

Introducing RTG 2725 Urban future-making



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Having completed two Bachelor degrees in Hamburg, one in Business Administration (HSBA) and another in Metropolitan Culture (HCU), Melis Günay graduated from the 4Cities Erasmus Mundus Master in Urban Studies which was taught in Brussels, Vienna, Copenhagen and Madrid. Following her studies, Melis worked as project manager in a pro-European youth organisation (Junge Europäische Föderalisten) in Berlin. Currently, she is employed as doctoral researcher at the DFG Research Training Group “Urban future-making: Professional agency across time and scale”.

Cities are considered crucial in the fight against climate change. As such cities have become sites for experiments to bring about changes to the built environment, some of which address urban mobility - a sector with a particularly high proportion of overall climate emissions. Melis is interested specifically in the negotiation processes that create and shape these experiments. Focusing on civil society actors, her research aims to offer insights into their visions for the future of urban mobility and the translation of such visions into actual changes within the built environment. Ultimately, through her work, Melis looks to draw conclusions on future, wider urban governance patterns.