

In 1961 Jane Jacobs's famous book "Death and Life of Great American Cities" was published. It begins, "This book is an attack on current city planning and rebuilding (...) It is an attack, rather, on the principles and aims that have shaped modern, orthodox city planning". With this radical approach Jane Jacobs challenged the discipline of urban planning. In 2011 we will celebrate this famous book's 50th anniversary. Ever since her first book was published there has been discussion on whether she should be called "urban hero" or "trouble maker". Other publications variously refer to her as "Queen Jane", an "urban visionary", "anti planner" or even "urban guru".

The myth that grew around her was based on her book as well as her work in the grassroots movements of New York City where she (and others) fought against slum clearances and Robert Moses' highway construction projects that were planned to cut through urban neighbourhoods. In 1968, as this approach to urban renewal was slowly beginning to change in New York City she and her family moved to Toronto to avoid her two sons being drafted into the Vietnam War. On her arrival in Canada she was celebrated as "our Jane" and soon accepted as the expert on urban issues and urban renewal. Jane Jacobs's approach in all her publications was unusual; she did not work with statistics and maps, but aimed simply to "seek the truth from the facts". A recent article claimed that, "she had more enemies than any American woman". In her last book Jane Jacobs referred to a paradigm shift, although not to the one she had influenced. She calls planning a "pseudoscience", but how could a layperson like Jane Jacobs, who was not part of any scientific networks, develop new paradigms?

Today many theorists and practitioners are thinking about a new paradigm shift in the current period of rapid globalisation and neoliberal as well as deregulated approaches to planning. In this context it is useful to reflect on the background and context of paradigm shifts and their chief players and theoreticians. The discussions to be held during this conference will not be limited to the North American perspective. Not only did Jane Jacobs's ideas and influence cross the Atlantic and reach Europe, they also influenced urban planning and urban renewal worldwide. For this reason we want the conference to open up a transnational as well as transdisciplinary discussion of Jane Jacobs's work.

The conference language is English.

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Name of participant:

All participants will receive abstracts of all presentations and CVs. Coffee, tea and water on both days in the morning and in the afternoon are included in the fee of 60 € and 30 € for students.

As there are only about 60 places for participants the number is limited and registration will be made on first come first registered basis.

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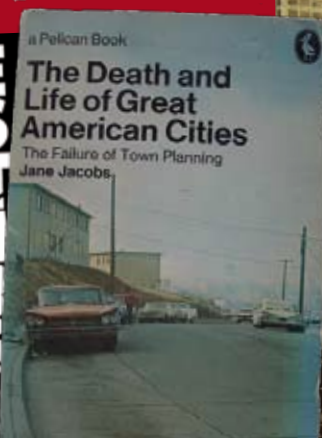
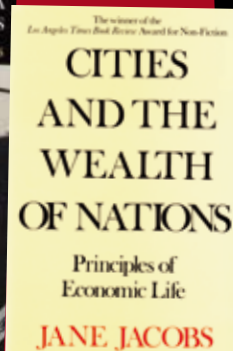
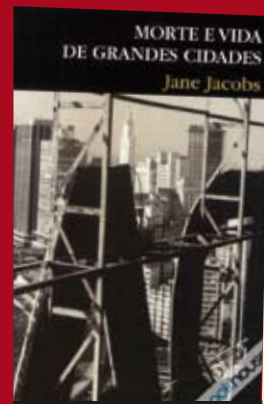
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# Queen Jane Jacobs

## Jane Jacobs and paradigm shifts in urban planning and urban redevelopment

**Conference, May 12/13 2011**

**Organisation: Prof. Dr. Dirk Schubert, HCU**



# Program

Thursday, May 12th 2011

9.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

*Karin Loosen (Chair of Federation of German Architects – Branch Hamburg)*

*Walter Pelka (President of HafenCity University Hamburg)*

*Celina Kress (GSU – Gesellschaft für Stadt- und Urbanisierungsforschung)*

*José Luis Sáinz Guerra (IPHS – International Planning History Society)*

10.00 **Jane Jacobs and Urban Planning:  
Paradigm Shifts and/or Problem Turning**

