

Networked Regions and cities in times of fragmentation: *developing smart, sustainable and inclusive places*

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Monday 14 May 2012

Prof. Maarten Hajer has been professor of Public Policy at the University of Amsterdam since 1998. The Dutch Cabinet appointed him as Director of the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL – Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving) in 2008. He continues his professorship part time.



As director of the Environmental Assessment Agency, Hajer is responsible for the strategic assessments and policy evaluations to facilitate political deliberation and decision making, ranging from environment, nature, and land use to water and transport. While primarily focused on the Dutch political decision making PBL is also active for international bodies, such as the European Commission, OECD and UNEP. For more information on the role, tasks and responsibilities of the Agency please refer to www.pbl.nl/english. Hajer is also member of the UNEP Resource Panel concerned with strategic issues of resource scarcity, decoupling and resource-efficiency, cf. www.unep.fr/scp/rpanel/

Hajer is the author of several books, articles and contributions to books. Best known are *The Politics of Environmental Discourse* (Oxford, 1995); *Living with Nature* (Oxford 1999; eds. with Frank Fischer); *In Search of New Public Domain* (Rotterdam, 2001, with Arnold Reijndorp); *Deliberative Policy Analysis – Understanding Governance in the Network Society* (Cambridge, 2003, editor together with Hendrik Wagenaar). In 2009 he published *Authoritative Governance: Policy Making in the Age of Mediatization* (Oxford University Press). His new book is *Strong Stories – how the Dutch reinvent their Planning Practice* (010-Publishers, Rotterdam, editor together with Jantine Grijzen en Susan van 't Klooster) [more]. For PBL he wrote the essay 'The Energetic Society' (2011) which connects his expertise to the wealth of knowledge at PBL.

Hajer holds MA degrees in Urban and Regional Planning (UvA, 1987 *Cum Laude*), Political Science (UvA, 1988 *Cum Laude*); as well as a D.Phil. in Politics (University of Oxford, 1993). During the 1990s he worked as researcher at the Leyden Institute for Law and Public Policy; as 'wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter' with Ulrich Beck at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich; and as senior researcher at the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR), The Hague, after which he was appointed Chair at the UvA. He has fulfilled many societal roles, such as member of the VROMraad, the advisory board to the Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, The Hague; jury member and jury chair for the International Spinoza Prize in philosophy; jury member for the EO Weijersprijsvraag in landscape architecture and for EUROPAN, the European prize for architects under 35.

Prof. Liesbet Hooghe is a comparativist with an IR and public administration/public policy bent. The central theme in her research is multilevel governance, that is, the incidence, sources, and implications of the dispersion of authority downwards, upwards, and sideways of central (national) government. Most of her research involves Europe, though she has a keen interest in regional authority in Latin America and beyond, and in the authority of international governmental organizations.



Liesbet Hooghe joined the University Amsterdam's Faculty of Social Sciences department in 2004. She holds, jointly with Gary Marks, the Strategic Chair in Multi-Level Governance. She is also Zachary Taylor Smith Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Liesbet is the author of *Separatisme: conflict tussen projecten van natievorming* (Leuven, Acco: 1989), editor of *Cohesion Policy and European Integration: Building Multi-level Governance* (Oxford University Press, 1996); co-author with Gary Marks of *Multi-level Governance in the European Union* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001); author of *The European Commission and the Integration of Europe: Images of Governance* (Cambridge University Press, 2002) and co-author with Gary Marks and Arjan Schakel of a double special issue on "Regional Authority in 42 Democracies, 1950-2006" (*Regional and Federal Studies*, 2008).. She has published articles a.o. in the *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Union Politics*, *International Organization*, *Governance*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, and *West European Politics*. She is the past Chair of the European Politics and Society Section of the APSA (2004-5), and is currently chair (2007-09) of the European Union Studies Association, the largest professional organisation of Europeanists.

Interests: identity, parties & public opinion, political elites (esp. the European Commission), decentralization, European integration, international organizations. **Gary Marks**, who is her husband and co-author, are leading an ERC-funded project on the causes and consequences of multilevel governance. If you'd like to know more, check out the project's **website**.

Prof. Joan Fitzgerald is the Director of the Law and Public Policy Program at Northeastern University. Previously, Professor Fitzgerald taught urban policy and public affairs at the New School University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Ohio State University.



Professor Fitzgerald is the author of *Emerald Cities: Urban Sustainability and Economic Development* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2010), which examines how U.S. and Western European cities are addressing the interrelated issues of global warming, energy dependence and opportunities for green economic development. This potential includes building new technology-based industry clusters, improving the efficiency of production in existing manufacturing processes, and creating well-paying green jobs in construction, manufacturing, and entirely new advanced technology sectors.

Emerald Cities builds on her co-authored 2002 economic development book, *Economic Revitalization: Strategies and Cases for City and Suburb* (see below), which examines how traditional economic development strategies can be used to promote more sustainable and equitable development. It also integrates questions raised in her second book, *Moving Up in the New Economy* (Cornell Univ. Press, 2006), which focuses on strategies for helping low-wage workers advance into better paying positions through skills upgrading.

