



International Conference on Perceptions, Costs and the Governance of Urban Lighting and Light Pollution

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF NIGHT

Despite the largely positive connotations associated with lighting and its multiple cultural and social functions, the use of artificial light in public spaces was – and is – neither universal nor uncontested. Negative impacts on humans and animals, on the aesthetic qualities of town- and landscapes as well as the ecological aftermath of energy consumption have been discussed from early on – recently culminating in growing criticism concerning “light pollution”. So far, there are only few general standards or regulations regarding the quantity and quality of outdoor lighting. This is not surprising, as artificial lighting is a highly complex field that involves multiple interests and actors – and empirical research on the topic has only begun in recent years. In order to address the multi-faceted issue of artificial lighting adequately, we need to consider the historical, cultural, socio-political, environmental and economic dimensions of light in an integrated fashion.

The conference will focus on the humanities and the social sciences including history, literature and arts, geography, urban planning, politics and economics and will discuss various aspects and research approaches concerning lighting and light pollution. The four conference panels will each highlight a different approach:

- perceptions of artificial lighting,
- functions and infrastructural provision of artificial lighting as well as lighting practices,
- lighting conflicts and the governance of outdoor lighting,
- methods and research approaches for the assessment of perceptions and costs of artificial lighting, light pollution and the night sky.

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DATE

June 20-21, 2013

VENUE

The conference is held at Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS) Flakenstraße 28-31, Erkner, Germany just a jump away from Berlin

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

OPENING

10:00-10:30

PANEL 1

MORNING SESSION

10:30-13:00

Welcome | *Volkmart Dietz (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research)*
Urban Lightmares – An Introduction | *Timothy Moss (IRS Erkner, Germany)*

...AND THERE WAS LIGHT

Out of the Dark: A Brief History of Artificial Light in Outdoor Spaces

Jane Brox (Maine, USA)

From Shakespearean Nights to Light Pollution: (Artificial) Light in Anglophone Literature

Susanne Bach, Folkert Degenring (University of Kassel, Germany)

The Rich Potentialities of Light Festivals: Defamiliarisation, a Sense of Place and Convivial Atmospheres

Tim Edensor (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK)

Commentator: Beate Binder (Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Germany)

POSTER SESSION

13:00-13:30

A detailed programme for the Poster Session is available

PANEL 2

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:30-17:30

LIGHTING UP THE CITY

Plurality of Purpose – The Functions of Artificial Outdoor Lighting

Katharina Krause (IRS Erkner, Germany)

Lighting Master Plans – Status Quo, Possibilities and Limitations

Dennis Köhler (Lichtforum NRW, Germany)

The Transformation of American Urban Space: Early Electric Lighting, 1875-1915

David Nye (University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark)

Commentator: Nona Schulte-Römer (Social Science Research Center Berlin/WZB, Germany)

CONFERENCE RECEPTION

18:00



THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013



OPENING

9:15-9:30

PANEL 3

MORNING SESSION

9:30-12:30

Introduction | *Dietrich Henckel (TU Berlin ISR, Germany)*

THE DARK SIDE OF LIGHT: LIGHTING CONFLICTS AND REGULATION

Lighting Conflicts from a Historical Perspective

Ute Hasenöhrle (IRS Erkner, Germany)

Regulating Urban Lighting – Prospects for Institutional Change

Katharina Krause (IRS Erkner, Germany)

Regulating Light Pollution in Europe

Martin Morgan-Taylor (DeMontfort University Leicester, UK)

Protecting the Night Sky

Josiane Meier (TU Berlin ISR, Germany)

Commentator: Andreas Hänel (Planetarium, Museum am Schölerberg, Osnabrück, Germany)

PANEL 4

AFTERNOON SESSION

13:30-16:30

VALUATING AND EVALUATING LIGHT AND DARKNESS

The Economics of Night-Time Illumination

Merle Pottharst, Florian Wukovitsch, Benjamin Könecke (TU Berlin ISR, Germany)

Valuation of Light and Night – Residents' Perception

Anja Besecke, Robert Hänsch (TU Berlin ISR, Germany)

Improved Visibility of the Night Sky: An Economic Analysis

Kenneth Willis (University of Newcastle, UK)

The Value of the Night Sky

Terrel Gallaway (Missouri State University, Springfield, USA)

Commentator: Lucas Porsch (Ecologic Institute, Berlin, Germany)

WRAP-UP

UNTIL 17:00

TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE?

Timothy Moss (IRS Erkner, Germany), Dietrich Henckel (TU Berlin ISR, Germany)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013