

## PROFESSOR STEFFEN LEHMANN

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### ACADEMIC PROFILE

Professor Dr Steffen Lehmann is full professor of sustainable architecture, and Founding Director of the interdisciplinary Cluster for Sustainable Cities, at the University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom). The Cluster is a very active research group that brings together over 40 key researchers across a wide range of disciplines.

See: [www.city-futures.org.uk](http://www.city-futures.org.uk)  
and the website of the personal Lab: [www.city-leadership.com](http://www.city-leadership.com)

He has held a number of senior administrative and research posts in four countries, including: Head of School of the large School of Built Environment (SoBE) in Perth, Founding Director of two flagship research centres at the University of South Australia (UniSA), and most recently Founding Director of the Cluster for Sustainable Cities.

He trained as an architect in Germany and at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London (AA Dipl. 1991), before completing a PhD (Dr.-Ing.) in Architecture and Urbanism at the Technical University in Berlin. In 1993, he registered as a licensed architect in Berlin, Germany.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2003	PhD in Architecture & Urbanism (Dr.-Ing.), TU-Berlin
1991	AA Dipl., AA School, Architectural Association, London
1988	Dipl. Des. (Arch & Des), Univ of Appl Science, Mainz – equal. to Master's
1985	Vor-Dipl. Des. (Arch & Des), Univ of Appl Science, Trier – equal. to Bachelor's

## LEADERSHIP

Since 2010, Steffen has taken on more of a leadership and mentoring role for Early Career Researchers as well as increased administrative responsibilities and research leadership. Prior to his appointment in the United Kingdom, Professor Lehmann was a tenured Chair and full Professor for 13 years in Australia (from 2002 to Nov. 2015). He has led the implementation of the strategic renewal of the research and teaching areas of a large School of Built Environment, and established university-wide research centres. At UniSA, he also led the China engagement strategy of the University and was Director of the China-Australia Centre for Sustainable Urban Development, a joint centre with Tianjin University.

He has over 30 years' experience in sustainable urban design and architecture, living and working in Asia, Australia, Europe, the UK and the USA. Steffen was a consultant to Rio Tinto (Australia) and an External Advisor to UNESCO and UN-ESCAP on sustainable urban development. He has advised over a dozen cities on the subject of sustainable architecture and urban design, including Abu Dhabi, Adelaide, Berlin, Helsinki, Ho-Chi-Minh City, Melbourne, Shanghai, Singapore and Sydney.

After 30 years' practising and over 15 years as a full Professor of Architecture, Steffen is at the forefront in the development of new perspectives on the transformation potential of neighbourhoods and districts to become more sustainable, resilient and socially inclusive.

Over the last ten years, Steffen has shown strong leadership, as evidenced by advising governments, municipalities, UN-ESCAP, NGOs, research funding bodies and professional bodies.

## RESEARCH

### PUBLICATIONS AND EDITORSHIP

Steffen has published widely in journals and has been invited to contribute chapters to books or reports internationally. His Google Scholar h-Index is 20 and lists over 1.500 citations (in Feb 2018), see: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=yJ2eBpsAAAAJ&hl=en>.

The contribution and international standing of his expertise in 'Green Urbanism' was acknowledged in 2009 with an invitation from Earthscan/Taylor & Francis publishers to publish an authored book on green urbanism (*The Principles of Green Urbanism*, London/New York, 2010), and the invitation to be the editor of a new Routledge book series. His work has not only made a significant contribution to the field of 'Green Urbanism', but has shaped and continues to shape the contours of this research field.

Today, Steffen is a widely acknowledged pioneer of 'Sustainable Cities' and in what has become known as 'Green Urbanism' and 'Urban Metabolism'. His seminal book *The Principles of Green Urbanism* (English and Chinese editions) has developed a new framework for designing, developing and evaluating sustainable urban projects, and is in use as a course book worldwide.

In 2012, he was awarded as Principal Investigator (PI) a large grant (\$1.2m) under the CRC-LCL programme for the collaborative research on 'Urban Micro-Climates Research: Comparative Study of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide', a large interdisciplinary study of the urban heat island effect, which he initiated; the project included over 20 project partners. Publications from his research projects are included in his extensive publication list.

