

Regional Urbanization

Congress participants from around the world are invited to discuss problems and possibilities concerning a set of challenges related to the processes of regional urbanization. The discussions will be held in small workshops, where different experiences, potentials and viewpoints can be tested and exchanged.

Consumption

Despite a growing awareness of the limitations of the world's natural resources, demands for urban growth persist. How can we meet the increases in the consumption of resources without exhausting them?

Democratization

Citizens are seeking greater influence on the decisions regarding urban development. How can we make the most of this engagement in a positive way?

Dynamization

Cities are forming evermore interrelated, complex systems, while competing more and more fiercely with each other. How are we to cope with these new dynamic environments?

Hybridization

Urbanity, agriculture and nature are mixed in new and intricate combinations. How are we to handle these hybrid environments?

Privatization

Cell phones, webcams and private bodyguards are blurring the borders between private and public space. How are we to deal with these new spatial relations?

While these challenges were formulated in discussions regarding the Oresund region, we consider them to have global significance. They may, however, be perceived and confronted in different ways in different regions. We would therefore like to call for participants from various regions throughout the world to broaden our understanding of these challenges. In order to qualify the debate in our own region – and hopefully in others as well, we will document the workshop results.