

# Creating the 'Good Life' in the City

## Urban Spaces in Times of Change, Challenge and Crisis

10 - 12 OCTOBER 2022

UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG

**DAY 1** **10 October 2022** **DAY 3** **12 October 2022**

*Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA)*

18:00-18:30  
18:30-20:00

### Conference Introduction

#### Keynote

**Anne Rademacher (Environmental Studies, NYU)**

On Refuge and Ruin: Finding 'Good Lives' in Place and Practice

**DAY 2** **11 October 2022**

*Karl Jaspers Centre, Building 4400, R. 212,  
Voßstraße 2, Heidelberg University*

### PANEL 1 NatureCultures: Negotiating Multispecies Interactions

9:00-10:30

**Birgit Hoinle (Geography, Hohenheim University)**

Buen Vivir/ Sumak Kawsay: About the (Cosmo-)Visions, Practices, and Political Proposal of the Andean Concept for a Good Life from an (Urban) Political Ecology Perspective

**Christine Fuchs (Law, Saarland University)**

The Concept of Rights of Nature in Latin America: Between Indigenous Traditions, Legal Utopia and Socio-Cultural Change in Times of Environmental Crisis

11:00-12:30

**Matthias Schumann (Chinese Studies, Heidelberg University)**

A Space of Leisure and Ecological Instruction: The Shanghai Municipal Zoo in the 1930s

**Harry den Hartog (Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University Shanghai)**

Creating an Ecological Civilization along Shanghai's Waterfronts

### PANEL 2 Managing Precariousness: Vulnerability & Resilience

14:00-15:30

**Gonzalo Lizarralde (Architecture, Built Environment and Sustainability, Université de Montréal, Canada)**

Unnatural Disasters: Why Most Responses to Risk and Climate Change Fail and Some Succeed

**Roberto Pérez Rivero (Biology, Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre)**

The Movement of Urban Agriculture: A Food Security Contribution in Difficult Times. Cuban Experiences

16:00-17:30

**Nicolene Steyn (Law, North-West University, South Africa)**

Legal Perspectives on ICTs for Urban Resilience in the African Context

**Robert R. Gioielli (History, University of Cincinnati)**

The American Single-Family Home: A Social and Environmental History

*Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies,  
Seminar Building, R. 010.01.05 (CATS-Seminargebäude)*

9:00-11:30

**On-site Lecture with Ulrike Gerhard (Geography Department, Heidelberg University)**

Heidelberg-Bahnstadt,  
Meeting point: Hauptbahnhof Süd (tram 22/26 from Hotel)

**Experiencing the "Good Life" in Cities: Conflicting Sustainabilities in Heidelberg's Most Celebrated Environmentally Friendly Neighborhood, the Bahnstadt**

### PANEL 3 Rethinking Urban Spaces

11:30-13:00

**Hou Shen (Environmental History, Peking University)**

'A New Ocean, a New City': Qingdao and the Rise of Chinese Coastal Recreation

**Christof Mauch (American Studies, RCC Munich)**

America's Greenest City: History, Politics and the Radical Makeover of Portland, Oregon

14:00-15:30

**Gareth Doherty (Landscape Architecture, Harvard University)**

Landscape Fieldwork

**Elisa T. Bertuzzo ("Spatial Strategies", weißensee kunsthochschule berlin / khb)**

Urban Concomitances: Weaving Political Urban Ecology Claims and the Cohabitation Question

16:00-17:30

**Eveline Dürr (Social & Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich)**

The 'Good Life' as Practice and Research Agenda

**Daphne Xu (Anthropology/Urban Planning, Canada)**

Experiments in Keeping Pace with Place: Screening and Conversation with Filmmaker Daphne Xu

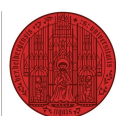
17:30-18:00

**Final Discussion & Closing Remarks**

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