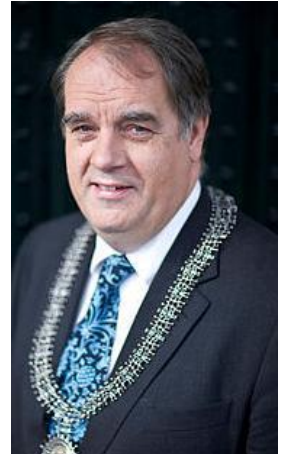
She is currently working on two articles and an edited book series. The first article examines the relative influence of EU mandates and programs, national policy and local planning practices on the success of climate change planning in Stockholm and Malmö and discusses the relevance of the Swedish experience for US cities. The second article analyzes business involvement in urban climate change initiatives in US and European cities.

Fitzgerald and Ph.D. candidate M.J. Motta are editing a three-volume set, *Cities and Sustainability*, for the Routledge Critical Concepts in Urban Studies series.

She is organizing the Emerald Cities Network, an organization of universities supporting their cities in pursuing climate change initiatives and policies.

Bas Verkerk “Large enough to cope, close enough to care”, is the sentence that summarizes the perception of Bas Verkerk on the relation between regional development and local politics. Verkerk is the mayor of the City of Delft since 2004. Prior to that, he was vice-mayor of the City of The Hague (Economic and International affairs) and legal counselor at the Council of State (1985-1996).

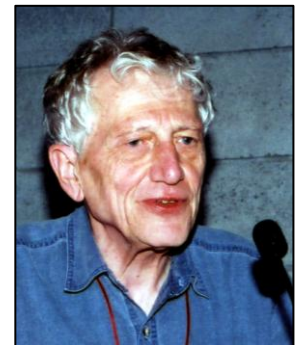
Bas Verkerk is in charge of the section Knowledge and Innovation of the Rotterdam-The Hague metropolitan area, which is currently being developed. As mayor of Delft he is responsible for Regional policy and International affairs. He is chairman of the Dutch delegation of the Committee of the Regions of the EU and Vice-president of the Board of The Hague City region. Verkerk studied public law and rural and city planning at the University of Groningen.



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Sir Peter Hall is Professor of Planning and Regeneration at the Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College London, and Senior Research Fellow at the Young Foundation (formerly the Institute of Community Studies), where he served as Director from 2001 to 2004. From 1991-94 he was Special Adviser on Strategic Planning to the Secretary of State for the Environment, with special reference to issues of London and South East regional planning including the East Thames Corridor (Thames Gateway) and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. In 1998-99 he was a member of the Deputy Prime Minister's Urban Task Force, which reported in June 1999. From 2005-8 he was Chair of ReBlackpool, the Blackpool Urban Regeneration Company. In 2006 he was a member of the Expert Advisory Committee to the Barker Review of the planning system. In 2008 he was a member of the Eco-Towns Challenge Panel. In 2009 he has assumed overall direction of SINTROPER, a €22 million Interreg IVB EU programme promoting technology transfer of new transport technologies, particularly TramTrains, to assist the development of peripheral European regions.



He has received the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society for distinction in research, and is an Honorary Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a member of the Academia Europea. He holds fourteen honorary doctorates from universities in the UK, Sweden and Canada. He was knighted in 1998 for services to the Town and Country Planning Association, and in 2003 was named by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as a “Pioneer in the Life of the Nation” at a reception in Buckingham Palace. In 2003 he received the Gold Medal of the Royal Town Planning Institute, the first to be awarded for twenty years. In 2005 he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Deputy Prime Minister for his contributions to urban regeneration and planning. He received the 2005 Balzan Prize for work on the Social and Cultural History of Cities since the Beginning of the 16th Century. In 2008 he received the Sir Patrick Abercrombie Prize of the International Union of Architects.

He was a founder-member of the Regional Studies Association and first editor of its journal *Regional Studies* (1967-78). He was Chairman of the Town and Country Planning Association (1995-9) and is now President and a member of its Board of Trustees and Policy Council. He is joint editor of the journal *Built Environment*.

He has a special interest in the application of research to planning and regeneration policy, with special reference to transport and urban development. He writes regularly on this and other topics for the magazines *Town and Country Planning and Regeneration & Renewal*.

Dr. Catherine L. Ross has extensive experience in both the public and private sector. She is the first endowed faculty member in Georgia Tech's College of Architecture where she serves as Harry West Professor and directs the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (CQGRD). Dr. Ross has held several positions at Georgia Tech including that of Vice Provost. She was also the first Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA).

Dr. Ross served as Senior Policy Advisor on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, on the boards of the Eno Foundation and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), and has held several other national leadership positions including President of the National Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). Dr. Ross is an Urban Land Institute Fellow, a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Professor, and has recently been named a member of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA).

Dr. Ross has been widely recognized for the quality of her work and was the recipient of the "Find the Good and Praise It Award" presented in 1998 by Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater for her work on the National Personal Transportation Survey Team. She was selected in July 2009 to advise the Obama Administration on the first ever White House Office of Urban Affairs.

