

**Operationalising Urban Rural Linkages for Integrated Territorial Development
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Heather Allen

Heather Allen is an international expert on urban public transport, gender, climate change and sustainable development. Her career spans both public and private sectors and she is leading the PPMC (Paris Process on Mobility and Climate Change) outreach for the Sustainable Low Carbon Transport Partnership (SLoCaT). Until recently she headed the sustainable transport team at TRL (one of UK's leading centres of excellence in transport research) and worked for many years at UITP, the international association of public transport. Her wide experience in both the developed and developing worlds gives her a good perspective on the challenges for sustainable and healthy approaches to transport. She was part of the Sustainable Low Carbon Transport Partnership team that organised over 30 events around sustainable transport at the COP 21 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the Transport Focus.

In her recent positions, Heather has been a key spokesperson and has set up several strategic partnerships with international agencies including in United Nations system, national governments, cities and professional representative bodies. She has recently been elected as Chairperson of TTI, Transport Training Initiative, a German NGO to increase access to training on transport for the developing world, especially Africa. Heather also sits on a number of panels and committees and is a fellow of the UK's Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

Eugénie L. Birch

Dr. Eugénie L. Birch FAICP, RTPI (hon), is the Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research, Department of City and Regional Planning, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania. She is the founding co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research, and co-editor of Penn Press's The City in the 21st Century series. Dr. Birch's most recent publications include Slums: How Informal Real Estate Markets Work (forthcoming, co-edited with Susan Wachter and Shohana Chattaraj), Global Urbanization (2011, co-edited with Susan Wachter), Women's Health and the World's Cities (2011, co-edited with Afaf Meleis and Susan Wachter) and Neighborhoods and Life Chances, How Place Matters (2011, co-edited with Susan Wachter and Harriet Newberger). Dr. Birch has served as editor, Journal of the American Planning Association, chair, Planning Accreditation Board, president, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning ACSP), Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) and the International Planning History Society. Her awards include: Lawrence C. Gerken Award in Planning History (SACRPH), Jay Chatterjee Award, Margarita McCoy Award and Distinguished Educator Award (ACSP). Dr. Birch has served as a member of the New York City Planning Commission and of the jury to select the designers for the World Trade Center site.

Dr. Birch currently chairs the Steering Committee of UN-Habitat's World Urban Campaign and is the President of its special initiative, the General Assembly of Partners for stakeholder engagement in the

Habitat III process. Dr. Birch, who lives in New York City, holds a Ph.D and Master in Urban Planning from Columbia University and an A.B. *cum laude* in History and Latin American Affairs from Bryn Mawr College.

Maruxa Cardama

Maruxa is a practitioner of the territorial approach to sustainable development, passionate about social, political, economic and environmental justice in cities and regions for the much needed and possible sustainable human development. Her 15-year experience spans strategic policy analysis & advocacy, multi-stakeholder partnerships, multi-level governance and capacity building initiatives with multilateral institutions and with national and subnational governments, from both developed and developing countries. Regular public speaker, analyst and writer, Maruxa is Founder and Coordinator of *Communitas*; a multi-stakeholder coalition advocating for sustainable urban development and facilitating the input of urbanisation practitioners into United Nations (UN) intergovernmental processes. Besides, Maruxa is Associate Fellow at the Tellus Institute, involved in its Great Transition Initiative. She is also Adviser on External Cooperation & Global Post 2015 processes to the Conference of European Peripheral Maritime Regions CPMR, which brings together 160 Regions from 24 countries from the European Union and beyond, representing about 200 million people. Earlier Maruxa was the Secretary General of *nrg4SD*, an international organisation of subnational governments, and in 2010-2012 co-facilitated the engagement of subnational and local authorities in the UN Rio +20 Conference. In 2014 she served as Co-Chair of the Drafting Committee of the 65th Annual Conference for NGOs of the UN Department for Public Information.

