

Background

Growth can no longer be taken as granted. Today shrinkage is widespread in urban Europe. Despite this fact it is often disregarded as a dominant long term development trend.

While urban decline is on the increase it seems opportune to review the paradigm behind the established views of urban growth and change. To deal with the results of demographic, economic and physical contraction processes and to plan for the future of considerably smaller but nevertheless livable cities is one of the most challenging tasks for urban Europe in the near future.

The Franco-German workshop series addresses the issue urbanization and strategic planning under the condition of urban shrinkage. The aim of this workshop is to discuss issues of shrinking cities from three different angles: urban strategies, adaptation of infrastructure, and shrinkage in suburbia.

Programme

Thursday (July 2nd): Sharing of Experiences

- 9:15 am **Welcome Address**
Prof. Dr. Thorsten Wiechmann
Institute of Geography
Chair of Spatial Planning
TU Dresden
- 9:30 am **Keynote**
Urbanity and Demographic
Shrinkage in Germany
Prof. Dr. Hartmut Häußermann
(tbc)
Institute of Social Sciences
Humboldt-University Berlin

Session 1: Strategies of Shrinking Cities in Germany

- 10:30 am Municipal Strategies in
Shrinking Cities in Germany
Katharina Mörl
IOER
- Local Property Owner Partnerships in Cities affected by Demographic Change
Elena Wiezorek,
Dresden Leibniz Graduate School
- Inter-organizational Learning in Shrinking Cities. Findings from the Case Study Aschersleben
Ingo Neumann
TU Dresden
- 12:30 am **Lunch**

Session 2: Adaptation of Infrastructure in Shrinking Cities

- 1.30 pm Adaptation of Social
Infrastructure in Shrinking
Cities
Ulrike Hagemeister
IRS, Erkner
- Water infrastructure in Shrinking Cities
Dr. Eric Verdeil
CNRS-Lyon
- Urban Shrinkage, a chance for developing alternative infrastructures?
Julia Gamberini
Univ. Grenoble 1
- 3.30 pm **Coffee Break**

Session 3: Suburbs and Urban Shrinkage

- 4.00 pm Shrinking medium-sized Cities in the suburbs of Berlin
Betka Zakirova
HU Berlin
- Shrinking Suburbs in the first Ring of Paris
Marie-Fleur Albecker
Univ. Paris 1
- 5.00 pm **Closing Remarks**
Prof. Lydia Coudroy de Lille
Université Lumière (Lyon 2) /
Ecole Normale Supérieure de
Lettres et Sciences Humaines de
Lyon

Friday (July 3rd 2009): Field Trip

While the first day is designed to enhance the Franco-German exchange of experiences, the second day offers a field trip to local examples in Dresden.

