

Cities and Urban Spaces: Chances for Cultural and Citizenship Education

European Conference
29 September – 1 October 2010
Trieste, Italy



Background and Aims

Worldwide, the run on cities keeps going on. The UN predicts that in 2030 61% of the world's population will live in cities. However nowadays, mega- or meta-cities such as Mumbai, Shanghai, Beijing, Sao Paulo, Mexico City or Lagos with their extreme contrast between wealth and poverty suggest a kind of anarchic urbanisation in the countries of the southern hemisphere.

Also European cities change radically: migration and mobility tend to undermine the cohesion in urban societies. Many cities have become complicated entities in which ethnically, socially and culturally segregated communities have developed. Often, extended leeways for individual life designs and collective ways of living are linked to growing disparity and conflicts of identity and self-assertion.

Developments within cities and in urban spaces provide a variety of starting points for new ways of cultural and citizenship education

which are being discovered only slowly. Artistic and cultural ways of action and interventions may inform and activate the public, new participative ways of urban development may mobilise the citizens' political and creative potential and support the voices of civil society. Which opportunities and tasks for cultural and citizenship education do result from these new forms and ways of action? May they lead to a reconsideration of previous assumptions and interventions in cultural and citizenship education?

This year's NECE conference can be understood as a laboratory, think tank and project market for different disciplines, methodologies ("expert cultures") and practitioners, bringing together the variety of 'urban' discourses and practices in the cities of Europe in order to look for new approaches to cooperation and projects.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 29 September 2010

04:00 pm Registration at the Stazione Marittima
Congress Centre

05:30 pm **Opening Addresses**

Thomas Krüger, President, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)

Roberto Dipiazza, Mayor of Trieste (Italy)*

Vanda Knowles, Policy Director,
Eurocities (Belgium)*

06:00 pm **Key Lecture**

Charles Landry, COMEDIA (UK)

06:45 pm **Opening Panel: City – Space – Identities in the 21st Century**

This inter-disciplinary panel will discuss the challenges politics and civil society in cities and urban quarters are confronted with given an increasingly mobile and heterogeneous population. How can disparate social and cultural identities and interests be kept together; how can conflicts be dealt with and solved? What are the roles of innovative and integrative projects in support of participation and fair access to the resources and institutions of a city?

With:

Elisabeth Blum, Zurich University of the Arts (Switzerland)

Naika Foroutan, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science (Germany)*

Charles Landry, COMEDIA (UK)*

Richard Reynolds, Author of the Book "Guerrilla Gardening" (UK)

Moderation: **Almut Möller**, German Council on Foreign Relations (Germany)

08:30 pm Reception

Thursday, 30 September 2010

09:00 am NECE – Networking European Citizenship Education

Introduced by

Petra Grüne, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)

Nel van Dijk, Institute for Political Participation (The Netherlands)

Manfred Wirtitsch, Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture (Austria)

09:15 am Cities and Urban Spaces: Chances for Cultural and Citizenship Education

How will the city of the future define itself? What will life in cities look like in the year 2030: What demographic, economic, ecologic and cultural changes will be typical for the life in and the image of the city of the future? Which possibilities of civic participation and chances for citizenship education might be derived from this?

Wolfgang Kaschuba, Humboldt University Berlin (Germany)

Bruno Losito, Roma Tre University (Italy)

Discussion with the audience

Moderation: **Almut Möller**, German Council on Foreign Relations (Germany)

10:30 am Break

10:45 am World Café, hosted by **Helle Becker**, Education Expert and Publicist (Germany)

12:30 pm Lunch Snack

02:00 pm Parallel Workshops

Which are the current issues, topics and action fields of and in cities and urban spaces in Europe? How can cultural and citizenship education in this new space of living and working which we call "city" be described and what will it be like in respect of actual civic practice and engagement? In the course of parallel workshops, possibilities and prospects of cultural and

citizenship education will be discussed in the context of urban development and urban culture, at first from a scientific-didactic point of view. Secondly, various interdisciplinary dimensions of the topic will be illustrated by good practice projects in Europe.

Please click [here](#) for detailed information about the different workshops.