Maruxa holds an LL.B. from the University of La Coruña in Spain, an LL.M. in European Law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and a MA in Management of Cooperation Projects from the Organisation of Ibero American States. She has also undertaken International Relations studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Isabel Cavalier Adarve

Isabel currently serves as Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations in New York, where she is in charge of the sustainable development issues. In this capacity she represents Colombia at the Habitat III negotiations. She has worked for several years on issues related to international negotiations and sustainability, specializing in climate change, as part of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the first leader of the Support Unit of the Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean - a group of 8 Latin American countries that negotiate as a block in the UNFCCC multilateral negotiators.

Isabel has previous extensive experience in the field of human rights, having worked with academia, non governmental organizations and the UN system. Her publications include various articles, chapters and books on human rights, discrimination, climate change, climate finance, and Colombia's foreign policy, among other.

Isabel holds an LL.M. on public international law from Cambridge University (first class honors); she is a lawyer (*summa cum laude*) and a professional in socio-cultural studies (*magna cum laude*) from the

Universidad de Los Andes. She has received a number of national and international distinctions including the Clive Parry Prize on International Law, the Andrés Bello Prize, Chevening, Santander, and Colciencias scholarships, among other recognitions in Colombia and the United Kingdom.

Christopher Dekki

Christopher is the Policy and Communications Officer of the Communitas Secretariat. He has dedicated himself from very early youth years to the representation in intergovernmental policy processes of youth-led organizations affiliated with the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), the United Nations' official platform for children and youth engagement. Over the years Chris has taken an active role in advocacy around a number of topics, including sustainable cities and human settlements, as well as Habitat III. Chris is highly involved in the work of UN-Habitat on a number of fronts. Besides leading youth-led organizations directly in Habitat III advocacy, both in New York and in Nairobi, Chris has also facilitated a strong relationship between a number of youth movements and UN-Habitat's Youth Unit, as part of the Youth 21 initiative. Thanks to the synergies that exist between them, Chris was able to establish a coordination body made up of youth-led organizations and members of the UN-Habitat Youth Unit. This body's primary purpose is to lead on advocacy around the roles of youth in decision-making on all levels, as well as in urban sustainability.

Thanks to his direct engagement in facilitating multi-stakeholder advocacy in complex policy areas and in a range of intergovernmental processes – from the UN Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 intergovernmental process to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development – Chris brings a truly diverse and fresh background to the Communitas Secretariat.

Felix Dodds

Felix Dodds is a Fellow at the Global Research Institute at University of North Carolina and an Associate Fellow at Tellus Institute. He is also Special Adviser in the Communitas Secretariat. He served notably as Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future (1992-2012). He played a significant role in the UN Rio+20 Conference and has been active at the UN since 1990, contributing to key meetings on sustainable development. In 2011, Felix chaired the UN DPI NGO 64th Conference on Sustainable Societies – Responsive Citizens. He also co-chaired the UN Commission on Sustainable Development NGO Steering Committee (1997-2001). Felix has written/edited nine books, his latest being *Only One Earth: The Long Road via Rio to Sustainable Development*. Felix writes occasionally for the BBC Green Room, Outreach, and Network 2012. He has been an adviser on the UK, Danish and European Union delegations for meetings on environment.

Felix once chaired the UK's National League of Young Liberals and was a member of the Liberal Party Council and Policy Panel on Defence. He holds a BSc in Physics from the University of Surrey.

David Edwards

David is Assistant Director of The Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit (ISU) managing teams working on forests, fisheries and food systems. He has particular responsibility for the unit's cross cutting work on sub-national approaches and on integrated territorial development. One particular focus

of this work in 2016 is to facilitate consensus building in the lead up to Habitat III on the need for more integrated approaches to rural and urban development. Prior to his current role, David served as Project Manager of the Prince's Rainforests Project (PRP) (2008-2011) and worked previously for Social Development Direct; a consultancy developing social/ environmental impact assessments for development projects throughout Africa including Malawi, Kenya and Liberia. During his time in Africa David founded 'Co2benefits', a collaborative effort of NGOs working to develop climate financing for community forest resource management. Though an dedicated generalist, David remains particularly interested in the opportunities to reform food systems and is a trustee of the UK's Food Foundation and Open Food Network.

