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IOER Annual Conference 2022 “Space & Transformation: Liveable Futures“ – Registration opens

Under the title “Space & Transformation: Liveable Futures”, the IOER Annual Conference 2022 on 22 and 23 September will focus on fundamental change in neighborhoods, cities, and regions. 22 sessions deal with five different main topics. International keynotes from sustainability research provide impulses. The registration to the IOER Annual Conference is possible until 31 August.

In the face of rapidly changing social and environmental conditions and high degrees of uncertainty transformative development is key for realizing liveable futures. Human activities, economic practices and settlement patterns have fundamentally altered foundations of life such as regional climate, ecosystem services, biodiversity, and resource availability. In turn, settlements and open spaces are increasingly threatened by natural hazards.

How could possible futures look like that we consider as “liveable” under these conditions? What capacities for adaptation and change, what “transformative capacities” are needed to realize them? And what role does the progressing digitalisation play in this?

The team of the IOER would like to discuss these urgent questions together with guests from science and practice on 22 and 23 September 2022 at the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden.

The following international guests will be keynote speakers at the IOER Annual Conference:

- Prof. Ann Light, Professor at the University of Sussex (UK) and Malmö University (Sweden),
- Erik Gómez-Baggethun, Professor at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) and Senior Research Associate at the University of Oxford,
- Prof. Dr Cordula Kropp, Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Risk and Innovation Research at the University of Stuttgart (ZIRIUS).

In addition to the keynote speeches, the IOER Annual Conference will offer a variety of contributions from science and practice in 22 sessions. The sessions deal with the following five main topics:

- Transformation dynamics and the making of liveable places
- Co-creating futures: Transformative visions, pathways, and experiments
- Liveable landscapes: Towards biological diversity and sustainable ecosystems
- Building liveable futures: Resilience and circular systems of the built environment
- Geomodelling of tomorrow: (Co-)producing spatial data for liveable futures

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Furthermore, participants can expect an extensive supporting programme. Following the official programme of the conference on 22 September, workshops and an evening networking event will be offered.

Registration for the IOER Annual Conference is possible until 31 August:
<https://express.converia.de/frontend/index.php?sub=805>

Background

The IOER Annual Conference is a place for inter- and transdisciplinary exchange. It addresses its questions to both scientists and practitioners. In addition to IOER staff, important protagonists of national, European, and international transformation and spatial research provide impulses for the IOER Annual Conference.

Further information: <https://jahrestagung.ioer.info/en/>

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Note

The IOER Annual Conference and the conjoined Summer School of the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS) will take place as a face-to-face event at the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden. We are preparing for all eventualities in the context of the corona pandemic including very spacious rooms and a comprehensive hygiene concept. Of course, we are closely monitoring the development and will keep participants informed.

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