He has been the editor of internationally important journals.

Steffen Lehmann is book series editor of the Series on Sustainable Design for Routledge (London/New York). Information on his book series can be found here: <https://www.routledge.com/Earthscan-Series-on-Sustainable-Design/book-series/EARTHSD>.

Between 2006 and 2014, he was Editor-in-Chief of the US-published *Journal of Green Building*. He is currently an editorial board member of five academic journals. His papers and books have been translated into a number of languages including German, Spanish, Chinese, Italian and Swedish.

Steffen is a very productive researcher and his leadership is recognised in scientific communities worldwide.

In 2018, his new book *Urban Regeneration: A Manifesto for UK Cities* will be published with Palgrave Macmillan (London).

In July 2017, his recent book *Growing Compact* (co-edited with HP Bay; Routledge) was published by Routledge. This is part of his book series, which has received numerous positive reviews. For more information on his publications, see: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Steffen-Lehmann/e/B0034PYAVS>.

In 2016, he published *Sustainable Lina* (co-authored with A Condello; Springer), which explores the adaptive reuse projects designed by important architect Lina Bo Bardi (with a preface by Professor Barry Bergdoll).

In 2015, Steffen Lehmann published *Low Carbon Cities. Transforming Urban Systems* (Routledge). This key publication examines the theoretical underpinnings for the required shift in the process of city transformation and includes numerous case studies.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING AND INVITED LECTURES**

Steffen Lehmann is regularly invited to deliver lectures and keynote/plenary addresses to international or major national research meetings and conferences, where he presents on his research work, design concepts and engagement with industry and other end-users.

He has delivered over 80 invited keynote addresses in 40 countries. Podcasts of his TEDx presentation and UN-HABITAT Urban Global Lecture are online. See: <https://unhabitat.org/steffen-lehmann-transforming-the-city-towards-low-carbon-resilience/>.

He has presented at more than 450 conferences and symposia in 40 countries and lectured at the top architecture schools in the world, including lectures at:

- Architectural Association School of Architecture – United Kingdom
- Delft University of Technology – Netherlands
- Harvard University – United States
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University – Hong Kong
- KTH Royal Institute of Technology – Sweden
- National University of Singapore – Singapore
- Polytechnic University of Milan – Italy
- Technical University Berlin – Germany
- Technical University Munich – Germany
- Technical University Vienna – Austria
- The University of Melbourne – Australia
- The University of Sydney and University of New South Wales – Australia
- Tsinghua University and Tongji University – China
- University of California, Berkeley – United States
- University of Oxford – United Kingdom
- University of Southern California, Los Angeles – United States
- He spoke at the Venice Biennale, Alvar Aalto Symposium, MOMA New York, etc.

## **VISITING PROFESSOR POSITIONS – INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

At UniSA and at the University of Portsmouth, Steffen made an effective contribution to the implementation of the University's International Strategy, through negotiating complex partnerships and MoU's, and representing the University on matters of key importance overseas.

He has held important international visiting Professorships and is regularly invited to deliver master classes and workshops at international level, for instance in Germany, China and India.

In 2009, Steffen was appointed as DAAD Professor at the Technical University of Munich, a prestigious position funded by the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (Germany).

He currently holds a Professorial Fellowship at the University of Technology Sydney's Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) in Sydney, 2016–18; and a Visiting Professor position at Anant National University (ANU) in Ahmedabad, India, 2017–18.

Steffen has held Visiting Professor positions at the following institutions:

- Arts Academy Berlin-Weissensee (1997–98)
- Tongji University, Shanghai (2003)
- Technical University Berlin (2005)
- National University of Singapore (2009)

- Technical University Munich (2009)
- University of California at Berkeley (2012)
- Tianjin University in the P.R. of China (2014)
- UTS, Sydney, Institute for Sustainable Futures (2016–18)
- ANU Ahmedabad, India (2017–18)
- Distinguished Visiting Professor, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China (2018), NSFC-funded

He has been an External Examiner for PhD theses at seven leading universities, including Bond University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Monash University, the University of Salford, the University of Sydney and the University of Western Australia.

## RESEARCH CAREER

In a research career that spans the last 25 years, Steffen has published 18 books, over 50 invited book chapters, and has published and co-published over 300 articles and papers.

