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FACULTY OF ART DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE
SCHOOL OF SURVEYING

RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES: PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

In the last two decades, the concept of sustainable development has emerged as a new policy orthodoxy in the fields of urban development and planning. The sustainability agenda promises the delivery of new forms of economic development that can be balanced with social justice and environmental sustainability. However, despite its appeal to policy-makers and businesses, the term has been increasingly problematised by academics and critics. In fact, the deliberate haziness of this term has left space for its continuous re-definition by different groups and with different aims, with the result that sustainability seems to have meaning only when it is adapted and re-contextualised in different local, regional and national environments. Sustainability can act as a label that can be attached to any policy proposal to enhance its legitimation and attractiveness. This is particularly evident in the UK, where the Sustainable Community Plan (1997) has been directly related to broader conceptions of mix, diversity and spatial balance.

These research seminars aim to reflect different aspects of the relationship between planning and sustainability, providing a contribution to enlarging and enriching the debate around it. Academics from different universities and departments have been invited to share and discuss findings drawn from their recent research.

Venue:

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RESEARCH SEMINARS PROGRAM

The programme comprises eight seminars, which will be hosted in the C-SCAIBE space in the School of Surveying.

Date	Time	Invited speaker	Title
22 October 2007	5.00-6-30pm	Dr Mike Raco (Department of Geography - Kings College London)	"Key Workers, State Selection and the Construction of Sustainable Communities in the South East of England"
19 November 2007	5.00-6-30pm	Dr Heidi Seetzen (School of Social Science – Kingston University)	"Social sustainability and the contestation of urban change: the redevelopment of Convoys Wharf in Deptford"
10 December 2007	5.00-6-30pm	Dr Colin Marx (Centre for Urban and Built Environment Studies School of Architecture and Planning – University of Witwatersrand)	"Informal urban land markets and their implications for city development: The case of three metropolitan cities in South Africa"
31 January 2008	12.00-1.30pm	Dr James Evans (School of Environment and Development - University of Manchester)	"Presentation of findings of a recent research project. The role of GIS in creating social spaces"
25 February 2008	5.00-6-30pm	Professor Marion Roberts (Department of urban development and regeneration - University of Westminster)	"The Contribution of Mixed-Use streets to Sustainable Communities"
17 March 2008	5.00-6-30pm	John Corkindale (Environment Agency)	"Planning Flood Risk Management for London and the Thames Estuary"
21 April 2008	5.00-6-30pm	Lorraine Allibone and Andy King (School of Social Science – Kingston University)	"Learning Places"
19 May 2008	5.00-6-30pm	Dr Nick Gallent (Bartlett School - UCL)	"Effective Practice in Spatial Planning"

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