*Dirk Schubert (HafenCity University Hamburg)*

10.30 *Coffeebreak*

11.00 **Jane Jacobs – Saint Jane and the Dragons**

*Chair: Sebastian Haumann (Technical University Darmstadt)*

**Jane Jacobs – The Self-Organizing City**

*Mary W. Rowe (Urban Fellow – Municipal Art Society of New York)*

**New York's West Village – a Great American Failure?  
Gentrification and the Limits of Community Advocacy  
in the U.S.**

*Christopher Klemek (George Washington University DC)*

**Jane Jacobs and Toronto**

*Richard White (University of Toronto)*

**Questions and Comments**

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00 **Jane Jacobs “broadside attack” and  
“the failure of town planning”**

*Chair: José Luis Sáinz Guerra (Universidad Valladolid)*

**How much did paradigms shift?**

**Continuities of Participation in US-cities, 1955-1975**

*Sebastian Haumann (Technical University Darmstadt)*

**Contrasting Jane Jacobs’ Urban Design Rejection with  
Kevin Lynch’s Approach**

*Jörg Seifert (HafenCity University Hamburg)*

**Questions and Comments**

15.00 *Coffeebreak*

15.30 **Jane Jacobs “Urban Hero” or “Trouble Maker”?**

*Chair: Dirk Schubert (HafenCity University Hamburg)*

**Jane Jacobs in Shrinking Regions: an Application of  
Jacobs’ Economic Thought**

*G. J. Haspers (University Twente, Netherlands)*

**Observations on Urban Planning Policies in the Light  
of Jane Jacobs**

*Peter Zlonicky (München)*

**Questions and Comments**

16.30 *End of first day program*

Friday, 13th May 2011

9.30 **Jane Jacobs “Cities First”**

*Chair: Jörn Weinhold (HafenCity University Hamburg)*

**More than Building Regeneration.**

**The Shift Towards Gentle Urban Renewal in Vienna.”**

*Christiane Feuerstein (Vienna)*

**The Neighbourhood Movement, City Planning and its  
Rationale in Spain**

*José Luis Sáinz Guerra (Universidad Valladolid)*

**Questions and Comments**

10.30 *Coffeebreak*

11.00 **Jane Jacobs – “A Radical Thinker”**

*Chair: Celina Kress (Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin)*

**Jane Jacobs & Sharon Zukin:  
Utopia, Authenticity and Gentrification**

*Madeleine Lyes (University College Dublin)*

**Jane Jacobs and the 1960s “Density Turn” in Urban  
Planning**

*Nikolai Roskamm (Technical University Berlin)*

12.00 *Lunch*

13.30 **Jane Jacobs “Anti Planner” or “Urban Visionary”**

*Chair: Dirk Schubert (HafenCity University Hamburg)*

**Jane Jacobs 2.0 – Old Systems Need New Ideas:  
New Forces of Decline and Regeneration.**

*Birgit Dulski, Gerben van Straaten*

*(Nyenrode Business Universiteit – Center for Sustainability)*

**New Paradigm Changes in Times of Globalization and  
Deregulation**

*Uwe Altröck, Friedhelm Fischer (University Kassel)*

**Questions and Comments**

14.30 *Coffeebreak*

15.00 **“We are all Jacobean”**

*Chair: Friedhelm Fischer (University Kassel)*

**Urban Ecology as New Planning Paradigm**

*Stephen Goldsmith (University of Utah)*

**What (would) Jane Jacobs Have Said and her Relevance  
for Today and Tomorrow**

*Klaus Brake (Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin)*

**Questions and Comments**

**Summary and Conclusions**

*Dirk Schubert (HafenCity University Hamburg)*

16.30 *Ending*