

## **Governing Urban Diversity Conference**

**Creating social cohesion, social mobility and economic performance in today's hyper-diversified cities**

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### **Theme 4: Differing discourses on social diversity between public and non-public actors in urban areas**

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Workshop A4 will focus on how (dissimilarly) various actors involved in the process of governing social diversity in urban areas approach their role and activity. The participants invited will address a wide spectrum of issues related to differing discourses on diversity, the latter broadly understood as *the challenge of coexisting in shared space*. In the discussion, we will refer to the way public and non-public actors, including local authorities, housing cooperatives, non-governmental organizations, private firms and informal movements think about and practice diversity management. We will consider

- how individual actors understand social diversity,
- which challenges they recognize locally and sub-locally,
- what instruments they develop,
- which strategies they pursue,
- on which beneficiaries, they focus.

When comparing different cities, we will attempt at identifying where and why different actors see diversity as a liability or a development potential and asset that can contribute to enhancing social cohesion, fostering social mobility and strengthening economic performance of cities, districts or neighbourhoods. A lively discussion is expected between representatives of cities that considerably differ in the way social diversity is understood and approached.

#### Workshop PROGRAMME:

Brief presentation of results of research on governance arrangements and initiatives in an international perspective (Larissa Pluess and Walter Schenkel, Zurich - DIVERCITIES team)

*An Annex to DIVERCITIES research - evidence from the Warsaw discourse*(Ewa Korcelli-Olejniczak and Filip Piotrowski, Warsaw – DIVERCITIES team)

Panel Discussion involving the following participants:  
Diane Dyson, Toronto

Jacek Grunt-Mejer, Warsaw  
Antoinette Killias, Zurich  
Christof Meier, Zurich  
Sonia Alves, Lisbon  
Allan Cochrane, London

Discussion and Wrap-up

The panel discussion will focus on the following topics:

- The public and the non-public approach towards urban diversity – IS THERE ACTUALLY A DIFFERENCE?
- The impact of the non-public ‘philosophy’ and experience – CAN PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LEARN FROM The NON-PUBLIC WAY OF THINKING?
- IS A COMPLEX AND COHERENT APPROACH TOWARDS DIVERSITY POSSIBLE?

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