

# CHALLENGES OF URBAN TRANSFORMATION

*A European dialogue*

The Centre of Regional Science (SRF) and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR) at the Department of Spatial Planning, Vienna UT, are pleased to announce the following events with invited guest speakers Professor Ali Madanipour (University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK) and Aglaée Degros (Roland Rainer Guest Professor 2013/14, Vienna Academy of Fine Arts):

## Book Launch

### **Public space and the challenges of urban transformation in Europe**

**Ali Madanipour, Sabine Knierbein & Aglaée Degros (eds.)**

*21 January, 7pm @ WUK, Währinger Straße 59, 1090 Vienna*

Public Space and the Challenges of Urban Transformation in Europe investigates, through case studies from 13 European cities, how European city authorities understand and deal with their public spaces, how this interacts with market forces, social norms and cultural expectations, whether and how this relates to the needs and experiences of their citizens, exploring new strategies and innovative practices for strengthening public spaces and urban culture. It is published by Routledge in 2014, edited by two former City of Vienna visiting professors and the head of SKuOR.

Moderation: Sabine Knierbein (Vienna UT)

In cooperation with:

+++ **Launch of Dérive - Zeitschrift für Stadtforschung, vol.54 'Public space. Resilience and rhythm'** +++

## Evening Lecture

### **Public space and urban transformation in Europe**

**Ali Madanipour**

*22 January, 5pm @ Mobiles Stadtraumlabor, Resselpark, 1040 Vienna*

Public space is an essential ingredient of cities: crossroads where different paths and trajectories meet, overlapping or colliding; they are the meeting place of politics and culture, social and individual territories, instrumental and expressive concerns. This presentation explores the economic, social, cultural, ecological and political significance of public space in European cities, as they face major challenges of transformation. It shows how public spaces are the stages on which history unfolds, social and cultural diversity explored, and power displayed, all embodied in an urban form which reproduces or challenges an ever changing set of social and spatial relations.

Moderation: Rudolf Giffinger (Vienna UT)

*We are looking forward to welcoming you at the above events!*

*Best Regards,*

*Aglaée Degros, Rudolf Giffinger, Sabine Knierbein, Ali Madanipour, Johannes Suitner*