Welcome to
The Higher Seminar Series at Urban and Regional Studies,
Urban Planning and Environment, ABE, KTH
If nothing else is mentioned: All seminars take place at 13.15-15.00, Seminar room no. 4055 (1st floor), Drottning Kristinas Väg 30, Stockholm
For more details and preparative readings please consult our web page: http://www.kth.se/abe/om_skolan/organisation/inst/som/avdelningar/urbana-studier/seminarier
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URBAN ENVIRONMENTS & SOCIAL LIFE
Much of what urban designers and planners influence has to do with transformation of the built environment. The quality of urban and housing environments is then a very important aspect of urban planning and design. The physical built environment and its interaction with the social structures of today’s cities is a complex field, in need of new cross-disciplinary research, employing both qualitative and quantitative approaches. This new set of three seminars coordinated by the Civitas Athenaem Laboratory (CAL) will focus on urban environments and social life from an urban and landscape perspective, how forces of structural change, media, technology, etc. contribute to shaping the urban landscape and explore different effective measures for the reinvention of cities, as well as discuss some key tenants of theory of urban form through a discussion of selected texts.

30 August (Thursday)
TIME: 14:00-16:00
Placemaking & Transforming Communities
Galina Tachieva
CNU LEED AP | AICP|Partner & Director of Town Planning at DPZ
Architects and Town Planners
Discussant: Tigran Haas

12 September
Discussing Theories of Urban Form: 4 Papers
Inga Britt Werner (Prof) & Tigran Haas (Assoc.Prof), KTH
Discussant: CAL Members
Inga Britt Werner & Tigran Haas

27 September (Thursday)
Tree of (urban) life - The role of urban trees in vital, sustainable cities
Helene Littke
PhD Fellow (KTH)
Discussant: TBA (preliminary, Camilo Calderon, PhD Fellow)

CHALLENGES FOR MODERN REGIONAL PLANNING
Ten years ago, the KTH Department of Regional Planning produced an anthology highlighting contemporary challenges in planning and new directions for our field: “…a bridge from an era focusing on physical planning to new cross-disciplinary research, employing both qualitative and quantitative approaches. This new set of three seminars coordinated by the Civitas Athenaem Laboratory (CAL) will focus on urban environments and social life from an urban and landscape perspective, how forces of structural change, media, technology, etc. contribute to shaping the urban landscape and explore different effective measures for the reinvention of cities, as well as discuss some key tenants of theory of urban form through a discussion of selected texts.

10 October
Old Structures and New Understanding of Strategic Spatial Planning in Austria
Alois Humer
University of Vienna
Discussant: Daniel Rauhut

24 October
The New Economic Geography and its consequences for regional development
Hans Westlund
Visiting Prof. Regional Planning KTH
Discussant: Simon Falk
VENUE: Seminar room 5033 (2nd floor), Drottning Kristinas väg 30

7 November
Municipal collaboration for regional competitiveness and sustainability in Skåne
Göran Cars (Prof) & Carl-Johan Engström (Adj.Prof), KTH
Discussant: TBA

DIVIDED CITIES, SOCIAL TENSIONS & PLANNING
The harmonious and integrated city is a vision. But urban space is often contested and characterized by differences, tensions and conflicts along lines of e.g. socio-economic status, politics, ethnicity, culture or geography. We need to understand more about the consequences of different and sometimes conflicting narratives, enactments and uses of space, in an urban development and planning context. We also need to understand more about the political and politicizing aspects of the conditions for urban development and planning practice. Three of these seminars focus on issues related to divided cities, social tensions and the role of urban planning in relation to this.

21 November
Identity Politics & City Planning – The Case of Jerusalem
Ann-Catrin Andersson
PhD, Örebro university
Discussant: Feras Hammami

5 December
Assembling Fear, Practicing Hope: Geographies of Gender & Generation in Newcastle upon Tyne
Catherine Alexander
PhD, post-doc at URS, KTH
Discussant: TBA

19 December
Differences go deep - planning in a risk society (Literature seminar)
Introduction: Maria Håkansson (Ass. Prof.)
Discussant: TBA

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