

URBAN TALK

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The politics of "Practice-Orientation"

Reflections from London and Johannesburg

The Urban Talk will reflect with two examples, one from Witwatersrand University of Johannesburg one from UrbanLaboratory at the University College of London the notion of "practice-orientation" within the context of higher education in architecture, urban planning and related fields. The aim is to exchange ideas and experiences concerning methods and tools as well as the political and practical challenges around the design and implementation of practice-oriented learning and teaching.

Ben Campkin, London

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Neil Klug, Johannesburg

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