

Landscape of Surprise – From Emerging Urbanisms to Emerging Practices

An open and interdisciplinary workshop on the occasion of

Landscape of Surprise – Opportunities for India's Emerging Urbanisms – Cyberabad

an exhibition by „Landscape of Surprise“ creators Peter Gotsch and Susanne Kohte

Supported by Goethe-Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan and the India Habitat Centre

Date and venue

India Habitat Centre, Lodi Rd, Lodi Estate, Lodi Colony, New Delhi, Delhi, India

Public Workshop, Saturday October 27th, 2012, 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.,
Casuarina Hall

Exhibition: October 27th to November 1st 2012, in the Open Palm Court

Opening of the Exhibition: Saturday October 27th, 2012, 11:15 a.m., Open Palm Court

Registration

The workshop is free of charge. Kindly register by E-mail by October 20th to delhi@landscapeofsurprise.net to help us preparing and to ensure your participation. Non-registered guests will be admitted on a first come first serve basis.

Project Partners

- ✦ Goethe-Institute, Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi
- ✦ Landscape of Surprise, A project between research and art by Peter Gotsch and Susanne Kohte (www.landscapeofsurprise.net)
- ✦ India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- ✦ IHS Alumni India, New Delhi
- ✦ School of Planning and Architecture New Delhi
- ✦ Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), New Delhi



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Mission and Vision of the Workshop "Landscape of Surprise: From Emerging Urbanisms to Emerging Practices".

How do Emerging Urbanisms shape us? How can we plan Landscapes of Surprise?

India is among the countries leading the global urbanisation front. Its urban population will grow by more than 200 million residents in the next 20 years. In parallel, cities become recognised as complex and self-organised arrangements, producing emergent orders, non-linear outcomes and unforeseen events based on the accumulation of individual acts. Likewise the bulk of transformative activity and innovation occurs at the rapidly growing peripheries of cities, and newly emerging areas allow small interventions to have the greatest leverage towards sustainability and resilience. In this situation the concepts of Emerging Urbanisms and Landscape of Surprise reflect both: the dynamics of self-organisation and the potentiality of urban peripheries.

For that reason, the workshop on "Landscape of Surprise – From Emerging Urbanisms to Emerging Practices" aims to unravel and operationalise the concepts of Emerging Urbanisms and Landscapes of Surprise. Its goal is to initiate new knowledge and innovations on urbanisation trends in India and to contribute towards more equitable, resilient, and sustainable settlements with an improved quality of life for all of its residents - in particular the marginalised segments of the population.

Stakeholders from various disciplines and sectors, research and practice, design and urban management, will reflect the multidimensionality and complexity of urban systems in three panels. First, the global and local dimensions of Emerging Urbanisms will be debated. Second, individual transformations will be discussed, leading to a debate on Emerging Urban Practices. How can new urban practices respond to Emerging Urbanisms and Landscapes of Surprise?

Opening of the Exhibition – October 27th 2012

11:15 Opening of the Exhibition in IHC's Open Palm Court

Representative German Embassy India, New Delhi

Robin Mallick, Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi

Raj Liberhan, Director India Habitat Centre

AK Jain, President, IHS Alumni India

KT Ravindran, Former Director School of Architecture and Planning

Peter Gotsch and Susanne Kohte, Curators, Landscape of Surprise, Frankfurt and Haan/ Zürich



Programme - Open Workshop – October 27th 2012

12:00 Welcome and Introductory Notes (IHC, Casuarina Hall)

Raj Liberhan, IHC, *Urban India*
 A.K. Jain, President, IHS Alumni India, *Networks*
 Shri. V.P Baligar, HUDCO/ HSMI, *Urban Development* (tbc)
 Peter Gotsch, Susanne Kohte, *Landscape of Surprise*

1st Panel: Emerging Urbanisms, Global and Local (12:30)

Moderator: Tina Pujara, IIT Roorkee

1. *Emerging Urbanisms and Landscapes of Surprise in the Global Context*
Peter Gotsch and Susanne Kohte
2. *Requirements of Urban Regional Governance*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
3. *Peripheral transformations, Case Study Dharuhera*
Marie-Hélène Zerah, Aditi Surie, Centre de Sciences Humaines

Lunch (14:00)

2nd Panel: Social, Spatial, and Cultural Transformations (15:00)

