



PROFESSOR STEFFEN LEHMANN PRESENTS AT CIRIA ANNUAL DEBATE

The University of Portsmouth (<http://Port.ac.uk>), Faculty of Creative and Cultural industries (<http://port.ac.uk/cci>) is delighted to share the success of Professor Steffen Lehmann ([https://researchportal.port.ac.uk/portal/en/persons/steffen-lehmann\(075d47a2-a5cc-4bec-ba8f-42ba2d5cfc23\).html](https://researchportal.port.ac.uk/portal/en/persons/steffen-lehmann(075d47a2-a5cc-4bec-ba8f-42ba2d5cfc23).html)), following his participation in the 2018 CIRIA Annual Debate (https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/Navigation/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=E18206).



The speakers at the Annual Debate, Royal Society, 21 June 2018

Professor Steffen Lehmann from CCI gave a presentation and participated in the panel discussion at the Big Debate of CIRIA, the construction industry research and information association. CIRIA's flagship summer debate was held in London, on 21 June 2018 at the Royal Society, with this year's theme focusing on the regeneration of our cities.

Returning for the third consecutive year, the Annual Debate is a staple in the diary of anyone involved in the design, construction and management of cities and consistently positions itself at the forefront of insight and thought-leadership in the growing discussion around the future of our cities.

Connecting leading professionals and decision makers from across the built environment, this

highly anticipated event was an opportunity to share ideas and experiences to help drive industry forward in addressing the pertinent challenges of an urban future, to balance economic growth, environmental protection and social inclusion.

This year's debate was chaired by architectural writer Peter Murray and explored both traditional topics such as population growth, housing, security and biodiversity loss, as well as new challenges like decarbonisation, self-sufficiency and wellbeing. It also considered the role of public space and what makes a truly successful regeneration project.

Speakers included:

- Dr Steffen Lehmann, author and Professor of Sustainable Architecture and Founding Director of the Cluster for Sustainable Cities, University of Portsmouth
- Louise Brooke-Smith, Partner and UK Head of Town Planning at Arcadis, Past Global President of RICS & Member of the RTPI
- George Ferguson CBE, Past President RIBA, first elected Mayor of Bristol, founding member of 100 Resilient Cities.



Professor Steffen Lehmann with Peter Murray

Professor Lehmann said:

“Cities in the UK and in other countries are facing huge challenges and one answer to regeneration lies in closer collaboration between city leaders, industry and communities with universities. The complex challenges posed by urbanisation and development cannot be solved by one discipline in isolation.

Most of the time UK cities do not need spectacular change or short term vanity projects, but instead require more modest and careful step-by-step incremental regeneration strategies that get the best out of what we already have and deliver long term societal benefits.”

For more information please visit the CIRIA Network blog (https://www.ciria.org/News/blog/Regenerating_the_UKs_post_industrial_cities.aspx).

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