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## Aurelio Peccei Lectures & Dialogues

### INVITATION at the 62<sup>nd</sup> & 63<sup>rd</sup> Aurelio Peccei Lectures

The Club of Rome EU-Chapter (CoR-EU Brussels),  
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**62<sup>nd</sup> Lecture on Thursday October 8, 2009, 18:00**

**Historic cities and adaptation to change**

**By Dr. Ron Van Oers, UNESCO,**

*Deputy-Director*

World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia-Pacific Region

**This lecture is the second in a cycle of Lectures on *Sustainable Urbanization & Cities*, chaired by Pierre Laconte, President, International Society of City and Regional Planners.**

**Abstract** The urban regeneration is one of the primary issues in the decades to come. Its success requires active and balanced partnerships between development and conservation, taking into account the appropriate community consultation. Such partnerships should include an evaluation of the urban change processes going on and their environmental, visual, social and economic impact. The short term character of political mandates and decision-making contrasts with the long term effects of politically attractive and technically feasible iconic projects on their urban context. A star architect famously said: "I spit on the context".

Such partnerships and their training component are an essential principle for consideration if historic cities are to continue an inclusive economic, social and cultural development.

**Date:** Thursday october 08, 2009 at 18:00-20:00

The lecture will be followed by refreshments.

**Venue:** *Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium. Ockeghem room, Hertogstraat, 1, rue Ducale B-1000 Brussels.* For planning and logistical reasons, please send your **registration for the lecture** [cor.eu.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cor.eu.secretary@gmail.com).

# 63<sup>rd</sup> Aurelio Peccei Lecture

Wednesday 14 October, 2009 at 18:00

## Towards sustainable urbanization in Germany and Austria

By Professor Peter Zlonicky

*City of Munich & Technical University of Vienna/Austria*

**This Lecture is the third one in a cycle of Lectures on *Sustainable Urbanization & Cities* chaired by Pierre Laconte, President, International Society of City and Regional Planners.**

### Abstract

Reshaping and rebuilding our cities is a key challenge of the 21st century, the 'Urban Age'. The conversion of industrial and military infrastructure buildings has become commonplace in cities. The conversion of the existing building stock is an ecologic challenge (saving resources and energy), also an economic challenge (starting a recycling economy) and a social challenge (preserving social milieus). The Federal Ministry for City Development invited curators from all important German environmental, social, economic and scientific institutions to advise the National Urban Development policy, based on the European Leipzig Charter (2007). Messages resulting from the debates include:

- Urban renewal in regard of climate change,
- Mixed uses in the city - mobility without fuel,
- Social and cultural cohesion against polarization,
- Integration of economy in the city,
- Cooperation of government and universities,
- Networking cities - regional cooperation,
- 'Baukultur' as national integrative, value oriented approach!

Local projects offer specific experiences, such as Hamburg's new HafenCity, and especially its International Building Exhibition 2013 'Brownfields to Greenfields' in industrial regions, and the re-urbanisation of inner cities such as Munich.

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OTHER LECTURES IN THE CYCLE (CONFIRMED OR IN PREPARATION – 12/9/2009):

- Dhuru Thadani, Architect and planner, Washington and Bombay - Sustainable Urbanization and Cities: What could Europe learn from selected American and Indian experiences - 26 October 2009 (confirmed)
- Debate: Beyond Gross Domestic Product, an unsustainable performance indicator - 6 November 2009 (confirmed)
- Ian Douglas, University of Manchester – Canals and the City: from Dereliction to Benediction - 7 December 2009 (confirmed)
- Bernd Kordes, POYRY Environment – Water resources management and the city (date tbc)
- Michael Braungart, EPEA - From cradle to cradle: recycling for urban sustainability (date tbc)
- Jean-François Guet, CERTU - Sustainable Urbanisation – a Myth? (date tbc)
- Michael Krautzberger, DASL - The EU and its urban Heritage – Who cares? (date tbc)
- André De Herde, UCL, From Eco-buildings to Eco-Cities (date tbc)
- Alfonso Vegara, Fundacion Metropoli, Madrid - Intelligent Urban Spaces-sustainable Urban Spaces (tbc)
- Herman Knoflacher, TU Vienna - Sustainable Mobility-Sustainable City (tbc)
- Eric Lambin, UCL - From Unsustainable to Sustainable Land-Use (tbc)

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL AREAS: Landscape Planning (Donata Valentien?), the Chinese Experience/Paradigm (Shi Nan?), Eco-Engineering (Hein van Bohemen?), Shrinking Cities (Didier Vancutsem?), Adaptive Reuse of Heritage vs Reinvention (Barbara vdWee?), Soil Pollution and Phyto-remediation, etc.