



University of Tampere

City comparisons: possibilities and limitations

Finnland-Institut in Deutschland,
Berlin, 2nd/3rd Feb. 2012

Workshop of the project:
*The Future is not a Foreign Country – Urban History Politics as an
Agent of Continuity in the 20th Century*
Academy of Finland

Finnland-Institut in Deutschland /
Finnish Institute in Germany
Georgenstraße 24, 10117 Berlin
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Programme

Thursday, 2nd Feb. 2012

13:00 Opening words: **Anna-Maija Mertens**, Director of Finland-Institut

Introduction of the Academy of Finland funded project *The future is not a foreign country – urban history politics as an agent of continuity in the 20th century*: **Marjaana Niemi**

13:30–14:30

Chair: Marjaana Niemi

Håkan Forsell (Örebro University/Stockholm University): *To pave one's own way – Three aspects of conducting international comparison in modern Urban History*

Rebecca Madgin (University of Leicester): *Searching for structure: valuing the historic environment in European cities*

14:30–15:00 Coffee

15:00–16:30

Chair: Marc Schalenberg

Christoph Bernhardt (Leibniz-Institut für Regionalentwicklung und Strukturplanung): *Urban pathways in comparative perspective: Reflections on urban growth and planning in Paris and Berlin, 1900-1939*

Marjaana Niemi (University of Tampere): *Comparative history – transnational history: the capital cities of the new nation states in interwar Europe*

Karine Dupré (Strasbourg National Institute of Applied Sciences): *Municipal baths and university campuses in Strasbourg and Berlin around 1900 – comparative studies and building symbolism*

19:00– Conference Dinner

Friday, 3rd Feb. 2012

09:30–11:00

Chair: Håkan Forsell

Tanja Vahtikari (University of Tampere): *Urban history politics and memorial cultures in Helsinki and Hamburg, 1945–1970*

Suvi Talja (University of Helsinki): *Municipal policy and suburban recreation, Helsinki and Dublin, c. 1945–1985*

Martina Fendt (TU Darmstadt): *Urban green spaces in Mainz and Wiesbaden, 1960–2010: Comparing discourses and materialities*

11:00–11:30 Coffee

11:30–13:00

Chair: Tanja Vahtikari

Marc Schalenberg (TU Berlin/University of Tampere): *Metropolitan cultures with and without the Wall: Hamburg and Berlin around 1989/90*

Ekaterina Kalinina (Södertörn University Stockholm): *Soviet nostalgia in Moscow and St. Petersburg*

Aleksandra Stupar (University of Belgrade) *Chasing the limelight: Belgrade and Istanbul in the global competition*

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 Panel discussion *Urban planning of Berlin and Helsinki in a wider context*: **Monika Faltermaier**, Berlin Senate, Department for Urban Development and Environment and **Richard Manninen**, City of Helsinki, Department for Urban Planning.

Chair: Marc Schalenberg

15:30 Closing remarks