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The spatial dimension of innovation: Triple Helix and the city

Invited speakers: Representatives from IASP (International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation), EBN (European Business & Innovation Centre Network), Tishman Speyer Properties and Siemens Infrastructure & Cities.

The next European Framework programme is implementing new innovation models. China is changing development zones to clusters in order to upgrade the economy, Germany reopens a new discussion on governance in innovation and Africa might profit from these new approaches to innovation and contribute to the debate in a new way.

A pattern that connects these innovation models will have to link technological and social innovation as well as different types of spatial transformations (e.g. urban and regional). Innovation policy faces organisational challenges when embracing the idea of space.

New forms of interaction and governance between innovative industries, intergovernmental policies and universities and other knowledge producing institutions have an impact on the social and physical transformation of cities and metropolitan areas. Synthesizing insights from megacity research, sustainability science, and innovation & cluster policy, the spatial dimension of technological and social innovation will be in the focus of this track.

In this track we will have to discuss:

- innovative approaches for managing urban and regional transformation such as smart growth strategies; cross-sectoral, transdisciplinary urban transition management; "urbanisation"; or city "syntegration"
- new innovation models ("post-Baconian"?) and their institutional implications
- the specific role of global and local finance (for infrastructures, urban and rural transformation, systemic risks...)

The workshop will integrate the current discussion on social and/or technological innovation into the Triple Helix debate.