Moderator: Tanaji Chakravorty, - Urban Economist & Visiting Faculty SPA, New Delhi

4. *Social and Spatial Transfigurations*
Banashree Banerjee, Urban Management Consultant
5. *Transformations in Urban Form and Design. Across the Metropolis: an overview of Change*
Arunava Dasgupta, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi
6. *Environmental Transformations Environmental Transformations – How do we shape liveable cities?*
Regina Dube, GIZ



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Tea Break (16:30)

Final Plenary: Emerging Practices (17:00)

Moderator: A.K. Jain, IHS Alumni, India

Short Interventions on New Urban Practices

7. *Metabolism of Communities*
Sanjay Prakash, SHiFt: Studio for Habitat Futures
8. *Reflections on City-Region Governance and Sustainability*
Ravi Anand, School of Planning and Architecture, Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University, Hyderabad

Concluding discussion with all speakers and audience

Ravi Anand	AK Jain
Banashree Banerjee	Susanne Kohte
V.P. Baligar (tbc)	Sanjay Prakash
Tanaji Chakravorty	Tina Pujara
Arunava Dasgupta	KC Sivaramakrishnan
Regina Dube	KT Ravindran
Peter Gotsch	Aditi Surie

17:45 Closure

18:00 h Get together with Music at the Exhibition

18:30 h Departure to the "Urban Mela" Indraprastha Millennium Park at the India Gate, New Delhi, to join Opening and Reception (Optional)

Landscape of Surprise

Landscape of Surprise is a project investigating intersections between cities and landscapes as key sites of 21st Century urbanism. Its mission is to develop a better understanding of the effects contemporary urban transformation has on emerging cities and to promote a discourse on the respective spatial, social, cultural, environmental, and political challenges and opportunities. (cf. Gotsch, Kohte 2007). The endeavour started in 2006 while focusing on describing the transformations in the new district of Cyberabad in Hyderabad, India. The medium of Landscape of Surprise is a mix of photographic panoramas, drawings, maps, essays and discourses, and the combination of synchronic and chronologic approaches. Having presented in Hamburg and Stuttgart, Landscape of Surprise is currently part of 'Germany and India 2011-2012: Infinite Opportunities, City Spaces', with programmes in Hyderabad and New Delhi, India. The curators Susanne Kohte and Peter Gotsch are two German architects, urban researchers, and scholars who explore the resonance of research, art, and politics.
more at: www.landscapeofsurprise.net

IHC

Located in New Delhi, India Habitat Centre (IHC) was conceived to provide a physical environment to serve as a catalyst for the growth of a synergistic relationship between individuals and institutions, which are working on different habitat-related areas and thus maximize their total effectiveness. Sharing a common concern for habitat, various organisations have come together to participate in institution building, evolving into a synergy within the India Habitat Centre complex. In the proposed complex, an effort is being made to weave urban design into a synergetic interrelationship between institutions working in diverse habitat-related fields, while also providing a wide array of services and facilities for this interaction. By bringing together such institutions in an integrated urban dissemination, the Centre hopes to achieve a holistic approach to problem solving. (description to be added)

IHS Alumni India

The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Rotterdam is a leading international institute which, since last 51 years, is involved in capacity building, teaching, research and consultancy in the field of housing and urban development across the globe. IHS has built up a unique global network with its alumni, governments, private sector and urban professionals. Out of a community of over 7,000 IHS alumni in over 140 countries, India has approximately 400. The IHS Alumni Association in India (IHSAAI) is one of the active Alumni Associations of IHS, involved in bringing together the urban professionals, planners, city managers, NGOs and private sector for continued learning and exchange of experiences. It is a registered body and has been conducting various events such as Refresher Courses, Seminars, Exhibitions, etc. on pertinent issues in the urban sector.

Short biographies

Ravi Anand K

Prof. Ravi Anand K is an Architect and City Planner with more than 30 years experience in teaching and 'practicing' architecture and urban planning. He presently teaches at the JNAFA University (formed out of the erstwhile JNTU) School of Planning and Architecture, Hyderabad. Prof. Ravi Anand has been involved in consultancy projects, both, on behalf of the University School and also as an independent expert / consultant. He has been involved in national and international projects supported by international agencies. In addition to many urban development authorities, and other local professional firms, he has done work on planning norms and standards for spatial planning, urban land utilisation, city / urban development plans, and national urbanization strategy, in Sri Lanka, Bhutan and different places in India. He has been a member of expert committees appointed by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and other Public institutions, the most notable being the 'Three member committee to review the Revised Draft Masterplan for Hyderabad Urban Development Area (HUDA)' and the 'Three member committee to review change of land uses in Visakhapatnam Urban Development Area (VUDA)'.

