

Eindrücke aus Kolumbien | Internationaler Workshop in Bogotá

Master Programme Urban Agglomerations

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Seit 2010 findet ein jährliches Treffen des internationalen Netzwerkes „Urban Knowledge Net“ statt. Dieses Netzwerk wurde von Prof. Dr. Michael Peterek und Caroline Günther initiiert, und ist eine internationale Kooperation zwischen dem Masterstudiengang „Urban Agglomerations“ und Postgraduierten-Programmen von Partnerhochschulen aus Lateinamerika. Das Ziel ist es, sich mit Themen der nachhaltigen Stadt auseinanderzusetzen. In 2014 fand das fünfte Treffen an der Universidad Piloto de Colombia in Bogotá statt.



Since 2010 the master programme “Urban Agglomerations” and partner universities from South America arrange an annual meeting of the international network „Urban Knowledge Net“. In 2014 it was organized by the Universidad Piloto de Colombia in Bogotá for the fifth time. “Urban Knowledge Net”, initiated by Prof. Dr. Michael Peterek and Caroline Günther, is an international cooperation between the master programme “Urban Agglomerations” and postgraduate programmes from partner universities from Latin America, where lecturers from the individual postgraduate courses and research projects deal with topics of sustainable metropolitan regions.



For the second time this meeting was arranged as a workshop. Students from all the participating master programmes were invited to join and learn. The topic of the workshop was “Integration of Metropolitan Regions” and it took place from September 22nd till 27th, 2014. Apart from participants from the Universidad Piloto de Colombia, as the hosting university, and the master programme “Urban Agglomerations”, professors from the partner universities from PUCPR Curitiba, Brazil, UFABC, Santo André, Brazil, UAEM, Toluca, Mexico, Universidad del Bío-Bío, Concepción, Chile, attended the workshop.



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After the official opening of the international colloquium, which was organized as an accompanying event to the network meeting, various lectures were held by professors and students from the participating universities. The topics of the lectures dealt with the integration of metropolitan regions.

Apart from the theoretical discussions, different field trips were organized to give a practical connection to the topic. One field trip was a visit to the operator and system of Transmilenio, the public transportation system of Bogotá. A second field trip went to the outskirts of Bogotá to see an environmental project, as well as a housing quarter, established on the furthestmost boarder of the city. In both cases it was possible to get an intense insight of the problems such a mega city is confronted and has to deal with.

