

# Nature, Social Cohesion, and the City

**A One Day Conference, School of  
Environment and Development, University of  
Manchester**

**AfSL**

**SERG, University of Manchester**

**SOCIAL POLIS – EU Framework VII Program**

- **Welcome**
- **Social Polis: *Social Platform on Cities and Social Cohesion (Social Polis)*** (Dec 2007 – Dec 2009?)
  - **One million Euro Program – 11 Partners**
  - **Setting European Research Framework/Agenda on cities and social cohesion**
  - **12 thematic fields – Academic Review/Stakeholder involvement**

#### **4. Nature, Society and Social Cohesion**

#### **6. Stakeholders?**

- – **Stakeholder Networks (Jim Segers – Korinna Thielen)**
- - **Rolling Out Stakeholder networks**
- - **Local Stakeholder Workshops/Conferences/....**
- **The difficult, yet productive, conversations between academics, activists and policy makers**
- **Shaping the EU's Research Agenda – Vienna Meeting**

# Thematic Fields

- **1. Welfare and social services**
- **2. Labour markets and economic development**
- **3. Built environment, housing and health**
- **4. Mobility, telecommunications and security**
- **5. Urban ecology and environment**
- **6. Governance**
- **7. Education and training**
- **8. Urban and regional Inequalities**
- **9. Diversity and identity**
- **10. Creativity and Innovation**
- **11. Neighbourhood development and grassroots**
- **12. Social Cohesion and the city as a whole**

# Tentative Priority Themes

- 1. Dissecting urban socio-environmental discourses and practices**
- 3. Governing urban environments – Best practice examples**
- 5. Managing urban socio-ecological metabolisms: cities of flows**
- 7. Urban environmental justice and urban socio-ecological conflicts: Inclusion/Exclusion and the urban dimensions of global environmental change**
- 9. Constructing urban socio-environmental utopias: scenarios, alternatives, and future visions**