

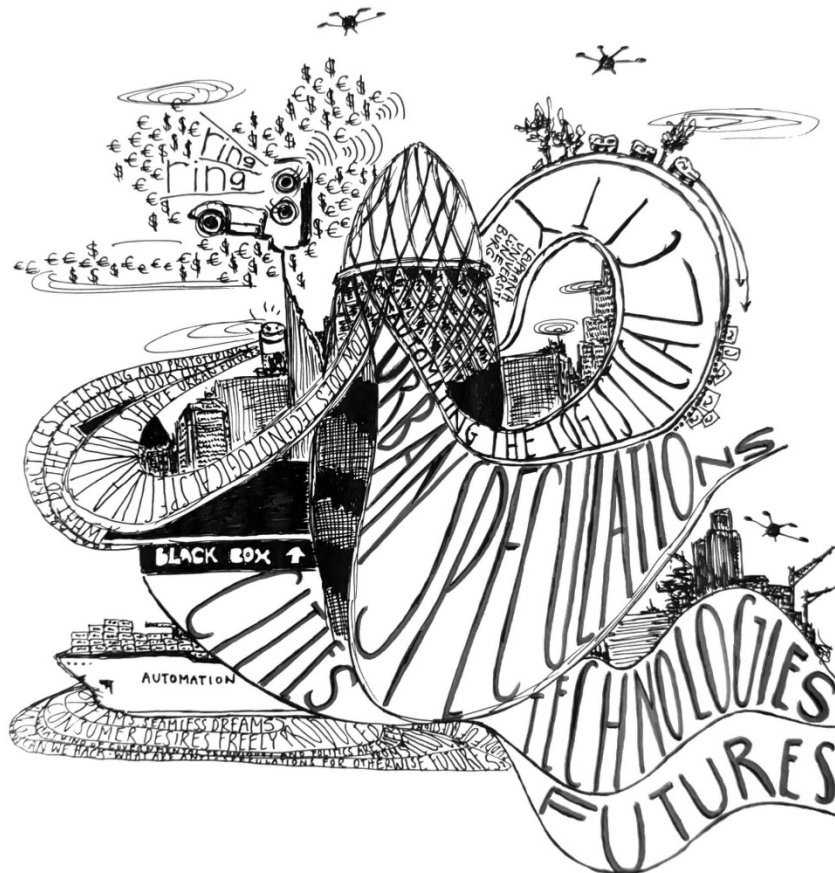
Urban Speculations: Cities, Technologies, Futures

International Conference, Lüneburg, 4-6 February 2025

<https://logistical.city/conference/>

Host: Centre for Digital Cultures, Leuphana University of Lüneburg

Organizers: Ilia Antenucci, Armin Beverungen, Maja-Lee Voigt, Randi Heinrichs, Ranjodh Singh Dhaliwal



Preliminary Program

(as of 11th December 2024)

All events take place in the Central Building (C40) on Leuphana's main campus.

Tuesday 4th February 2025

16:00-18:00 Arrival

Foyer, Central Building (C40)

18:00-18:15 Welcome from organizers

Forum, Central Building

18:15-19:15 Opening Panel: Speculative Methods with and Against Amazon, with Max Haiven, Daniel Wetzel (Chair: Randi Heinrichs)

Forum, Central Building

19:15-20:15 Opening Reception

Forum, Central Building

Wednesday 5th February 2025

9:00-9:30 Registration / Welcome Coffee

C40.501

9:15-9:30 Demonstration of art installation “Thinking in bits (and with boxes)”

A speculative audio-installation to be (inter-)activated on location on the (philosophical and artistic) entanglement between packaging labour and collaborative thinking. Conceived, produced and performed by Anke Haarmann & Alice Lagaay with Stephan Kraus & Henrik Nieratschker aka Anlica Kranier

9:30-11:00 Keynote: Liza Rose Cirolia (Chair: Ranjodh Singh Dhaliwal)

C40.606 & Zoom

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

C40.530

11:30-13:00 Parallel Sessions I

Session Ia: Panel: Re-Politicizing Urban Futures: Speculations, Struggles, Scales, with Katja Schwaller, Fabian Namberger, Valentin Niebler, Barbara Oth (Chair: Fabian Namberger)

C40.601

Session Ib: Speculating on Sustainability (Chair: Klara Friese)

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Rumen Rachev & Chris Berthelsen (Ehime University, The University of Auckland, Utrecht University): “Speculative Futures in Urban Weather, Mobility, and Ecology: Reimagining Cityscapes Through Weather Commons and Technological Innovations”

Mennatullah Hendawy (Ain Shams University): “Techno-Urban Speculations: GenAI for Resolving Multi-Stakeholder Conflicts in Sustainable City Futures”

Ola Michalec (University of Bristol): “Future Grid: Understanding the Politics of Energy Grid Decentralization as Regional Speculations”

Session Ic: Panel: Techno-Politics of Urban Investability, with Alberto Valz Gris, Andrea Pollio, Emanuele Sciuva, Mara Ferreri, Desirée Fields, Dimitris Pettas, Giulia Dal Maso (Chair: Andrea Pollio)

C40.704

Session Id: Panel: Digital Speculations on Simplification, with Andreas Bischof, Karola Köpferl, Sebastian Wucherer, Johanna Fischer (Chair: Johanna Fischer)

C40.256 & Zoom

13:00-14:30 Lunch

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14:00-14:15 Book Launch of *In/Convenience: Inhabiting the Logistical Surround* (eds. Joshua Neves & Marc Steinberg, INC, 2024), with Marc Steinberg and authors

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14:30-16:00 Parallel Sessions II

Session IIa: Silicon Cities (Chair: Maja-Lee Voigt)