Banashree Banerjee

Banashree Banerjee is an Urban Management Consultant and Associate Staff-member IHS. As a government town planner, university teacher, and researcher, she has primarily focused on inclusive and participatory approaches to urban planning and management, particularly in relation to poverty reduction. She has been responsible for designing, implementing, and institutionalizing participatory planning and monitoring in poor settlements and in a number of cities. Ms. Banerjee teaches part time at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies in Rotterdam. She served as Chairperson of the International Jury for the UN-Habitat Best Practices Awards in 2008 and as working group member of the Global Commission for Legal Empowerment of the Poor in 2007.

Tanaji Chakravorty

An economist by training, Tanaji specialises in urban development research and advisory, having worked nearly two decades on urban development, real estate, retail and city level projects advising institutions and corporates across India, apart from being involved in international collaborative projects. He has strived through research to drive thought leadership in such domains, by writing benchmark reports on Indian urban dynamics, cities, retail and related sustainability issues. He has been a visiting faculty at the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi since 2003, teaching Urban Development and Economics. Apart from this he has lectured widely in institutes and prestigious architecture colleges in India and globally.

Arunava Dasgupta

Arunava Dasgupta is an urban designer and architect, currently engaged as faculty in the Department of Urban Design, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and is a founder



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member and National Secretary of the Institute of Urban Designers – India (IUDI). Arunava has been researching community-led “r-urbanization” trends in Himalayan settlements across a variety of habitation types while pursuing the larger question of the role of architects and designers beyond the metropolis. Within the academic arena, Arunava is engaged in experimental design studio methodologies exploring possibilities of students as citizen designers while theoretical pursuits revolve around contemporary, inter-disciplinary discourses concerning city futures.

Regina Dube

Dr. (Mrs.) Regina Dube is heading the Sustainable Urban Habitat (SUH) unit of GIZ. In this capacity, she is Director to the GIZ programme “Support to the National Urban Sanitation Policy” (SNUSP) and she is also Head of the urban component of the “Indo-German Environment Partnership” (IGEP) programme. Dr. (Mrs.) Dube has over 20 years experience of working with the Ministry of Environment and Urban Development and the Mayor’s Office of the city of Hamburg; Germany as a Factory Inspector, Section Head, Director and Policy Advisor. Her areas of expertise include executing environment protection laws in various industries, environmental management including budget planning, nature protection, urban greenery, climate change, sustainable development, environmental education and spatial planning. She is serving in India since 2008 and has prior research experience in India in the field of environment.

Peter Gotsch

Dr. Peter Gotsch is an Architect, City planner und Urbanist. He was educated at the RWTH Aachen, Columbia University in New York City and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. At present he is a visiting professor for international urbanism at the University of Applied Sciences in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. While his 15 year professional experience combines practice, teaching, and research, he is devoted to increasing synergies amongst these fields. Peter’s interest focuses on comparative urban studies in a global perspective, where the question of ‘production of space’ is central. His doctoral research portrays privately developed cities (NeoTowns) as a new urban typology recently emerging in many mega city regions worldwide. Dr. Gotsch has presented his work in numerous lectures and publications. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-AERUS), a board member of the Association for Research of Planning and Building in Developing Countries, and co-editor of the journal TRIALOG.

A.K. Jain

A.K. Jain, Former Commissioner (Planning), Delhi Development Authority and Visiting Faculty SPA, New Delhi. He is President IHS (R) Alumni Association of India. A.K. Jain worked on the Master Plan for Delhi-2021, National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (2007), National Urban Transport Policy (2006), New MCD Act (2012) and UN World Habitat Reports; Planning Sustainable Cities (2009), Climate Change and Urban Environment (2011)

and Sustainable Urban Mobility.

