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Beware of Smart People!

Redefining the Smart City Paradigm towards Inclusive Urbanism

The current debate about Smart Cities is strongly influenced by technological and application-oriented hard perspectives that predominantly materialize through the insertion of smart infrastructures into existing urban systems. Citizens (as individuals) and urban societies (as bodies) remain passive beneficiaries, end users or consumers.

This smartification of urban management is contrasted by increasing demands made by civil society and urban social movements towards greater inclusion in decision-making: New urban actors acquire new agency through local knowledge, expertise, creativity, social networking skills and collaborative capabilities, or social entrepreneurship. The symposium addresses the conflictual reality in which Smart City approaches are currently unfolding. International scholars and practitioners will reflect on the “Smart City” as a contested paradigm; shift the discourse towards the notion of the urban as co-produced by many voices; attempt to redefine “Smart City” by putting ordinary citizens as “Smart People” at the core of the debate.

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Opening Keynote by Adam Greenfield

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19.00 Uhr

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Symposium

June 20, 2015
09.30 - 19.00 Uhr

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The symposium is organized by [TU Dialogue Platform Smart People & Urban Commoning](#) including Jörg Stollmann (Chair for Urban Design & Urbanization), Sybille Frank (Chair for Urban and Regional Sociology), Angela Million, Andreas Brück (Chair for Urban Design & Urban Development), Philipp Misselwitz (Habitat Unit - Chair of International Urbanism and Design), Johanna Schlaack (Center for Metropolitan Studies), Carolin Schröder (Center for Technology and Society).

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