David has a BA with Honors in History and American Studies, and an MSc in Sustainable Development.

Thomas Forster

Thomas is Senior Fellow for City Region Landscapes at EcoAgriculture Partners and on the faculty of the New School Food Studies Department in New York. He has contributed to linking policy and practice in relation to urban rural linkages and food systems for over 20 years. Thomas is a frequent facilitator for multi-sector, multi-stakeholder consultations, expert meetings and workshops. He was a facilitator for the development of a City Region Food System Alliance and was the technical team lead for the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact signed by 120 cities and launched in October 2015. He works with local, territorial, national and international institutions and governmental processes as well as with civil society and NGO processes.

In the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Thomas has been contributing to goals and targets linking food (SDG2) and cities (SDG11), since the Rio+20 process onto the SDGs. Since 2014 he has been active in the Habitat III process, helping to coordinate key messages between UN Member States, UN agencies and civil society for Habitat III preparatory committees and intersessional negotiations. Over the past years, Thomas has participated in most of the relevant expert meetings and consultations on the topics addressed at this workshop and was commissioned to write and present a paper on Strengthening Urban Rural Linkages through City Region Food Systems for the Expert Group Meeting on urban rural linkages and the role of small and intermediate towns and cities in the New Urban Agenda, that was held in Montería, Colombia, in November 2015.

Pablo Gándara

Pablo is currently managing the World Cities programme (www.world-cities.eu), an initiative of the European Commission (DG REGIO) supported by the European Parliament. The programme - implemented by the German Agency for International Cooperation GIZ - involves 8 European as well as 8 cities from China and India. It promotes the exchange of best practices and economic cooperation on diverse areas of sustainable regional and urban development. World Cities' ultimate goal is to strengthen market opportunities and job creation while pursuing the sustainable economic development of the cities involved, thus fostering win-win cooperation.

The programme - which grounds on Sino-European regional policy cooperation launched 2010 - has led to over 30 pilot projects in areas like regional innovation, rural-urban linkages, green and smart city. Actions are designed to increase so-called 'triple-helix cooperation' between governments, research and business, and to be self-sustaining.

Pablo has worked for 13 years in capacity building, research, economic associations and political communication. He has coordinated several long term projects dealing with Asia, Europe, Latin America and Maghreb/Mashrek countries, focusing on economic development issues.

Pablo studied Political Sciences & Economics in Santiago de Chile and Berlin and has published on European integration and trade relations.

Thierry Giordano

Thierry joined the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in January 2016 as a decentralized cooperation specialist. He has previously worked for the International Research Center for Agricultural Development (CIRAD, France), for the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA, South Africa), and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI, France). He has more than 15 years of experience on both rural and urban related development issues, from the role of agriculture in the structural transformation of developing countries' economies; to the planning, designing and financing of green infrastructures in both rural and urban contexts.

Thierry has recently participated in the 2015 African Economic Outlook published by the OECD's Development Center, which emphasized the critical role of territorial planning for the development strategies of African countries.

He holds a PhD in agricultural economics and rural development from the University of Montpellier, France.

Alexander R. Jachnow

Dr. Alexander Jachnow has dedicated the last 15 years of his professional life to urban development, specializing in capacity building, urban governance and management. He was engaged in South Asia in DC programmes for urban development and governance for a total of six years in Urban Development Projects supported by GIZ, KfW, ADB and WB. He was the team leader of the Municipal Support Team for the Urban Governance and Development Programme in Nepal which he joined in March 2012. Before, he led a team of 38 staff for the Urban Good Governance Project in Bangladesh, coordinated the focal area "Governance" for the German DC Ministry, chaired the Urban Sector for the Donor Harmonization Group, with UNDP, World Bank, ADB, DfID, SIDA and JICA as permanent members and also chaired the working group of the Sector Network Governance Asia of the German Development Agency, GIZ. The main focus of his work lies on enhancing institutions and human resources in two aspects: through governance reforms and capacity development and through improvements in urban management. His work intends to contribute to better urban planning and an equitable access to urban infrastructure. Previously he was teaching and researching at the Habitat Unit of Berlin University of Technology and the Urban Management Master Course. Other practical work experience include slum upgrading in Brazil, housing design and construction in Mexico and field

research and program reviews on urban projects in diverse countries including Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, China, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Germany, Mexico, India, South Africa, Syria and Uzbekistan.

