

RSA Research Network
Ecological Regional Development

Programme

Second workshop organised by the University of Hull, 16-17 May 2011, Hull, UK

Venue: Cohen Building, Committee Room

– Towards the Implementation of Ecological Development –

Questions: What would it take to bring about a more ecological politics and coherent policy drive? What should ecological regional development materially look like? How should it be steered (ecological regional governance)? How can the formulation and implementation of local/regional policies and planning be improved? What are the most important factors?

Monday, 16th May

14.30 Arrival, coffee

15.00 hrs **Addresses of welcome, introduction to the workshop**
David Gibbs, Bernhard Müller, Gerd Lintz

15.30 hrs

Environmental and Evolutionary Economic Geography: Time to Integrate?

Roger Hayter and Jerry Patchell, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia

16.00 hrs

SPECIAL PART: COMMON WORK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (David Gibbs, Bernhard Müller, Gerd Lintz)

Introduction (Gerd Lintz)

Discussion (including short coffee break)

End 18.30 hrs

19.00 hrs

Dinner at restaurant L'Attitude, Newlands Avenue

Tuesday, 17th May

GENERAL PART: ISSUES IN ECOLOGICAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

9.00 hrs

Session 1: Spatial Sustainable Development (Chair: Bernhard Müller)

Sustainable Spatial Development in Luxembourg

Constance Carr (University of Luxembourg) and Rob Krueger (Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA)

Spatial Planning in Vorarlberg, Austria. Ecological Aspects of Land-Use Planning and Regional Development Under Conditions of a Narrow Space

Manfred Walser, Institute for Systemic Management and Public Governance at the University of St. Gall, Switzerland

'Nudging' Towards Sustainable Economic Development – can it be enough?

Tassilo Herrschel, University of Westminster, London

10.30 hrs Coffee break

10.45 hrs

Session 2: Climate Change and Regional Development (Chair: Andrew Jonas)

Climate Change, Resource Pressures and the Future for Regional Development Policies

David Gibbs, Department of Geography, University of Hull

Demand-responsive Transport Systems as a Factor of Sustainable Development in Low-Density Regions in Bulgaria

E. Dimitrova, A. Burov and H. Nikolov: University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, Sofia

European, National and Regional Policies Concerning Biomass Production: What can be done regarding the threats for biodiversity resulting from intensified energy crop growing?

M J Gies, Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development, Dresden

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 hrs

Session 3: Dealing with Growth and Shrinkage (Chair: Manfred Walser)

Ecology and Suburban Growth: How the Federal Endangered Species Act has transformed regional development in Southern California

Andrew E.G. Jonas, Department of Geography, Hull University, Stephanie Pincetl, Institute for the Environment, University of California, Los Angeles, James Sullivan, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Palm Desert, California

Soil Protection Revisited under Shrinking Circumstances – A New Challenge for Spatial Planning

Gerlind Weber, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

14.30 hrs Coffee break

14.45 hrs

Session 4: Governance for Ecological Regional Development
(Chair: Robert Krueger)

In what sense an *ecological* development for old industrial regions? Reflections on the case of Central European mining regions

J Harfst, Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development, Dresden

Towards Ecological Regional Sustainability: Establishing Environmental Limits at the Regional Level

James Medhurst, GHK Consulting, Birmingham and Jeremy Owen, Land Use Consultants, London.

Environmental Regional Governance: Considerations about Possibilities and Limitations of Regional Environmental Policy

Gerd Lintz, Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development, Dresden.

16.30 hrs

Round of Feedback

David Gibbs, Bernhard Müller, Gerd Lintz, others

18.00 hrs End of Workshop