

WPSC PhD Workshop

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Theme: Peripheral Visions – Rethinking Planning

- New perspectives and approaches to planning in view of a **new territoriality**... but also a **new temporal dimension**.
- **'Futures'** as yet-non-existent but still relevant fields of action.
- The PhD Workshop invited students to work together on **archives of multiple futures**.

Participants

- 57 PhD students from 20 countries
- 7 mentors
 - **Peter Ache** (Netherlands)
 - **Kristi Grišakov** (Estonia)
 - **Markus Laine** (Finland)
 - **Helena Leino** (Finland)
 - **Alexi Neuvonen** (Finland)
 - **Lina Olsson** (Sweden)
 - **Federica Scaffidi** (Germany)

PhD students by the country of affiliation

- Australia (2)
- Austria (2)
- Belgium (2)
- Brazil (2)
- Bulgaria (1)
- Czech Republic (1)
- Finland (6)
- Germany (7)
- Hong Kong (1)
- Ireland (3)
- Italy (2)
- Latvia (1)
- Mexico (1)
- Netherlands (7)
- Norway (1)
- Poland (1)
- Spain (1)
- Sweden (3)
- United Kingdom (8)
- United States (5)



Mentoring meetings



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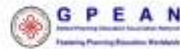
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Hanna Mattila: PERIPHERAL

European Spatial Visions - charting new pathways for a post-growth Europe?

Prof em Dr P. Ache
June 2026

...suspended between big picture thinking and midwifing futures ...

- Vision and Strategy
- Utopian thinking
- Seven Expert Visions
- Conclusions



change perspective

Radboud University



Peter Ache: VISIONS

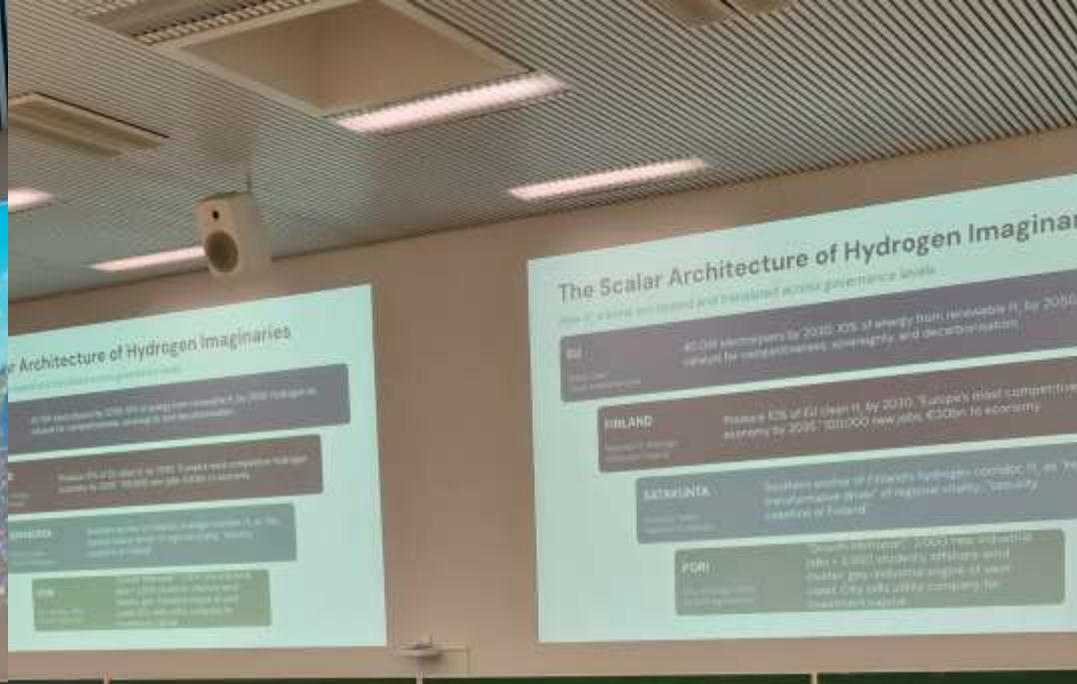


Eik Hermann: RETHINKING

Before the Blueprint
Prototopian Work in a Rough-Draft World

Eik Hermann
WPSC 2026 PhD Workshop
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Tampere introduction



Hydrogen imaginaries

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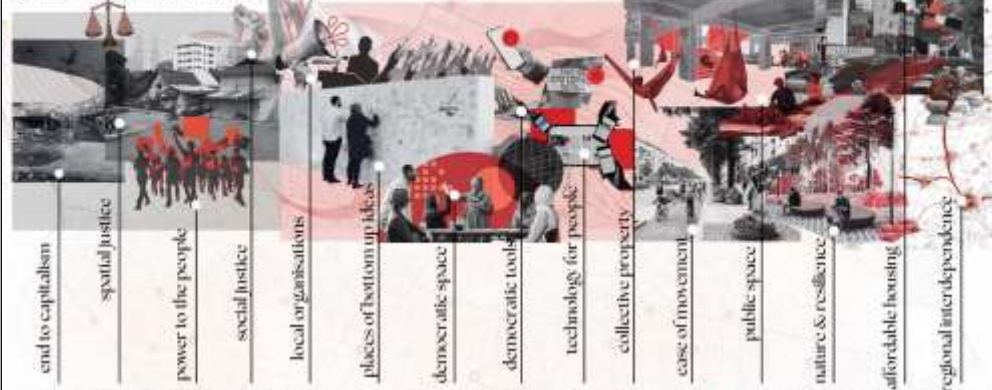


Kitchen table citizen panels



A SEAT AT THE TABLE: COOKING-UP THE JUST CITY

A VISION: WHAT IF?



