

Beware of Smart People!



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June 19-20

Beware of Smart People! Redefining the Smart City Paradigm towards Inclusive Urbanism

Symposium

Opening Keynote by Adam Greenfield: Friday, June 19th, 2015, 7 pm
Symposium: Saturday, June 20th, 2015, 9.30 am - 7 pm

The current debate about Smart Cities is strongly influenced by technological and application-oriented hard perspectives that predominantly materialize through the insertion of smart infrastructures into existing urban systems. Citizens (as individuals) and urban societies (as bodies) remain passive beneficiaries, end users or consumers.

This smartification of urban management is contrasted by increasing demands made by civil society and urban social movements towards greater inclusion in decision-making: New urban actors acquire new agency through local knowledge, expertise, creativity, social networking skills and collaborative capabilities, or social entrepreneurship.

The symposium addresses the conflictual reality in which Smart City approaches are currently unfolding. International scholars and practitioners will

- Reflect on the “Smart City” as a contested paradigm;
- Shift the discourse towards the notion of the urban as co-produced by many voices;
- Attempt to redefine “Smart City” by putting ordinary citizens as “Smart People” at the core of the debate.

The symposium is organized by
TU Dialogue Platform Smart People & Urban Commoning

Jörg Stollmann, Chair for Urban Design & Urbanization
Sybille Frank, Chair for Urban and Regional Sociology
Angela Million, Andreas Brück, Chair for Urban Design & Urban Development
Philipp Misselwitz, Habitat Unit - Chair for International Urbanism and Design
Johanna Schlaack, Center for Metropolitan Studies
Carolin Schröder, Center for Technology and Society

In coordination with the scientific workshop „Smartology as new urban utopia“ organized by
Martina Löw, Gunter Weidenhaus and Martin Fuller, IfS, TU Berlin

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Day 1
**Another City is Possible:
Practices of the Minimum
Viable Utopia**

Friday, June 19th, 7 pm
Czech Center / Tschechisches
Kulturzentrum, Wilhelmstraße 44,
10117 Berlin

Welcoming address by **Christine
Ahrend** (Vice President for
Research, TU Berlin),
Keynote by **Adam Greenfield**
(Urbanscale, London), with
Vanessa Watson (University of
Cape Town) as respondent.

Day 2
**Redefining the Smart City
Paradigm towards Inclusive
Urbanism**

Saturday, June 20th, 9.30 - 7 pm
TU Berlin, Main building, Lichthof,
Straße des 17. Juni 135,
10623 Berlin

9.30 am
Registration

10.00 am - 10.20 am
Introduction by
**TU Dialogue Platform
Smart People & Urban
Commoning**

10.20 am - 12.20 pm
Session 1: PRODUCTION
Urbanizing the Smart City
Chair: Johanna Schlaack /
Angela Million / Andreas Brück
Panelists:
Alberto Vanolo (UNITO),
Saskia Sassen (Columbia
University),
Mark Deakin (IIDI Edinburgh)

13.30 - 15.30 pm
Session 2: MANAGEMENT
Smart People and Urban
Governance
Chair: Carolin Schröder /
Philipp Misselwitz
Panelists:
Ola Söderström (UNINE),
Gudrun Haindlmaier (TU Wien),
Ayona Datta (Leeds University)

16.00 - 18.00 pm
Session 3: PRACTICE
Space Production and Practices
of Urban Commoning
Chair: Sybille Frank /
Jörg Stollmann
Panelists:
Colin McFarlane (Durham
University),
Friederike Habermann (Writer),
Gautam Bhan (IIHS Bangalore)

18.15 pm
Final Forum

