knowledge between academia and practice. Practitioners from public planning authorities as well as private planning offices are currently looking for new ways to handle the ever-growing complexity in their everyday work. Reflection on current challenges on planning methods within a transdisciplinary crowd allows for the emergence of expertise and new knowledge. Students gain valuable insights into the breadth of the profession, and opportunities for networking present themselves.

Pt.Seminar with presentations and workshop sessions
Wednesday 12. October 2022 17:00 - 20:00 CET
Online via Zoom
Registration via this link.
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Organisers
Chair for Planning Theory and Urban Development at the Faculty of Architecture,
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Agnes Förster & Robin Chang

Programme

17:00  Opening Remarks & Introduction by Robin Chang and Agnes Förster
(Re)Defining Productivity and Processes for Cities

17:15  Keynote Dialogues
Dr. Stefan Gärtner
Head of Institute and Research Department for Spatial Capital
Institute for Work & Technology (GE)

Prof. Dr. Carl Grodach
Foundation Professor and Director of Urban Planning & Design
Monash University (AU)

17:45  Research & Learning
Highlights from the Pilot Project SAIL by Robin Chang

17:45  Parallel Workshop Sessions
Session 1: How do we plan for productivity? | (In)formal Processes & Approaches
Yuliia Zalomaikina | IBA '27 - Quartier Backnang West (GE)

Session 2: Why should we plan for productivity? | Values & Visions
Elise Boon | FLTM - L'Extension (BE)

Session 3: What are we planning for productivity? | Designs & Solutions in Space
Eric Aderneck | MVIL - Mount Pleasant House & Intra Urban Evolution (CA)

19:30  Summary & Closing