CITY'S ARCHIVE: WHAT'S ALREADY ON THE TABLE

JUSTICE IN PARTICIPATION

Justice in participation is not just a slogan. It is a challenge for urban activists, not just urban planning and management, are increasingly relying on digital tools. Malaysia mandates public participation by law, but in practice, communities are invited to hearings where decisions have already been made. The process is open but the table is not. The most just thing the city can do is simply ask. But ask the right people in the right language through the right medium.

JUSTICE AS CARE

Gardens embody gentleness and hope within a warmer theme. They bring people together to process climate anxiety, meet across generations, share skills, and take small daily climate action - and they function as truly public places. Justice spreads to the more-than-human - soils, water, and plants - becoming 'gardens of care' in the city, shading streets, rain gardens, and cooling green streets. They help us reconnect with nature.

JUSTICE SHAPES WHO DEFINES PLACE IDENTITY

Disempowered urban regeneration initiatives failed to improve Boston's urban environment. Urban regeneration initiatives were unable to bring to clarity. Justice shapes who defines place identity. A just city enables people to access space, see themselves reflected in it, and to have the power to shape what it becomes.

KNITTING FOR A JUST CITY

For a just development of urban and rural areas, integrating the natural and built environments might re-weave a fragmented urban agglomeration in southern Chile. Every little helps! Start in your neighborhood by identifying one community-led practice that articulates a just urban and ecological development.

DIGITAL JUSTICE

"We need an ethics of the future that revisits negotiation relations, a democratisation of technological innovation and, thus, the technological forms of such relations" (Grismer, 2022). Digital justice is not just a slogan. It is a challenge for urban activists, not just urban planning and management, are increasingly relying on digital tools.

THE LABOUR OF A JUST FUTURE: BUILDING NEW INSTITUTIONS

A just future is made together. We need to reimagine how we work together, building new institutions through civil-community collaboration. Building new institutions through civil-community collaboration.

IMAGINATION AS A METHOD FOR JUSTICE

Whose imagination, which words will guide us to the future? A just city is never finished, we need to keep reimagining what it could be.

WEAVING A JUST REGION

Because a Just City Never Stops Able. A just future city starts with mobility opportunities and responsibility across the region.

TRANSFORMATION: SERVING THE JUST CITY



A City for Every Body, Every Pace, Every Species

1 INDIVIDUAL VISIONS

Xiwei Duhai: A city for every pace of life. Moving freely, living fully. Dignity and participation of every age.
Danielle Sosa Pardo: Residents don't replace. Climate dignity through environmental justice and water coexistence.
April Song: Local action, community power. Translating global visions through participatory planning.
Kobayashi Akiyoshi: Experimenting today for the spaces of tomorrow. Neighborhood-centered living through innovative community.
Queen Guadalupe: From consensus to collaboration. Giving inhabitants a real voice to understand and shape the city.
Maurit Espino: Promoting multi-species living through democratic, citizen-driven innovation.
Talia Duhai: A city of everyday belonging. Reclaiming public spaces for connection, safety, and joy.

Collective vision



Keywords

Places of non-belonging: Many urban spaces are technically accessible but atmospherically exclusionary.

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Citizen knowledge, participation, inclusion, agency, urban activism, climate resilience, more-than-human approaches, co-existence with nature, iterative processes and adaptations.

2 ARCHIVE AND COLLECT

What we brought to the table were not abstracts. We brought streets walked with animals, benches where real-time urbanists neighborhoods where dignity arrived but belonging did not, water that flowed between us and climate in protest. We brought the emotions of navigating cities not designed for us, or spaces, or objects, or migrants, or non-Western knowers, or species among species. These fragments reveal what official maps leave out. They are the raw material of another city, one that is already possible.



3 FUTURES

Producing our cities together with those shuffling, experiencing and depending on it. Urban futures emerge when citizen knowledge, ecological systems, and collective learning become part of how cities are designed, governed, and transformed.



JPER session

The Use and Valuation of Journals in Planning Scholarship: Peer Assessment versus Impact Factors

Harvey Goldstein¹ and Gunther Maier²

Abstract

A Web-based survey of faculty at ACPA schools is used to assess the value peers place on various journals. The results of the survey show that two journals—the Journal of the American Planning Association and the Journal of Planning Education and Research—dominate all others in importance. The authors analyze the survey data to identify how the relative valuation of journals differs by respondent characteristics. The authors discuss what the journal's relative valuation of peer judgment is related to journal impact factors. The results demonstrate clearly there is no correlation between the two.



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WHAT SHOULD AUTHORS DO?



In addition to submitting a complete high standard of scientific publications, authors should consider the following:

- Acknowledge your research colleagues for their contribution to your work.
- Support original and innovative research.
- Support positive approaches to ethics and environmental planning.





Tampere City Walk

Tram excursion



Tram excursion





Tram excursion



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Tampere City Reception

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Dinner with a Finland menu

THANK YOU!

