



Child in the City International Seminar

# Children in the sustainable city

20-21 May 2019, Antwerp, Belgium



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## INTRODUCTION

### WHAT DOES A YOUTH INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Cities all over the world are developing policies to make the urban environment more sustainable. At the same time global initiatives to make cities more child-friendly are increasingly important. This seminar in Antwerp comes at a strategic moment. In Belgium, youth protests remind governments to take better care of a sustainable future. What does a youth inclusive sustainable urban future look like?

The third edition of the Child in the City International seminar will bring together experts from various disciplines and from different international contexts. It aims to stimulate an exchange of the latest research results, new policies and good practices. How can we connect these different sources of knowledge in a way that both strengthens sustainable cities and children's position in cities?

I look forward to welcoming you to Antwerp!

*Lia Karsten  
President of the Scientific Program Committee  
Child in the City Foundation*



# PROGRAMME

## MONDAY 20 MAY 2019

**09:30 - 10:00** **Registration for field trip participants**, Den Bell, Francis Wellesplein 1, Antwerpen

**10:00 - 12:00** **Field trip to Brederode neighbourhood**

**12:00 - 13:00** **General Registration and lunch**, Den Bell Francis Wellesplein 1, Antwerpen

**13:00 - 14:45** **Plenary session** with two keynote speakers

**15:15 - 17:15** **Four parallel sessions** with 4 expert speakers

**17:30 - 18:30** **Cocktail reception**

**18:30 - 19:00** **Optional guided walk to networking dinner**

**19:00 - 22:00** **Optional networking dinner**

## TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019

**08:15 - 09:00** **Registration for field trip participants**, Den Bell, Francis Wellesplein 1, Antwerpen

**9:00 - 11:30** **Three field trips:**

- Walking trip in the neighbourhood "Sint-Andries"
- Cycling trip to the "Groen Kwartier"
- Cycling trip in the neighbourhoods "Oud Borgerhout" and "Antwerpen Noord"
- Cycling trip to the neighbourhood "'t Eilandje" and the "Park Spoor Noord"

**11:30 - 12:30** **Lunch**

**12:30 - 13:10** **Plenary Session** with keynote speaker Leo Van Broeck, Flemish Buildingmaster

**13.20 - 15.20** **Four parallel sessions** with 4 expert speakers

**15:50 - 16:50** **Plenary Session Conclusion**

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Monday 20 May 2019

Francis Wellesplein 1, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium

## CHILDREN - THE NEW SOVEREIGNS OF SUSTAINABILITY

### ANNIKA SKOGLUND

'Greta forced us to change our lives', testifies a father to his daughter's obsession with climate change. Greta, a fifteen year old Swedish activist who rhetorically plays on her role as 'our future', is but one example of how children conceive of themselves as more ecologically competent than adults. And it is especially Northern European children that have been constructed as competent, recognized for their capacities to act in environmentally friendly ways and for effectively spreading the word about sustainable practices and consumption. They have thus been invited to participate in pedagogic and political processes to consensually co-create a more sustainable world. Despite this, they are increasingly inviting or imposing themselves as already full-fledged responsible citizens, eagerly armoured to educate world leaders, teachers and their closest family members on how life should be lived in the 21'st century. The vulnerable child is with calls for sustainability consequently filled with agency in a mobilization of 'juvenocracy' – the governing of adults by children and youth.

**Annika Skoglund** is Associate Professor at Uppsala University, Sweden and The University of Exeter, UK. Her main area is new organisational forms, with focus on how these arise and affect businesses, technological paths and the human. Working across disciplines, she is currently PI for a team-ethnography on 'alternative entrepreneurship', such as social, green, political and sustainable entrepreneurship. The research project aims to develop ethnographic and videographic methods that enable processual studies of how new organisational forms unfold. She is also co-authoring a book (with Steffen Böhm) titled "Renewable Energy Activism – bridging between business and society", to be published by Cambridge University Press and available in 2020.



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Tuesday 21 May 2019

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## SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE FOR AND BY CHILDREN JENS AERTS

In a fast urbanizing world, urban planning plays a central role in achieving the Sustainable provide healthy urban environments and to enable sustainable lifestyles. Along 10 Urban Planning and Child Rights Principles, good practices and tools illustrate how to create Development Goals and in fulfilling children rights, from a global perspective to a local context. By focusing on children and their particular vulnerability and authenticity, urban planning can re-invent itself, thereby building on its historic and instrumental role to thriving and equitable cities for and with children, where they can enjoy their childhood before becoming empowered adults who will lead the cities of the future.

**Jens Aerts** is the author of the recent UNICEF publication *'Shaping urbanization for children, a handbook on child-responsive urban planning'*. As an Urban Planning Specialist he currently supports UNICEF in the development and implementation of its Global Urban Strategy. Jens has been working 20 years on the cross-section of practice, policy and research in Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and the United States. He is a partner at BUUR - Bureau for Urbanism, in charge of city development plans and stakeholder engagement processes towards sustainable urban transformation of the capital and several secondary cities in Belgium and the Netherlands. He holds a MSc in Civil Engineering and Architect from the University of Leuven (Belgium) and obtained his MA Urban Planning at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Barcelona (Spain). He is board member at Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ruimte en Planning (VRP) and member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP).



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## TICKETS

Register now and take advantage of the early bird price until 8th of April, 2019!

- **Delegate early bird** — € 356,95 (incl. taxes)

Early bird ends Monday April 8 2019

- **Delegate** — € 417,75 (incl. taxes)

Access to all the conference sessions, interactive workshops and field trips.

Includes lunches and a cocktail reception

- **Student (including PhD students)** — € 175,45 (incl. taxes)

Please be aware that you will be required to provide a student ID at the reception.

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## MORE INFORMATION

Would you like to know more about this seminar, the themes, who is participating, the speakers and the field trips? Have a look at our website:

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Antwerp!

If you have any questions or would like to gain more information, please feel free to contact me:

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