

Science & Policy Panel and Plenary Discussion

Thursday, 18 August 2016, 16.00 – 18.00 h

University of Zurich, main building, room KOL G 212, Rämistrasse 71

Towards a Science of Cities: A New Perspective on Global Urbanization

Keynote Speaker: Shlomo (Solly) Angel

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By 2030, sixty percent of the world's population is projected to live in cities. The majority of this growth in urban areas is expected to occur in cities in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The transition from rural to urban life styles is likely to result in a significant expansion in urban areas, which has to be mapped out and planned in advance. Urban expansion will require massive investments in urban infrastructure and innovation. It needs to be designed to make these cities livable and sustainable, not just for the privileged who already own property in cities, but also for the new residents. The latter have little access to essential urban goods and services and have a hard time to find affordable housing.

Panel discussion: Moderation by Philipp Aerni, Director CCRS at the University of Zurich

Manfred Max Bergman

Professor of Social Research and Methodology at the University of Basel

Markus Schaefer

Partner at HOSOYA SCHAEFER ARCHITECTS AG and co-curator of the 'Salon Suisse' (the next 100 years – Scenarios for an Alpine City State) at the 14th Biennale in Venice

Carsten Menke

Commodity Analyst, Julius Bär and author of 'Growing Urban – Peak Steel in China'

Jacqueline Schmid

Programme Manager, Climate Change Section of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

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