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Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture 2015



The Freiburg Approach to Sustainable Urbanism

Professor Wulf Daseking

Architect and Former Chief Planning Officer for the City of Freiburg

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Wulf Daseking - Architect and former Chief Planning Officer for the City of Freiburg



Wulf Daseking is Professor at the University of Freiburg's Institute of Sociology. He was Chief Planning Officer in Freiburg between 1984 and 2012 where his main focus was on Rieselfeld, Vauban and inner city planning, the project Soziale Stadt ("Social City") project, public spaces and citizen participation. He has been involved in the development and implementation of more than 100 development plans and has staged 80 public design competitions. Wulf lectures to universities including Kaiserslautern, Darmstadt and Stuttgart. He is a member of the Architectural Association of the State of Baden-Württemberg; the Association of German Architects; the Academy of Urban Development and Regional Planning in Berlin; the Forum Building Culture; the German Association of Cities / Working Group on Urban Planning and the German Sustainable Building Council advisory board. He is also an honorary member of the Academy of Urbanism. Wulf's philosophy, in his own words, are

"Since I started working as a planner I have advocated the development of dense, heterogeneous cities, urban development that is oriented towards public transportation, decentralised urban development and cities of short distances that enjoy social equilibrium and differentiated citizen participation. Development processes must include all stages of urban planning from formulating concepts to final, detailed implementation – an all-around approach to urban planning! Seen in this context, planning ceases to be governed exclusively by budgets and becomes a question of attitude. The overriding principle is to achieve a balance between economy, ecology, cultural diversity and most importantly - social aspects. To a great extent, urban planning is social planning!

"Civitas – quo vadis"? The ecological renovation of our cities and the effects of demographic changes, together with endeavours to address the problems of social imbalance, will be the main topics of future urban planning."

Programme

- 17.45 Arrival and registration
- 18.00 Welcome and Introduction by Pam Ewen, Convenor of RTPI Scotland
- 18.15 Lecture by Wulf Daseking, followed by questions
- 19.15 Vote of Thanks
- 19.25 Drinks reception
- 20.00 Departures

Booking

This event costs **£15 (+ VAT) = £18**. For further information and booking please contact telephone **0131 229 9628**, email scotland@rtpi.org.uk. Further details at www.rtpi.org.uk/scotland

The Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture



This is the 12th Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture which is organised to stimulate discussion on planning issues. Sir Patrick Geddes is widely regarded as the founder of modern town planning. His interest in the natural sciences led him to a professorship at Dundee University in botany, after which he developed his interest in sociology and planning. He lived most of his life in Edinburgh during which he established the Edinburgh Social Union, promoted a wide range of sympathetic redevelopment and conservation schemes the length of the Royal Mile and founded a publishing company. He published seminal texts such as "Cities in Evolution", spent time in India as Chair in Sociology at Bombay University, planned the Hebrew University at Jerusalem and finally retired to France where he founded the College des Ecosais in Montpellier. He was knighted in London in the year of his death.