Beware of Smart People!

June 19-20
Beware of Smart People! Redefining the Smart City Paradigm towards Inclusive Urbanism

Opening Keynote by Adam Greenfield: Friday, June 19th, 2015, 7 pm
Symposium: Saturday, June 20th, 2015, 9.30 am - 7 pm

The current debate about Smart Cities is strongly influenced by technological and application-oriented hard perspectives that predominantly materialize through the insertion of smart infrastructures into existing urban systems. Citizens (as individuals) and urban societies (as bodies) remain passive beneficiaries, end users or consumers.

This smartification of urban management is contrasted by increasing demands made by civil society and urban social movements towards greater inclusion in decision-making: New urban actors acquire new agency through local knowledge, expertise, creativity, social networking skills and collaborative capabilities, or social entrepreneurship.

The symposium addresses the conflictual reality in which Smart City approaches are currently unfolding. International scholars and practitioners will

- Reflect on the “Smart City” as a contested paradigm;
- Shift the discourse towards the notion of the urban as co-produced by many voices;
- Attempt to redefine “Smart City” by putting ordinary citizens as “Smart People” at the core of the debate.

The symposium is organized by
TU Dialogue Platform Smart People & Urban Commoning
Jörg Stollmann, Chair for Urban Design & Urbanization
Sybille Frank, Chair for Urban and Regional Sociology
Angela Million, Andreas Brück, Chair for Urban Design & Urban Development
Philipp Misselwitz, Habitat Unit - Chair for International Urbanism and Design
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In coordination with the scientific workshop „Smartology as new urban utopia“ organized by
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Day 1
Another City is Possible: Practices of the Minimum Viable Utopia
Friday, June 19th, 7 pm
Czech Center / Tschechisches Kulturzentrum, Wilhelmstraße 44, 10117 Berlin

Welcoming address by Christine Ahrend (Vice President for Research, TU Berlin),
Keynote by Adam Greenfield (Urban Scale, London), with
Vanessa Watson (University of Cape Town) as respondent.

Day 2
Redefining the Smart City Paradigm towards Inclusive Urbanism
Saturday, June 20th, 9.30 - 7 pm
TU Berlin, Main building, Lichthof, Straße des 17. Juni 135, 10623 Berlin
9.30 am
Registration
10.00 am - 10.20 am
Introduction by
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10.20 am - 12.20 pm
Session 1: PRODUCTION
Urbanizing the Smart City
Chair: Johanna Schlaack / Angela Million / Andreas Brück
Panelists: Alberto Vanolo (UNITO), Saskia Sassen (Columbia University), Mark Deakin (IIDI Edinburgh)

13.30 - 15.30 pm
Session 2: MANAGEMENT
Smart People and Urban Governance
Chair: Carolin Schröder / Philipp Misselwitz
Panelists: Ola Söderström (UNINE), Gudrun Haindamer (TU Wien), Ayona Datta (Leeds University)

16.00 - 18.00 pm
Session 3: PRACTICE
Space Production and Practices of Urban Commoning
Chair: Sybille Frank / Jörg Stollmann
Panelists: Colin McFarlane (Durham University), Friederike Habermann (Writer), Gautam Bhan (IIHS Bangalore)

18.15 pm
Final Forum