An internationally known transportation and urban planner, Dr. Ross has conducted research and has project experience at the local, national, and international levels. In addition, she co-founded Euquant, Inc., an Atlanta-based economic and planning consulting firm. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Ford Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Lincoln Institute of Land Policy-China, Federal Transit Administration, and many local, city, and state governments throughout the country. She has published extensively, including two books: *The Inner City: Urban Poverty and Economic Development in the Next Century* (January 1997) and the newly released *Megaregions: Planning for Global Competitiveness* (July 2009).

Dr. Ross attended Kent State University for her undergraduate degree, completed the Master's of Regional Planning Program and Doctoral Degree at Cornell University, and conducted post-doctoral work at the University of California-Berkeley.



Javier Sanchez Reaza, is an Economist at the OECD's Regional Competitiveness and Governance Division where he works on urban and regional competitiveness and growth. At the OECD he has drafted and co-ordinated territorial reviews in cities and regions in Canada, Mexico, Poland, Spain and Turkey. He has contributed to the work of the OECD on urban competitiveness through the creation of the metropolitan database for urban functional areas, and his participation in the "Competitive Cities in the Global Economy" –an OECD flagship publication in territorial development.

Sanchez-Reaza is a trained economist with more than 15 years of experience in economic and regional analysis and holds a PhD in Regional Economics from the London School of Economics, and Master's degrees in Business Economics as well as Regional and Urban Planning. His prior working experience has been on fiscal issues at Mexico's Ministry of Finance, as well as on firms' technological modernisation and innovation with Mexico's National Council for Science and Technology. As a regional civil servant, he has experience on industrial cluster development and FDI attraction, as well as on setting regional development agencies in Northern Mexico. As a scholar, he has been a professor and researcher in the UK (University of Surrey, Roehampton), the USA (the University of Texas at El Paso), Mexico (Centre for Economic Research and Teaching-CIDE), and France (Sciences Po) teaching macroeconomics, econometrics, environmental economics and regional development. He has carried out research and published in the fields of trade, regional economic growth/inequalities, and urban competitiveness.



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Prof. Andreas Faludi has chair in Spatial Policy Systems. Andreas studied architecture and urban planning at Vienna University of Technology where he did his doctorate in 1967. His teaching career started at the Oxford Polytechnic (1968-1973), followed by chairs in Urban Planning at Delft University of Technology (1974-7), in Planning at the University of Amsterdam (1977-1998) and a personal chair at Radboud University Nijmegen (1999-2004). His special interests are planning theory and methodology, the study of Dutch strategic planning and of European and comparative planning. He has done commissioned research for the Centre for Environmental Studies, London (1974-7), the Association of Dutch Municipalities (1977), the Dutch Ministry of Finance (1982-3), the S.O.S.-network of Dutch growth centres (1989-1990), the Scientific Council of Government Policy (1997) alongside with several projects for the Dutch National Spatial Planning Agency (RPD) and for the Dutch Organisation for Fundamental Research (NOW). He was a British Council Scholar (1967-8), an Australian-European Fellow (1984), a Fulbright Scholar (1984-5), a Fellow of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in Social Science and the Humanities (NIAS) (1992-3) and a European Fulbright Scholar (2000).



Prof. Danuta Hübner, prominent Polish economist, co-creator of Polish economic policy since the early 1990s, instrumental in leading Poland toward membership in the European Union and the OECD. She became the first Minister for European Affairs in the Polish government, as well as the first Polish EU Commissioner. As Commissioner, and before that as UN Undersecretary General, she has served in some of the highest posts in global institutions. In her work as Commissioner, she was responsible for Regional Policy. Since 2009 she is a Member of the European Parliament. She is the Chair of the Regional Development Committee, and also works in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis. She is a member of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the United States, and the Delegation for Relations with Switzerland, Iceland, Norway and to the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee, and she works closely with the Baltic-Europe Intergroup, the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Intergroup, the Federalist Intergroup and the URBAN Intergroup.



Dr. Karl Peter Schön is Head of the European Spatial and Urban Development Section at the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) within the German Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (Bundesamt für Bauwesen und Raumordnung (BBR), Bonn.

He studied sociology, economics, and mathematics at the universities of Bochum and Bielefeld and holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Bielefeld. Before joining the BBR in 1988 he had worked at the universities of Osnabrück, Berlin and Bielefeld. For the last 20 years he has been Head of the BBSR's European Spatial and Urban Development Section and in this position has focussed on European spatial development building bridges between scientific analysis and policy formulation in European and international contexts.

He was an active part of the political and scientific cooperation process that – starting with the basic documents of the Leipzig Ministerial Meeting of 1994 – eventually led to the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP, 1999) and the Territorial Agenda for the European Union (TA-EU, 2007) and its revised document TA2020 (2011). From the first considerations in Leipzig 1994 he was also part of the scientific European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). He is author of numerous articles and publications and has held lectures and given presentations in Germany, Europe and Asia (Beijing, Daegu, Guangzhou, Sendai, Seoul, Taipei, Tokyo).

