

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
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### The Politics of "Practice-Orientation"

With urban and environmental challenges increasingly at the forefront of societal concerns and debates, the expectations and responsibilities resting upon architecture, planning and related disciplines have arguably never been greater. Higher education needs to innovate and adapt to ensure that future professionals are prepared to meet these expectations and responsibilities. Although this has become common knowledge recently, striving for innovation and achieving it are two different things. Debates concerning innovation in the so-called built environment education encompass not only the question of how curricula and educational delivery practices should change but also in response to what and to what end.

The upcoming meeting of the International Network of Urban Laboratories: Urban Lab+ in Berlin is therefore seeking to address a deeper understanding of the politics of practice-orientation.



Kick Off: Urban Talk

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**  
**18.30 Uhr, Room HBS 0.2**

**TU Berlin**  
**Hardenbergstraße 16-18**  
**10623 Berlin**

**#1: Exploring the Meanings and Notions of "Practice-Orientation" – International and Local Experiences and Perspectives**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**  
**14 Uhr, Halle 4**

**Institute for Architecture, TU Berlin**  
**Strasse des 17. Juni 152**  
**10623 Berlin**

**#2: Workshop at Ostkreuz – The Politics of "Practice-Oriented", Workshop at Ostkreuz**

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**  
**14 Uhr, S-Bahn Ostkreuz, Berlin**

**#3: Debate – The Politics of "Practice-Oriented"**

**Friday, May 8, 2015**  
**17 Uhr, ANCB The Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory**

**Aedes am Pfefferberg**  
**Christinenstr. 18-19**  
**10119 Berlin**