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Think Planning – Think Global: Planning Challenges in the Commonwealth

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Biographies

Clive Harridge

Secretary-General, Commonwealth Association of Planners / Head of Planning, Transport and Design, Wood plc

Clive Harridge is Director and Head of Planning, Transport and Design at Wood. Clive's team of over 100 staff provides services to property, Government, infrastructure, power, transport, water, mining, waste and other sectors.

Clive is a former Chair of RTPI West Midlands and in his year of office he founded the West Midlands Europe group - now the International Group.

In 2006 Clive became President of the Royal Town Planning Institute - the first ever President elected by membership ballot. Clive's Presidential theme was "*Get Real about Sustainable Development!*" and he championed good practice in all aspects of sustainability across the UK and internationally.

Clive has held the voluntary role of Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) since 2010. CAP represents over 40,000 planners across 28 countries in the Commonwealth.

Clive became a Freeman of the City of London in 2007.

Hector Pearson

Independent Consultant



Hector was Planning Policy Manager at National Grid plc until December 2017. There he was responsible for leading planning policy and stakeholder engagement strategy for the transmission business of National Grid. It included the approach to developing new major infrastructure projects.

His role covered the whole of the high voltage electricity network across England and Wales, and high pressure gas pipelines across Great Britain.

Hector was heavily involved in the major infrastructure provisions of the Planning Act 2008, in subsequent Acts and in national policy, in both seeking to influence the Bills and emerging guidance, and in helping to design the company's own internal policy and processes to meet the needs of the major infrastructure planning regime.

Latterly he led a national £500M project to reduce the visual impact of power lines in national parks and AONBs across England and Wales. This would replace sections of overhead line in the most important landscapes with underground networks.

Hector has lived in the West Midlands for his whole career. Before joining National Grid, he was a planning consultant with Atkins and also with Arup, and began his career with Warwickshire County Council.

Hector was on the RTPI's General Assembly (2009 – 2015) and on the RTPI International Committee (2016 – 2017). He was Chair of the RTPI West Midlands (2005 – 2006) and on the Regional Activities Committee until 2017. He was chair of Energy UK's Planning Group, the trade body for the energy sector.

Hector currently sits on several international working groups on energy infrastructure and planning.

Dr Lauren Andres

Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham

Lauren Andres is a Senior Lecturer in Spatial Planning at the University of Birmingham, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences. Her expertise sits within the field of urban studies and planning. She has extensive expertise in leading and participating to interdisciplinary research projects, in a variety of contexts mainly Europe, Africa and Brazil.

Lauren's research is at the intersection of debates in urban planning and urban geography. The key word summarising what she has been exploring for the last fifteen year is 'urban transformations', at different spatial and time scales. This includes social economic changes and their impact in the production of derelict spaces, environmental changes and challenges for sustainable and resilient planning and governance and political changes leading to various voices to interfere in the production of new urban spaces.

Her recent grant successes are exemplary of her engagement in international interdisciplinary collaborations. While for example SAPER looks at the internationalisation of planning education, ASAP East Africa focuses on air pollution and stresses the importance of the built environment and the local urban context in assessing such environmental and public health issues. In Brazil, through the 'Re-Inhabiting the City' project, she questions the re-use/re-design of vacant spaces in Sao Paulo's vacant urban core, aiming to support the sustainable reoccupation of underused or abandoned buildings, creating places that are comfortable, resilient to climate change and occupied by a vibrant healthy community. This research connects directly to her contribution in developing an innovative approach to examining urban temporalities and rhythms (i.e. temporary urbanism) and specifically to understanding the role of periods of stasis and of dereliction in the production of urban spaces. Finally, Lauren has produced key outputs to the urban and everyday resilience debate, looking at communities and SMEs and thus interrogating the impact of socio-economic downturns on the development of coping strategies and tactics.

Philip Clarke

Policy & Projects Manager, Warwick District Council & vice chair, One World Link

Philip Clarke is a chartered town planner who has worked in local plan policy making and economic development for a number of local authorities in the South East and the West Midlands for over 30 years. He is head of planning policy at Warwick District Council, has been Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development at Cherwell District Council in Oxfordshire and has also worked in Bracknell and Telford.

Philip is also a Vice Chair of the charity One World Link (see below).

One World Link

One World Link (OWL) is a friendship link between the Warwick District and the city of Bo in Sierra Leone. The link has been running between these two communities since 1981 and is inspired by a desire for justice, equality, human understanding and mutual support. Over the years it has helped to strengthen both communities and their awareness of global and development issues.

The link has many elements including an active education exchange programme linking schools in Warwick District with schools in Bo. Another key link is between officers in local government. Officers from both Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council have worked with their counterparts in Bo on a range of projects, to disseminate good practice and consider how lessons from the UK can help develop local government expertise in this part of West Africa. A major waste management initiative - started by OWL but now a multi-million pound programme managed by DfID - has seen the introduction of waste collection and recycling across Bo and two other major cities in Sierra Leone. As a separate initiative John and Philip, who will be speaking at this seminar, have been working with councillors and officers in Bo to develop a land use planning framework to guide the future development of the city.