He is a graduate in architecture and urban planning from Berlin TU and holds a specialization in housing studies from the UNAM/ Mexico City. He completed his PhD on the influence of civil society in urban development and housing in Latin America. His main interests focus on the challenges and opportunities of the urbanisation in the Global South.

Arun Jain

Arun Jain is a US and Indian educated urban designer and urban strategist with over 30 years of international experience in practice and academia. A consultant and advisor, he is also Professor at the Institute for Urban & Regional Planning (ISR), Technical University of Berlin. He is also a strategic planning advisor to the Indian State Government of Karnataka. From 2003-09 he was Portland, Oregon's first Chief Urban Designer.

Working at strategic and project levels, Arun engages city & regional administrations, development companies, institutions, and foundations to improve cities and urban life. He has planned, designed, and directly influenced over 90 new private and public projects with a combined investment capital of over 14 billion US Dollars. Arun teaches and researches at universities worldwide, with contributions across print and digital media. On the Boards of the IFHP (International Federation of Housing & Planning), Copenhagen, Denmark and ARUS (Advanced Research in Urban Systems), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, Arun instigates think tanks, expert meetings, and strategic interventions focusing on difficult urban problems. Arun focuses on urban decision support tools, behavior sensitive infrastructure strategies, and development frameworks. He also works to clarify the role of technology in city development. In 2001 he helped create a national policy structure and a development suitability tool for the island country of Palau. In 2013, as lead expert for UN-Habitat, he contributed to the recent UN Sustainable Development Goal 11 of "making cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable".

Arun received his Bachelor's in Architecture from the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi, India, and two Master's Degrees (City Planning & Architecture) from the then Urban Design Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA.

Jackson Kago

Jackson, a Kenyan national, works as consultant with the Regional & Metropolitan Planning Unit (RMPU), within the Urban Planning and Design Branch of UN-Habitat. He is also chairman and lecturer in the Department of Spatial Planning and Urban Management, School of Architecture and Built Environment Kenyatta University. His interests are in urban research especially on the thematic areas of urban-rural linkages, systems of cities, metropolitan and regional planning.

Jackson previously worked with the Italian Embassy Development Cooperation (2008-2013) in the Kenya-Italy Debt for Development Programme as a Technical Assistant supporting the Korogocho Slum Upgrading Programme based at the Ministry of Local Government. He has also worked for UN-Habitat

in the past between 2004-2007 as a consultant for the Safer Cities Programme, after successfully completing his internship.

Jackson holds two Master's degrees: one in Architecture from the University of Rome 'Sapienza, Italy, and another one in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Nairobi, Kenya; where he also graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture.

Verena Maier

Verena is working for the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) advising the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on the topic of sustainable development of metropolitan regions. Her focus is on urban and metropolitan governance in the field of development cooperation. Within her work she deals with key questions of institutional arrangements, inter-municipal cooperation and managing rural-urban linkages in order to create inclusive, livable and sustainable urban areas. She is based in GIZ headquarters in Eschborn, Germany.

Within her previous engagements Verena has been involved in projects from the European Parliament in Brussels and worked for the German Federal Foreign Office in the Latin America department. She studied Governance and Public Policy in Passau, Germany, and Santiago del Estero, Argentina. Verena holds a Masters' degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Malmö University, Sweden.

