

RT24 | *ENGENDERING CITIES. DESIGNING SUSTAINABLE URBAN SPACES FOR ALL*

Chairs

- Inés Sánchez de Madariaga.

Speakers

- Clara Greed
- Michael Neuman
- Deike Peters
- Sandra Huning

Description

This panel will present the book of same title about contemporary research, policy and practice that highlights critical aspects of contemporary cities regarding gender, including transport, housing, public health, education, caring, infrastructure, as well as issues which are rarely addressed in planning, design and policy such as the importance of toilets for education and clothes washers for freeing time. First, a number of chapters in the book assess past, current and projected conditions in cities vis-a-vis gender issues and needs. Second, the book assesses existing policy, planning and design efforts to improve women's and men's concerns in urban living. Finally, it proposes changes to existing policies and practices in urban planning and design, including its thinking (theory) and norms (ethics). Most of the contributions are original, primary research that address actual daily concerns of urban inhabitants and workers. Many of the chapters were presented at recent conferences hosted by the European COST (Co-operation in Science and Technology) GenderSTE (Science, Technology, Innovation) initiative. The primary objectives of the book are two-fold: to highlight the importance of gender matters in cities and how they still are often overlooked or inadequately addressed, and to reach new audiences around the world with an authoritative volume that encompasses a diverse range of substantive concerns. It seeks to attain these objectives by providing international evidence from the latest research and practice. The contributors come from a wide range of nations and reflect a wide range of experience, from the newest researchers uncovering the latest trends to long-standing experts in the field providing context and wisdom gained through experience. The book's main themes are covered in six different sections of the book, totalling 20 chapters including the introduction and the afterword. The sections/themes are:

1. Urban Quality of Life: Engendering Housing and Living Places
2. Safer Cities
3. Engendering Urban Transportation
4. Tools for Gender Mainstreaming Planning Processes

The editors are experienced academics who are both specialists in the field of gender and urban planning and urban design.

Inés Sánchez de Madariaga is an architect and planner with extensive experience in public policy and research. Inés is Professor of Urban Planning, UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality at the Technical university of Madrid, Chair of the COST network genderSTE, and member of the Leadership Council of the Spanish Network of the UN Sustainable Development Network. She has been Director of the Women and Science Unit at the Spanish Minister's Office for Economy and member of the EC Helsinki Group on Gender in Research. She is advising a number European projects on gender and was the Chair of the EC Expert Group on Structural Change of Research Organizations. She has been member and spokesperson of the Spanish delegations at the UN Commissions on Sustainable Development and at the CSW. She has been visiting professor at the LSE in London and at Columbia University, NY, where she studied as a Fulbright grantee.

Dr Sonia de Gregorio is an architect and city planner and a researcher at Madrid School of Architecture, UPM. She completed her PhD Thesis, entitled 'Urban Policies of the European Union from the perspective of Collaborative Planning. The URBAN and URBAN II Community Initiatives in Spain' supervised by Professor Inés Sánchez de Madariaga at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. Her thesis analyses the contribution of the urban policy of the European Union, in particular the two rounds of the URBAN Community Initiative, to the urban regeneration practice in Spain. Prior to her current appointment at UPM, she was a researcher at CEDEX, Spain's public research organization in the transport sector.

Michael Neuman was Professor of Sustainable Urbanism at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, where he served as Director of the Infrastructure Research Cluster, Chair of the Built Environment Node of the Australian Climate Change Adaption Research Network for Settlements and Infrastructure, and Associate Director, City Futures Research Centre. He is principal of the Michael Neuman Consultancy since 1995, consulting, lecturing and researching around the world. Professor Neuman is the author of numerous books, articles, reports, and plans translated into nine languages. Dr. Neuman's professional and scholarly work has won numerous awards ranging from the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Science Foundation to the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, the Planning Institute of Australia, and the Spanish and Catalan governments, among others.