More information about One World Link can be found on its website at:

www.oneworldlink.org.uk

Riette Oosthuizen

Partner, HTA Design LLP

Dr Riëtte Oosthuizen is Urban Planning Partner at HTA Design LLP, an award winning design practice specialising in residential and mixed use development of all scales. She has 22 years of experience as an urban planning consultant in South Africa and the UK with interests in planning with communities, tackling social exclusion and pursuing research on better quality places and innovative ways of solving the housing crisis.

Dr Louise Brook-Smith HonDTech, BSc(Hons), DipTP, FRICS, MRTPI

Partner, Arcadis LLP



Louise is an Equity Partner of Arcadis LLP, the Global Consultancy for the Built Environment, where she is UK Head of Development and Strategic Planning and Head of Social Value. As a Chartered Surveyor and Chartered Town Planner with experience drawn, over 30 yrs, in the UK and overseas, she advises on strategic real estate matters for a range of national and international clients for the public and private sector.

Prior to this, she was the CEO of Brooke Smith Planning, a UK based Planning & Development Consultancy, established in 1994, serving a wide range of international clients.

Louise was the first female Global President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2014-15). Inter alia, she championed diversity & inclusivity and led a series of ground breaking initiatives including the RICS Inclusive Employers Quality Mark and the Property Strategy for Sub Saharan Africa.

She is a Freeman of the City of London and her various accolades include; Outstanding Woman in Construction (2015), National Achiever in Construction (2015) and was shortlisted for the First Woman Awards in 2014 and 2015. She has been awarded Honorary Doctorates from the Universities of Wolverhampton, Sheffield Hallam and Birmingham City.

Louise is retained as a UKGov adviser, a Governing Board Member of Birmingham City University and is Chairman of All We Can – the International Aid Agency.

Cliff Hague

Emeritus Professor, Freelance Consultant

Cliff Hague is Emeritus Professor in Planning and Spatial Development at Heriot-Watt University. Since 2004 he has operated as a freelance researcher, author and consultant, working mainly on EU-funded projects. He led the UK National Contact Point on the ESPON programme (European Observation Network for Territorial Cohesion and Development) 2001-06 and 2008-14, and also authored several publications for the ESPON Co-ordination Unit in Luxembourg. He has worked in several INTERREG projects, mainly in the Baltic Sea Region, and is currently involved in the TENTacle project on gaps in the rail network in central Scandinavia.

In 2015 he chaired an international advisory board for UN-Habitat that reported on planning in the occupied West Bank of the Palestinian territory, and in 2016 undertook a further commission advising the Palestinian Authority on its approach to national spatial planning.

He is the lead author of the book “Leading Change: Delivering the New Urban Agenda through Urban and Territorial Planning” which is published by UN-Habitat, and which was launched at the World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur in February. The book was sponsored by the South African Local Government Association and the South African Department of Human Settlements. It can be downloaded free from <https://unhabitat.org/books/leading-change-delivering-the-new-urban-agenda-through-urban-and-territorial-planning/>. His previous books include “Regional and Local Economic Development” (2011) and “Making Planning Work: A Guide to Approaches and Skills” (2006). He also co-authored the 2010 report on The State of the Commonwealth’s Cities, for the Commonwealth Secretariat, and is one of the essayists in “Encounters in Planning Thought: 16 Autobiographical Essays by Key Thinkers in Spatial Planning” (ed. B.Haselsberger, 2017).

Cliff is a Past President of the RTPI and of the Commonwealth Association of Planners. He is a Past Chair of Built Environment Forum Scotland, and currently is Chair of the Cockburn Association (Edinburgh’s Civic Trust) and a Patron of Planning Aid Scotland. He was awarded the OBE in 2016 for services to planning, and is a Fellow of the Academy for the Social Sciences.

Mike Beazley

Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, School of Geography, University of Birmingham



Dr. Mike Beazley is the Director for Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS) at the University of Birmingham’s School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Science. Mike is a professionally qualified town planner. Before joining academia he was employed in local government and worked in planning aid for the Town and Country Planning Association. Mike’s main research interests include urban planning, community involvement, and community-university relations. He is

currently a member of the South Africa Planning Education Research (SAPER) team. Mike teaches on a number of undergraduate and postgraduate modules within the CURS. He is the Director of the undergraduate joint honours planning programmes and is heavily involved in delivering the RTPI accredited MSc Urban and Regional Planning programme. Mike is currently Chair of the RTPI/ University of Botswana Partnership Board and is External Examiner on the MSc Spatial Planning and Development at Cardiff University.