

Dresden-Columbus International Lecture Series on Sustainable Urban Development



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Planning for Complexity

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In 2000, Steven Hawking stated that we are entering the “Century of Complexity” - acknowledging the opportunities of continued human achievement *and* the increasing threats to stability that are brought about by rapid change.

That these problems are likely to be addressed by people living and working in cities - in places that foster interaction among a variety of thinkers and problem-solvers - will heighten the importance of planning as the profession that can establish the necessary systems, networks, and places needed to foster human advancement.

As a result, planners will have their best opportunity in a generation to demonstrate their value and earn the public’s trust as problem-solvers. To seize upon this, and address the even greater challenges that lie ahead in the Century of Complexity, planners must first take back something they discarded, and learn something they deliberately avoid.

Matt Wetli is a city planner who specializes in economic, community, and real estate development. He is eager to understand ways in which the changing demographic landscape is shaping future opportunities, and how investments in people, places, and buildings can enable communities to evolve and achieve their potential as economically thriving and livable places.

As a Senior Associate at Development Strategies, a St. Louis-based advisory firm, he works throughout the Midwest to devise actionable strategies which translate planning theory and research into tangible investments that result in economic growth at the community level. His focus has been in understanding the economic conditions (i.e., market and financial) and urban design qualities (such as public space and walkability) that result in vibrant, rich, and sustainable places.

Matt advises both public and private sector clients, and also serves as a lecturer in the planning department at The Ohio State University.

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Dresden-Columbus International Lecture Series on Sustainable Urban Development (DCI): The lecture series addresses topics of high actuality regarding sustainable urban development, that are relevant to the development of the two sister cities of Dresden and Columbus (USA). The lectures address students and PhD candidates as well as senior researchers and practitioners from both sides. They may contribute to the inter-continental academic discussion and to the practical interchange of ideas and experience. The lectures are a follow-up of the successful and longstanding joint program of IÖR, TU Dresden and OSU.

Hinweis: Die Veranstaltung findet in englischer Sprache statt. Der Vortrag des Referenten wird per Videokonferenz live aus Columbus (USA) nach Dresden übertragen.