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**European learning event – Change of location!**

We had to change the location of the Learning Event due to logistical reasons. The Learning Event is now taking place in Brussels in the Hotel Bedford, on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will have all conference facilities and rooms there. We will block rooms for you but you will have to book your room directly with the Hotel. Koshina Switil will send you the details on that in due course.

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## Citimine(d) – Urban platform event

On November 19-21, 2010, right after the Learning Event we would like to invite you to another event organized by the Social Polis Inner Circle Stakeholder Citymine(d) and organizations from 13 other European cities.

This Urban Platform will take place from Friday, November 19 evening until Sunday, November 21 in Brussels and Social Polis is cooperating with Citymine(d) in organizing and promoting this event. This will give even more space for creating ideas and building partnerships for future collaboration and offer you interesting insights on local activities in European cities. It would be great if you would join for this event as well. To attend the Urban Platform, please contact as soon as possible [shabersa@wu-wien.ac.at](mailto:shabersa@wu-wien.ac.at).

From the website of city mine(d):

<<On the Urban Platform, individuals and organisations from 13 cities, from Gothenburg to Istanbul and from London to Sarajevo, present activities by which they shape their cities. It is an occasion for meeting among local and international initiators, with the wider public, elected politicians, civil servants, urban planners, researchers and entrepreneurs to exchange knowledge and experience, and to strengthen local initiatives by showing international affinities.

The streets, squares and parks we share with the people we don't know, make up the beating heart of our cities. There is a wealth of initiatives that uses urban public spaces as places of expression, experiment and interrogation. They are cultural, social, economic or political projects stretching from urban gardening over bicycle projects, neighbourhood initiatives to exchange systems and actions to support the rights of citizens of a different colour of skin, sexual orientation or social class.>>

You can find more information on the Urban Platform on:

<http://micronomics2010.citymined.org/spip.php?article608>

## Restricted workshop: Prospective Urbaine

The EC's DG Region has encouraged researchers and other actors to participate in reflections on the future of urban Europe and urban policy in Europe. Social Polis as the *Social Platform on Cities and Social Cohesion* has been in touch with the DG Region, with PUCA (Paris) and URBAN-NET. As a result a restricted workshop "Prospective Urbaine en Europe - Exploration of Urban Futures in Europe" will be held on the 9th of November in Leuven.

The objective of this workshop is to bring together specialists of urban development and policy in Europe with Social Polis representatives and to allow them to share their knowledge on and express their opinion on: quantitative and qualitative analyses of urban development in Europe (on the basis of the statistical bases elaborated by ESPON, EUROSTAT, etc. and interesting case-studies described in different documents by various institutions), 'interesting' experiences and scenarios of urban development (ecological neighbourhoods and quarters, sustainable transportation systems, modes and systems of governance, social innovation, plural economy, creativity and culture communities, integrated neighbourhood development, local education, local welfare systems, intra and interurban networks connecting different fields in which urban change takes place.

## Call for Interest: two short term visiting professorship vacancies In Vienna

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR) at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning of Vienna University of Technology, Austria, has recently launched a **Call for Interests** regarding **two short-term Visiting Professorship vacancies in City of Vienna**, for working on the annual topic 2011 '**Urban culture, public space and markets – Economy and innovation**'.

The call is addressed to two expertises, one in the field of *Know How* (spatial planning/ spatial design, or similar), the other one in the field of *Know Why* (urban studies, or similar). Both professors will have to work together in a team composed by a junior and a senior professor.

In close cooperation with the direction of the SKuOR, this team will focus on the relation between theory and practice to promote a critical methodology and a constructive understanding open to more explorative and innovative approaches in spatial research and spatial planning.

This group of scholars, consisting in both City of Vienna Visiting Professors and the local SKuOR team, will develop and realize a joint annual research, teaching and networking programme for the academic year 2011 (1st March 2011 until 29th February 2012).

For further information regarding the [Call for Interests 2011](#), the [Profile of Requirements 2011](#) as well as regarding the formal procedure of declaration of interests, please have a look at the SKuOR's homepage <http://skuor.tuwien.ac.at>. For any further inquiries, please contact Dr. phil. Sabine Knierbein at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space.

Applications can be submitted via post or email **until 18th August 2010**.

## Upcoming events

Date	Title
01 Sep 10 - 03 Sep 10	Annual Conference, Royal Geographical Society / Institute of British Geographers (RGS/IBG) - London
01 Sep 10 - 04 Sep 10	<a href="#">10th International Conference on Urban History (with call for papers), Ghent</a>
01 Sep 10 - 03 Sep 10	The varieties of urban capitalism and the limits of neo-liberalism - London

## Upcoming Social Polis events

Date	Event	Contact person
October 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	<b>Transdisciplinary research: lessons for social cohesion in the city – Brussels</b>	Sarah Habersack <a href="mailto:sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at">sarah.habersack@wu.ac.at</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	<b>Educational resources for stakeholders in the city – Lisbon</b>	Isabel André <a href="mailto:isabelandre@campus.ul.pt">isabelandre@campus.ul.pt</a>

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