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Claudia Seldin (Center for Metropolitan Studies – Technische Universität Berlin): “Berlin vs. Tech: Hacking the (Dis)Connected City”

Laura Hille (Leuphana University Lüneburg): “California Forever”

Session IIb: Mobilities/Ecologies (Chair: Valentin Niebler)

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Karol Kurnicki (Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde): “Platformisation of Mobility and Making of Urban Futures”

Avishek Ray & Atirya Dey (National Institute of Technology Silchar, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay): “The Toto as a New Mobility Paradigm: Smart Infrastructures Contra Ecological Consciousness”

Stefan Janković & David Adam (University of Belgrade): “Inhaling Data, Exhaling Politics: Speculative Ordinaries and the Infra-Commoning of Belgrade’s Atmotechnical Sensecape”

Session IIc: Real Estate (Chair: Mathias Denecke)

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Lena Greinke, Linda Lange, & Johanna Richter (Leibniz University Hannover, Institute of Environmental Planning, Working group Spatial Planning and Regional Development): “From Consumption to Co-Design and What’s Next? A Closer Look at the Interim Use ‘Aufhof’ of the Former Shopping Centre ‘Kaufhof’ in Hannover’s City Centre”

Emanuele Sciuva (DIST – Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning Politecnico di Torino): “Nomadlands: Digital Nomadism, Geocarbitrage, and Infrastructural Speculations”

Kostas Gourzis & Georgia Alexandri (University of the Aegean, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology): “Real-Estate Speculation in Athens: Housing Financialization and Different Waves of Gentrification in a Tertiary Growth Model”

Session IId: Spatial Governance and Techno-Scientific Development: Emerging Modes and Concrete Implications, with Ruggero Signoroni, Devika Prakash, Deepa Joshi, Adriana de la Pena Espinosa and Michelangelo Fusi (Chair: Ruggero Signoroni)
C40.256 & Zoom

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break
C40.530

16:30-18:00 Keynote Plenary: Speculating the City, with Niloufar Vadiati, Andrea Pollio and Aris Komporozos-Athanasiou (Chair: Ilia Antenucci)
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Thursday 6th Februar 2025

9:30-11:00 Keynote: Lauren Bridges (Chair: Armin Beverungen)

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11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

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11:30-13:00 Parallel Sessions III

Session IIIa: (Un)Desirable Futures (Chair: Niloufar Vadiati)

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Abigail Kemper, Yuming Pan, Carine Ingabire, Dora Hegyi (UNITAC/HafenCity Universität): “Meeting them where they are at – Resilience-building by co-developing digital and data capacities with five Namibian towns”

Sylvana Jahre (Freie Universität Berlin): “Infrastructuring Racial Bias: Delving into the Black Box of Credit and Consumer Scoring Systems”

Pamela Carralero (Kettering University): “Afrofuturist Ecofiction Rethinks the Relation Between Data and Urban Space”

Session IIIb: Digital Twins (Chair: Michaela Büsse)

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Yanai Toister (Tampere University, Finland): “Driving and Drivering”

Daniela van Geenen, Carolin Gerlitz, & Max Kanderske (University of Siegen): “Dutch Cycling Intelligence: Challenging Digital Twins as Urban Platforms for Managing Micro-Mobility”

Harrison Smith (University of Toronto): “‘What If’ States: Digital Twins as Speculative Urbanism”

Session IIIc: Infrastructures of Speculation (Chair: Sophia Leipert)

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Prem Sylvester & Anthony Burton (Digital Democracies Institute, Simon Fraser University): “Modular Logistics: The Physical Internet in the City”

Noel Chung (University of Cambridge): “Friction-Free Cities: Emerging Infrastructures and Spaces of Contactless Delivery”

Fabian Halfar & Niklas Steinke (Center for Metropolitan Studies, TU Berlin): “From Cloud to Ground: Negotiating Space and Resources for Hyper-Scale Data Centers in Berlin”

13:00-14:30 Lunch

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14:30-16:00 Keynote Plenary: Speculating on Amazon, with Constance Carr, Yonatan Miller (Berlin vs. Amazon) and Katja Schwaller (Chair: Maja-Lee Voigt)

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16:30-18:00 Parallel Sessions IV

Session IVa: Counter-Speculation (Chair: Ulf Treger)

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Sam Hopkins (Academy of Media Arts, Cologne): "Digital Baze: Offline Media Exchange in Nairobi's Eastlands"

Paweł Frelik (University of Warsaw): "Other Cities: Urban Speculation in Outsider Art"

Torben Körschkes (Leiden University / Royal Academy of Art The Hague): "The Erratic as a Reconfiguration of the Unity of the Spatial"

Session IVb: Testing Futures (Chair: Max Kanderske)

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Sandeep Mertia (University of Pennsylvania): "Tier-2 Futures: Relocating the Horizons of Urbanism in Startup India"

Burcu Baykurt (University of Massachusetts Amherst): "Avoiding the F-word: The Politics of Scaling and Failing in Test-Bed Urbanism"

Fiona McDermott (Trinity College Dublin): "Building Next Generation Networks: Towards the True of False Public Utility of the Future City"

Session IVc: Smart Homes / Subjects (Chair: Laura Hille)

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Mathias Deneke (Institute of Media Studies, Ruhr-University Bochum): "Speculating on Aging in Place: Demographic Change and the Logistics of Urban Care"

Sukanya Maity (Central European University): "The Linguistic Reproduction of the Working-Class Female Subject: Techno-masculinist Takeover of the Smart Homes"

Federico Giordano Perla (Cornell University): "From City-Building to Space-Producing Games"

18:00 Close of Conference