Pedro B. Ortiz

Pedro B. Ortiz is currently a Visiting Professor at Milano Politecnico University (Italy) as well as Senior Urban Consultant for international governments and multilaterals, as the World Bank, European Union, United Nations or the Inter-American Development Bank. He has 29 years of metropolitan management experience in five continents. Pedro was the Founder and Director of the Master for Urban Planning of King Juan Carlos University in Madrid, Spain, after being Director General for Regional Planning and Urbanism of the Madrid Region, and serving as Deputy Mayor of Madrid in charge of Strategic Planning. He made the Strategic Plan of Madrid in 1994 and the Metropolitan Plan 1996-2016. You can find more about Pedro's work at www.pedrobortiz.com

Pedro addresses the urgent world phenomenon of metropolitan rapid growth in his new book 'The Art of Shaping the Metropolis'. He presents a three-scale methodology for smart metropolitan planning developed first time for the Metropolitan Plan for Madrid: the Metro–Matrix archetype at the metropolitan scale, the Balanced Urban Development unit for the urban scale and the Urban Centrality (TOD) at lower scale blending culture, heritage and modernity. Pedro develops a metropolitan form that integrates green and gray infrastructure, moves from the dominant inefficient monocentric model to a polycentric one based on sustainable mass public transport with a polycentric equitable reticular grid pattern. He promotes metropolitan federalist governance to overcome unitary or confederate actual inefficient practices.

Christine Platt

Christine is Honorary Vice-President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners and in the period 2006-2014 she served as its President and CEO. She has extensive experience in planning ranging from the local government level to the international level; working at grass roots with local communities and with international stakeholders at the global level, including around the reform of the global planning agenda. Christine led the preparation of the first Integrated Development Plan for the Mandeni Municipality. She has been actively engaged in rebuilding the South African Planning profession in the Post-Apartheid era, convening the Planning Africa conferences, initiating the formation of the African Planning Association and leading the Commonwealth Association of Planners in a time of strong growth and achievement.

Appointments held by Christine include Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Panel for the Minister of Human Settlements of Government of South Africa; Director and Vice Chairman of the Board of the South African Housing Development Agency; Chair of the UN Habitat Expert Group on International Guidelines for Urban and Territorial Planning; Member of the UN Habitat International Advisory Board on Palestine; Member of the UN Habitat International Advisory Board for the World Cities Report 2015;

Member of UN Habitat World Urban Campaign Steering Committee; Member of the UN ISDR Resilient Cities Campaign Advisory Board; President of the South African Planning Institute in 2002-2006; Vice-Chairman and member of KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Planning and Development Commission; Member DFA Development Tribunal for KwaZulu-Natal; representative of the Commonwealth Association of Planners and the African Planning Association in the UN Habitat Professionals Forum; Member of the Habitat III Policy Unit 6

Christine holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Economics, and a Masters degree in Town and Regional Planning, both from the University of Natal.

Felicity Proctor

Felicity has worked in international development throughout her career including working with UK Department for International Development DFID and the World Bank and with internationally recognized academic and policy centres. Since 2007 Felicity Proctor has worked as an independent consultant.

Felicity began her career working in rural and agricultural diversification in particular horticulture, including technical and organizational aspects of export development, food production and marketing systems. She has wide experience in agriculture and rural development strategy formulation and implementation in particular in Sub-Saharan Africa. She has written for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) on rural transformation in Africa and for the Ford Foundation on "Inclusive rural-urban linkages" with a focus on food systems, labour markets, and migration. Recently, she has centrally involved in organizing an international Conference on "Territorial Inequality and Development", that was held in Puebla, Mexico in January 2016.

Guido Santini

Guido Santini is Chief Technical Advisor of the "Food for the Cities" Initiative of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, through which FAO provides support to cities to address issues related to urbanization and food security. In particular, the work of the Initiative focuses on areas such as food supply, agriculture and urban and peri-urban forestry, nutrition education, school gardens, waste management and reuse of waste water, etc. Within the framework of the Initiative, Guido is the coordinator of a programme which provides support to cities to operationalize the concept of City Region Food System (CRFS) and strengthen rural-urban linkages.

