



Sino-German Alumni/ae Workshop III

From Smart Industry to Smart Region: Structural Change of the Ruhr Area as an International Model

April 20-24, 2020 @Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

Call for Contributions

About the workshop

This workshop aims to offer interdisciplinary networking and a discussion forum for German and Chinese alumni/ae researchers, planners, practitioners and experts. We invite you to share your latest ideas, discuss products and processes and to debate issues and challenges related to structural changes, for example of the Ruhr Area.

The workshop is organized by the China Center of the Technical University of Berlin (TUB) in cooperation with the Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB). The event is part of the URBANI[XX] project – the Sino-German Alumni/ae Network for Urbanization and Urban Development, established in 2017. The intention of URBANI[XX] is to promote the network of science, business, and politics within the fields of urbanization and urban development.

Workshop topics

- Historical and Future Development of Regions
 - Global History of Structural Change
 - Cities and Regions in Value Creation
 - Smart Cities / Smart Regions
 - Changing Working Life
- Citizens and Urban Sustainability
 - Sustainable and Innovative Landscape, Urban and Regional Planning
 - Clean Technologies and Transfer Processes
 - Digital Living
 - Wellbeing and Social Cohesion
- Smart Industry and Innovation
 - Industry 4.0 / Made in China 2025
 - Digital Engineering
 - Promotion of Entrepreneurship
 - Clean and User-driven Design

Highlights

The workshop program will consist of a mix of keynote presentations, site visits and panel discussions, including:

- Welcome speech by Prof. Dr. Axel **Schölmerich**, Rector of Ruhr-University Bochum
- Keynotes by Prof. Michael **Abramovici**, RUB (Industry 4.0 / Smart Industry, Smart City); Prof. Dr. Stefan **Berger**, RUB (Structural Change of the Ruhr Area – an International Comparison); Prof. Dr. Markus **Taube**, Uni Duisburg/Essen (China's BRI & Economy); N.N. (Chinese scholar); Mr. Johannes **Pflug**, City of Duisburg (BRI)

Submission guidelines

You are invited to submit a poster, a best-experience example, a 15-minute presentation or to suggest a visit of your research project (Ruhr area only). Please submit your abstract (300 words max., in English), along with your name, email address, institutional affiliation, and a biography (150 words max.) via urbanixx@china.tu-berlin.de.

Deadline for submissions: February 2, 2020

Participants will be notified by February 23, 2020

The workshop will be held at the **Ruhr-University Bochum from April 20-24, 2020 in Bochum, Germany**. The workshop language is **English**. Limited reimbursement for travel and accommodation in Bochum will be available for 20 participants from Germany or China. Papers presented at the workshop will be considered for publication in the URBANI[XX] book sprint series.

For further information, please visit us at: <http://www.china.tu-berlin.de/?202135>.