

## Christian Schmid: curriculum vitae

01. 10. 1958 Born in Zurich.
- 1978 – 1989 Studies in Geography and Sociology at the *University of Zurich*.
- 1979 – 1981 Member of the project group *Community Media* at the department of cultural anthropology of the University of Zurich: production of video documentations and features on urban social movements in Zurich.
- 1981 – 1985 Founding member of the *Arbeitskreis Wissenschaftstheorie und Wissenschaftskritik (AK Wisskri)*, part of the “Deutsche Bundesfachtagung der Studierenden der Geographie”.
- 1981 – 1990 Founding member of the *Senter for Applied Urbanism*, a group of geographers producing urban interventions, events, articles and multimedia productions on urban development in Zurich.
- 1982 – 1986 Theory project *Theorien zur Stadtentwicklung* (theories of urban development) (with Roger Hartmann, Hansruedi Hitz, Richard Wolff).
- 1982 – 1993 Freelancer as urban researcher, journalist and organizer of cultural events.
- 1984 – 1985 *Zürich ohne Grenzen*: organisation of a two-term series of lectures on urban development at ETH Zurich. Co-editor of the book *Zürich ohne Grenzen* (with Theo Ginsburg, Hansruedi Hitz, Richard Wolff).
- 1985 – 1991 Collaborator of the cultural centre *Rote Fabrik* in Zurich.
- 1986 – 1989 Diploma thesis: *Der Urbanisierungsprozess in der Schweiz seit 1945* (urban development in Switzerland since 1945), Department of Geography, University of Zurich.
- 1990 – 1991 Project group INURA Zurich (with Hansruedi Hitz and Richard Wolff): Founding of the *International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA)*. Organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> INURA conference (Mai 7-12, 1991, Zurich and Salecina).
- 1991 – 1992 Research and planning project *Stadt- und Transportoptimierung* (optimizing urban development and public transport), *Zürcher Arbeitsgruppe für Städtebau (ZAS)* commissioned by the City of Zurich (with Giorgio Crespo and Richard Wolff).
- 1992 –1995 Comparative research on urban development in Frankfurt and Zurich. Publication of several papers. Co-editor of the book *Capitales Fatales – Urbanisierung und Politik in den Finanzmetropolen Frankfurt und Zürich* (urbanization and politics in the global cities Frankfurt and Zurich) (with Hansruedi Hitz, Roger Keil, Ute Lehrer, Klaus Ronneberger and Richard Wolff).
- 1993 Scientific consultant at the Schule für Gestaltung Zürich for the video and exhibition project *Inszenierte Städte – Villes mises en scène: Urbanistisches Theater rund um Paris – und anderswo* (project on the new towns in Paris). Exhibition: February 2 – April 10, 1994, in the Museum für Gestaltung, Zürich).
- 1993 – 1994 Fellowship at the *Laboratoire de Géographie Urbaine, Université Paris X Nanterre* (Prof. Guy Burgel), sponsored by Swiss National Science Foundation.
- 1995 –1996 Interdisciplinary research project *La ville: villes de crise ou crise des villes*, Institute of Architecture of the University of Geneva (Prof. Claude Raffestin, Daniel Marco), sponsored by Swiss National Science Foundation.

- 1996 – 1997 Scientific assistant at the chair of Natural and Social Science Interface (NSSI), Department of Environmental Sciences, ETH Zurich (Prof. Roland Scholz).
- 1996 – 1998 Organisation of the 7<sup>th</sup> INURA conference *Possible Urban Worlds* (June 16-19, 1997, Zurich. Co-editor of the book *Possible Urban Worlds*).
- 1997 – 2001 Scientific assistant at the *Institute of Geography*, Group of Economic Geography and Regional Studies, University of Berne (Prof. Paul Messerli).
- 1999 – 2005 Researcher at ETH Studio Basel, Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich. Scientific director of the research project *Switzerland: an Urban Portrait*. Co-author of the book with the same title (with Roger Diener, Jacques Herzog, Marcel Meili, Pierre de Meuron).
- 2001 – 2008 Lecturer of Sociology at the Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich.
- 2003 PhD at the Institute of Geography, University of Jena (Germany): *Stadt, Raum und Gesellschaft – Henri Lefebvre und die Theorie der Produktion des Raumes* (City, space and society – Henri Lefebvre and the theory of the production of space). Supervisor: Prof. Benno Werlen, University of Jena. Publication of the book with the same title (Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart, 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2010).
- 2004 – 2007 Co-director of the research project *SeDUT* (La Havanna – transport and sustainable urban development) (with Prof. Ruben Bancroft, CUJAE, La Habana, and Peter Hotz, Metron, Brugg), supported by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education and Research.
- Since 2007 Senior researcher at ETH Studio Basel / Contemporary City Institute, Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich.
- Since 2009 Titular Professor of Sociology at the Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich.
- 2008 – 2014 Project *Applying Henri Lefebvre in Architecture and Social Sciences* (with Prof. Ákos Moravánsky und Łukasz Stanek, ETH Zurich). Conferences in Delft (2008) und Zurich (2009). Publication of the book *Urban Revolution Now: Henri Lefebvre in Social Research and Architecture* (Ashgate, 2014).
- 2008 – 2015 Research project *Atlas Urbano de La Habana – Urban Atlas of Havana*, with Prof. Dr. Jorge Peña Díaz, CUJAE, La Habana. Publication of the book with the same title (Park Books, Zürich, forthcoming, 2016).
- 2008 – 2015 Project *New Metropolitan Mainstream*, International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA). Co-organization of the 20<sup>th</sup> INURA conference *New Metropolitan Mainstream* (June 27 – July 3, 2010, Zurich). Work in progress, publication in preparation.
- 2009 – 2010 Co-director of the research project *Urban Systems and Urban Models (USUM)* (with Prof. Josep Acebillo, USI and Prof. Jacques Lévy, EPFL), in the framework of the Swiss Cooperation Program in Architecture. Publication of the book *Globalization of Urbanity* (Actar, Barcelona, 2012).
- 2010 – 2014 Research project at ETH Studio Basel on *Specificity* (together with the entire team). Publication of the book *The Inevitable Specificity of Cities* (Lars Müller Publishers, Zürich, 2015).

- 2010 – 2015 Leader of the research module *Urban Processes*, research project *Urban Potentials and Strategies in Metropolitan Territories – at the Example of the Metropolitan Region of Zurich* (National Research Program 65: *New Urban Quality* (with Prof. Marc Angélil, Prof. Kees Christiaanse, Prof. Vittorio Magnago Lampugnani, Prof. Günther Vogt). Publication of several papers and two books in preparation.
- 2010 – 2016 *Planetary Urbanization*: theory project with Prof. Neil Brenner, Harvard GSD. Organization of paper sessions on various conferences, publication of several papers and preparation of a book on the theory of urbanization.
- 2011 – 2015 Leader of the research module V: *Urban Sociology: Planetary Urbanization in Comparative Perspective*, Future Cities Laboratory (FCL), Singapore ETH Centre for Global Environmental Sustainability (SEC). Publication of several papers and a book in preparation.