Guido's work experience includes 15 years of experience in the field of international development cooperation within the United Nations system (FAO and UN Development Programme UNDP) and research institutions. This encompasses a range of programme/project design and management, policy support and research activities in the area of natural resources management (land and water), agricultural, rural and urban development and food security with experience in countries in Europe Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America. In particular, Guido had the chance to conduct long-term assignments in Europe (Albania) and Sub-Saharan Africa (Mozambique, Kenya and Uganda).

Guido has an MSc degree in tropical and subtropical agriculture that obtained in Italy (University of Florence) and Portugal (Technical University of Lisbon).

Barbara Scholz

Remy Sietchiping

David Raymond Suttie

David Suttie has worked for the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) since 2010, mostly as Policy Analyst focusing on the themes of rural youth employment, migration, rural-urban linkages and family farming. He previously worked at the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), where he co-authored publications and policy briefs related to gender dimensions of rural employment. He has also been employed as a Lecturer in Sustainable Development and, before that, as a Capacity Building Officer working with migrants on the Thai-Myanmar border. He holds postgraduate degrees in Development Economics, Sustainable Development and Rural Change, as well as an undergraduate degree in Economics.

Didier Vancutsem

Didier Vancutsem is an international expert with large experience in Urban and Regional Planning, Landscape Planning, Infrastructure, Environmental Management and Integrated Strategies. He holds engineer and master degrees in City and Regional Planning, Landscape Architecture and Regional management. Based in Munich / Germany, he operates as Office Director at urban scape | Vancutsem Landscape Architects + Urban Planners and conducts also research activities in European and international projects. He is Associate Professor / Lecturer at the Université Libre de Bruxelles,,

University of Applied Sciences Munich-Weihenstephan, Université de Lille, Higher Institute of Town Planning Brussels and at the Technical University Perm, Faculty of Architecture.

Since October 2013 he is Secretary General of the International Society of City and Regional Planners. He is also member of different professional societies, honorary appointments in Europe and worldwide, AESOP representative and IFLA Europe Delegate.

Carmen Vogt

Carmen currently works in the German Agency for International Cooperation as Project Manager of the Sector Project on “Sustainable Development of Metropolitan Regions” on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for International Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The Sector Project is actively contributing to the international debate (Habitat III, Agenda 2030/SDG, COP21) and collaborating closely with multi- and bilateral partners.

Carmen has a long standing experience in international development cooperation and policy advice, and was responsible for several GIZ projects in Latin America, Europe and other regions in the field of urban and municipal development, environmental management, disaster risk management and decentralization reforms. Her key fields of expertise are integrated urban and territorial development, climate friendly cities with a particular focus on “resilient cities” and “urban vulnerabilities”.

Monika Zimmermann

Monika acts as Deputy Secretary General of ICLEI– Local Governments of Sustainability and holds the office of Deputy Executive Director of the ICLEI World Secretariat in Bonn. As the world’s largest association of cities and towns committed to sustainable development, ICLEI has 1000+ Members (including towns, cities, counties, provinces, metropolitan areas and urban states) in 86 countries and 17 regional secretariats, country offices and thematic centers.

Being with ICLEI since 1993, Monika has set-up various new working areas for the organization, such as Local Renewables, Local Action for Biodiversity, Resilient Cities and Resource-Efficient Cities, Green Urban Economy and EcoMobility. Monika has also co-established the ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Centre with a focus on Ecosystem Services and the Resilient Cities working area. Moreover, she has led the ICLEI Capacity Center, the central unit for knowledge management, urban research, global congresses organisation and city-to-city exchange.

Recently Monika managed the process for elaborating the new ICLEI Strategic Plan which includes 10 dedicated areas (agendas), one of them being Sustainable Urban Transportation/ EcoMobility. Other portfolios currently under her leadership are the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals and ICLEI’s contribution to the Habitat III Conference.

Monika holds a Master’s Degree in political and administrative sciences of the Free University Berlin and has also studied journalism. Monika has published and edited various books, founded and edited environmental magazines and publishes frequently on urban issues.