1. City and the Past: Cultural and Citizenship Education at the Interface of Remembrance Policy

2. Performing Arts and Culture in the City: New Fields of Action for Cultural and Citizenship Education

3. City and Social Entrepreneurship: Cultural and Citizenship Education in the Environment of Economy

4. Good Governance and Politics in the City: Cultural and Citizenship Education accompanying New Models of Participation

5. Between Gentrification and Social Cohesion: The Role of Cultural and Citizenship Education in Processes of Change

6. Living in Green Cities: The Significance of Cultural and Citizenship Education for Sustainable Urban Development

03:30 pm Coffee Break

04:00 pm Continuation of the Parallel Workshops

06:30 - Consultation & Networking Panels

07:30 pm In three panels, we would like to support you and your organisation regarding the following issues:

1. EU funding in the Field of Citizenship and Education: Next to national, numerous EU driven programmes are a potential source for project funding for both institutions and NGOs. Although there is no universal procedure, there are certain steps, which help to identify and understand the programmes, as well as improve the quality of a project application.

Isane Aparicio, EU Affairs Consultant, Schuman Associates (Belgium)*

2. Funding for Cities and Urban Spaces: Cities and regions with all the subtopics and the challenges that go along with urbanity find their expression in a range of policies and programmes of the EU. In addition, there are numerous programmes driven by different DGs, initiatives by the Council of Europe, by the UN, UNESCO and networks like EUROCITIES that support you and your project on sustainable urban development.

Nils Scheffler, Freelance Consultant (Germany)*

3. Empowerment for the Non-Profit Sector: Participation in civil society is one of the essential driving forces of sustainable development. In this session you will gain a sight into the range of skills required to manage successfully in the non-profit sector. Leadership, time management, teambuilding and effective networking are just a few of them.

Sonia Herrero, HRights CONSULTANCY (Germany)*

08:30 pm Lecture
Veit Heinichen, Author (Italy)

Moderation: **Alexandra Hagemann**, Goethe-Institut Triest (Italy)



Friday, 1 October 2010

Organisational Advice

09:00 am **Consultation & Networking Panels** (continuation)

10:15 am **Reports from the Workshops**

Moderation: **Almut Möller**, German Council on Foreign Relations (Germany)

10:45 am **Key Lecture Perspectives of Education and Participation in Urban Society**

Paul Scheffer, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Discussion with the audience

Moderation: **Jörg Lau**, DIE ZEIT (Germany)

11:45 am Coffee Break

12:00 pm **Final Remark**

Phil Wood, Expert and Consultant in Cultural Diversity and Urban Policy/ Principal Advisor to the Council of Europe's "Intercultural Cities" Programme (UK)

Farewell

03:00 pm City sightseeing tour (optional)

Project Market: Within the framework of the conference a market of ideas and projects will be launched. Display boards will be available to show posters or tack other information on your project. This tool also offers space for the presentation of good practice projects by audiovisual methods or installations. Please apply at nece-trieste@lab-concepts.de before 6 September 2010. Space is limited.

Market Board: This board reflects once more the networking aspect of the conference by facilitating exchange and the search for new co-operation partners.

Please note: There is **no conference fee**. Single-day guests are very welcome. The organisers will not cover travel or accommodation costs. For registration please click [here](#).

If you need accommodation, please contact Livia Cavedali at: infohotel@way-travel.it before 12 September 2010, referring to the NECE Conference Trieste 2010. She supports you with your booking and will also provide you with details regarding the payment regulations.

Conference location: **The Stazione Marittima Congress Centre** (address: Molo Bersaglieri 3, Trieste) is located directly at the seaside in the historic and business centre of Trieste.

How to get to the conference location: From the airport Trieste:

- By bus: bus coach service 51 (in front Arrivals Exit) to Trieste bus station (Piazza della Libertà 11), journey time to Trieste is approx. 60 min. (costs: 3,25€).
- By bus & train: bus coach service 1, 51, 26 to the station Monfalcone (journey time approx. 15 min.; costs 1€); train from Monfalcone Railway Station to Trieste Railway Station (train leaves every 15 min.), journey time approx. 20 min. (costs 2,50€).

From Trieste Railway Station to the Congress Center:

- 15 min. walking distance
- By bus: City Bus No. 8 (costs: 1,20€)

Detailed information is available at: www.nece.eu

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