

# The contribution of governance research for planning theory and practice

During the past twenty years new forms of governance have emerged which are either coexisting with or complementing traditional and formal forms of spatial planning and government. As consequence, research on governance focuses on hybrid and multi-jurisdictional structures. However, it encompasses not only local or regional institutions but also the processes and mechanisms through which actors coordinate their actions and resources in the pursuit of collectively defined objectives. This is largely based on empirical observations that the arena of policy-making and implementation increasingly involves societal interactions and actors who are not associated with administrative institutions of the traditional political system.

But what exactly are the benefits of using the term governance and what are the impacts of the various governance-concepts on planning theory and practice? The aim of this conference is to reflect the range of different forms of urban and regional governance in two ways: Firstly, we will discuss theoretical approaches inspired by the recognition and the active formation of apparently new features of governance. Secondly, we are going to explore governance as practice. By taking into consideration the contextual richness, i.e. the political, social, cultural, and historical context of a city or region, we will discuss the implications of governance research on planning practices in different European contexts. In that sense we seek to explain how societies are changing towards a ‘new reality’ of (territorial) governance, including questions of public participation, democratic legitimacy and, with regard to functionalistic perspectives, of policy-making processes.

Thursday, 19.03.2015

Theoretical Perspectives on Urban and Regional Governance

13.00 **Registration**

14.00 **Welcome and Thematic Introduction**

*Jörg Friedrich, Leibniz Universität Hannover  
Christina von Haaren, Leibniz Universität Hannover*

*Frank Othengrafen / Frank Scholles,  
Leibniz Universität Hannover*

14.30 **Planning & the Ideology of Assault:  
A Role for Planning in a Turbulent  
Governance Landscape**

*Mark Tewdwr-Jones, Newcastle University*

15.15 **Spatial Planning as the Governance of  
Place – A Hybrid Concept between  
Piecemeal Theory and Unsettled Practice**

*Thorsten Wiechmann, TU Dortmund*

16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.30 **Plenary Discussion: Potentials of  
Governance Research for Planning Theory**

*Christina von Haaren, Leibniz Universität Hannover*

*Heiderose Kilper, Leibniz-Institut für  
Regionalentwicklung und  
Strukturplanung (IRS), Berlin*

*Marion Klemme, Leiterin des Referats Stadtentwicklung beim Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung (BBSR)  
Mario Reimer, Institut für Landes- und  
Stadtentwicklungsforschung (ILS)*

18.15 **From spatial planning to territorial  
governance in Europe: Costs and Benefits**

*Vincent Nadin, TU Delft*

19.30 **Social Dinner (optional)**

*Opening Speech: Bernhard Müller, Leibniz-Institut für ökologische Raumentwicklung, Dresden*

Freitag, 20. März 2015

Der Beitrag der Governance-Forschung für die Planungspraxis

09.00 **Begrüßung und Einführung**

*Rainer Danielzyk / Frank Othengrafen,  
Leibniz Universität Hannover*

09.15 **Zum Verhältnis zwischen Planungstheorie und Praxis der Raumplanung**

*Christian Diller, Universität Gießen*

10.00 **Planerische Illusionen bei Abwägungs-  
und Bewertungsverfahren –  
Erkenntnisse aus den  
Kognitionswissenschaften**

*Dietrich Fürst, Hannover*

10.45 **Pause**

11.15 **Urban and Regional Governance in der  
Praxis – kurze Erfahrungsberichte**

*Ralf Baumheier, Leiter der Abteilung  
Koordinierung und Planung, Senatskanzlei,  
Hansestadt Bremen*

*Stephan Löb, Referatsleiter Regionale Lan-  
desentwicklung, Nds. Staatskanzlei*

*Thorsten Tonndorf, Referatsleiter Stadtent-  
wicklungsplanung, Senatsverwaltung für  
Stadtentwicklung und Umwelt, Berlin*

*Axel Priebs, Leiter Dezernat für Umwelt,  
Planung und Bauen Region Hannover*

13.15 **Zusammenfassung und Ausblick**

*Rainer Danielzyk, Leibniz Universität  
Hannover*

## Organisation

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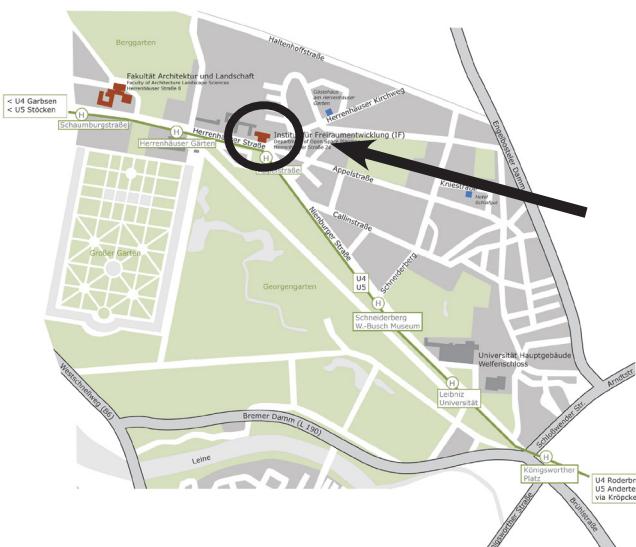
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Registration deadline is 20 February 2015.

The Conference fee is 40 € (10 € for students) and covers all costs (including the dinner). The payment has to be made by transfer to the following bank account not later than 28 February 2015:

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### Venue

Leibniz Universität Hannover  
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Building 4107, lecture room „Kirchenkanzlei“  
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