Susanne Kohte

Susanne Kohte is an Architect and City planner. Her international experience comprises work at the offices of Shigeru Ban, Tokyo, Balkrishna Doshi, Ahmedabad (India) and in the Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland. She founded the studio SUKO in Zürich in 2001. Her academic career comprises appointments at the Institute for Design basics, University of Karlsruhe, and the Chair for urban design, Technical University Hamburg-Harburg. Since 2008 she has lectured at the architectural faculty of the Hochschule Luzern (Switzerland). Through research, exhibitions and publications she works on modern architecture and urban development with a focus on contemporary India and Japan.

Robin Mallick

Robin Mallick was the festival Director at Filmfest Dresden from 2000 to 2009, and the general secretary of the European Coordination of Film Festivals. Since 2009 he is the Goethe Institute's programme director for South Asia, based in Delhi.

Raj Liberhan

Raj Liberhan the Director, India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi, India, served in the Government of India's financial services for thirty years, before moving to the non-governmental sector to head the IHC. As Chief Executive of the India Habitat Centre, for the last fifteen years, he has helped create a unique institutional mechanism where various professions and institutions dealing with different facets of habitat function, interact, and attempt to resolve habitat related problems in a coordinated manner; and cooperate and collaborate with other national or international institutions.

Sanjay Prakash,

Sanjay Prakash, B. Arch., A.I.I.A., is an architect with a commitment to energy-conscious architecture, eco-friendly design, people's participation in planning, music and production design. Over the years, he has integrated all his work with the practice of new urbanism and sustainability in his professional and personal life.

He is Principal Consultant of his design firm, SHiFt: Studio for Habitat Futures Architects and Engineers Pvt. Ltd., and was a partner of daat and Studio Plus, firms that predate his current firm. His name and work is mentioned in the twentieth edition of one of the main reference works in architectural history, A History of Architecture by Sir Bannister Fletcher.

Tina Pujara

Tina Pujara is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture and Planning at Indian Institute of Technology (I.I.T) Roorkee, India. She received a Bachelors in Architecture from the TVB School of Habitat Studies, New Delhi and a Masters in Urban Design from the

National University of Singapore. Prior to joining I.I.T Roorkee, she was an academic guest researching at the Chair of History of Urban Design at ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) Zurich, Switzerland. Her research interests sit at the crossroads between urban design, planning, and (few elements of) sociology, in the field of sustainable development. Research-wise she many a times sees herself as a social scientist with a strong design focus and has an inclination towards multidisciplinary research. In parallel to this, she has a strong interest in looking at design processes and the pedagogy of these. She has been experimenting with the role of films as a medium for classroom and studio teaching in the field.

K C Sivaramakrishnan

K C Sivaramakrishnan is the Chairman, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi. After joining the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1958 and holding various assignments in West Bengal (including Chief Executive, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority 1970-76). K C Sivaramakrishnan moved to Delhi in 1985 to the Ministry of Environment. In 1988, he became Secretary in the Ministry of Urban Development. In that capacity Sivaramakrishnan was personally involved in the legislation to amend the Constitution to provide a decentralized framework for urban local bodies.

After retiring from the I.A.S in 1992, he joined the World Bank as Sr. Advisor, Urban Management. Since his return to the country in 1996 Sivaramakrishnan has been associated with the Centre for Policy Research where he is Research Professor and Chairman of the Governing Board.

Sivaramakrishnan was a Parvin Fellow at Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University in 1965, Visiting Professor and Homi Bhabha Fellow at the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta in 1977 and Senior Lecturer at the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank from 1978 to 1982.

Trained in economics, political science and law, he has authored several books and papers on urban management, decentralization, electoral reforms and environment. His latest book "Re-visioning Indian Cities: The Urban Renewal Mission" published by Sage was released in August 2011.

Marie-Hélène Zerah

Marie-Hélène Zerah is the Head of "Urban Dynamics, Centre de Sciences Humaines", New Delhi and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of research for Development, Paris. She coordinates a research project financed by the National Agency for Research (France) on small towns entitled "Subaltern Urbanization in India".



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- Federal Republic of Germany Foreign Office
- Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- Goethe Institut

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Press releases on the event in Hyderabad (August 12th, 2012)

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Experts, residents and students of Hyderabad debate urban transformations in the high tech district of Cyberabad during the exhibition "Cyberabad – Landscape of Surprise – opportunities for India's emerging urbanisms" from August 11th to August 26th at Vidyaranya High School, Hyderabad



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