He served in different senior leadership roles, establishing new research centres, building teaching quality and driving impactful research activities.

Since 2010, he has been in research-intensive leadership positions and during this time he has had significant responsibility for creating and leading new urban research formations. He has exploited these opportunities by generating a large publication and grant output and a continuous stream of successful research students.

Steffen's record of accomplishment of publications demonstrates sustained scholarly contribution and advancement of knowledge in the relatively young research field of 'sustainable urbanism'.

Today, he is internationally recognised as thought leader in the field of sustainable architecture and urban design principles, exploring our complex relationship with nature, technology and place. Most of his research projects are design-architecture-engineering nexus based, concerned with the integration of low-carbon and low-impact technologies in architectural design and the social/behavioral/urban context.

Steffen's research interests include the overlapping fields:

- Resilient urbanisation for low carbon compact cities and coastal resilience
- Green urbanism theory – Scenarios for the 'City of the Future'
- Resource-efficient construction: infill using modular off-site manufacturing
- Urban culture and new programmes for age-friendly public space
- Sustainable architecture and smart high-performance buildings
- Climate-responsive design and technology integration
- History and theory of cities, urban renewal and cultural heritage
- Research on the optimisation of urban density and compactness

*"I am committed to the efficient use of land, compactness, polycentrism, high-quality public space, mixed uses and appropriate density, through urban infill or regeneration strategies to trigger economies of scale and enhance resource efficiency. Our Research Cluster is particularly interested in the relationship between architectural form and performance; and in developing low-impact construction systems and low-energy solutions across the entire project life-cycle."*      -- **Steffen Lehmann**

## **LEADING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS AND POSITIVE IMPACT**

Steffen has demonstrated a strong capacity to engender and lead collaboration between the research, industry and policy communities, and to foster research that anticipates and responds to policy necessities, and provide high quality advice to urban leadership.

He has previously lived and worked in Australia, Berkeley (USA), Berlin, London and Tokyo, experiencing a very broad range of practice methods and research approaches. He is an experienced leader of change – strategic, operational and cultural – with an ability to develop, communicate and deliver a compelling vision to a range of internal and external stakeholders.

Over the last years, he has managed and implemented an immense programme of change: for instance, transforming and repositioning the large School of Built Environment as a research-led and future-ready powerhouse (with an increased research output of +36% pa).

In Australia, he was actively involved in the development of the research and international strategy within the School and Faculty, where he initiated substantial engagement with national and international partners in the public dissemination of information that had an impact by benefitting the community and the professional sector, including in the Global South.

Steffen has initiated successful collaborations with major international and national research teams and institutions, e.g. he has established, led and developed three research centres of international and national importance; he was involved in the establishment of an externally funded endowment by the South Australian Government for the creation of a new research centre at UniSA.

He has a sustained success in obtaining research grants and leading projects, together with sustained success in supervising post-doctoral as well as research students. He has hosted 3 Senior Research Fellows competitively awarded by funding bodies.

## **CURRENT AND RECENT RESEARCH AND ONGOING PROJECTS**

2016–date, he has created and commenced large multi-disciplinary research projects, in collaboration with other leading researchers in the field of sustainable cities, for instance developing the following projects:

- ‘CRUNCH – Operationalising the Food-Water-Energy Nexus’
- ‘RESTORE – Nature-based Solutions for Restoring Damaged Ecosystems’ (H2020)
- ‘INSIGHT – Urban Regeneration Leadership for Chinese Cities’ (Newton Fund)
- ‘INTERFACE – Mobility and New Types of Public Space’

Most of these were large, international, interdisciplinary research projects involving the application of the innovative green urbanism design and design/planning techniques he has been developing for over 20 years.

## **RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND GRANTS OBTAINED**

Steffen has attracted large funding in grants. As Founding Director of two research centres and the Cluster for Sustainable Cities, he was managing research projects of the value of over \$5 million in grants and contract research. The impact of this work has influenced corporate behaviour, municipal policies and legislation.

His research has been continuously supported by external funds and attracts self-funded research fellows and PhD candidates. He has been leading the conception and formulation of numerous new research projects – some have led to large external grants and received much media attention.

In 2017, he was awarded as Principal Investigator a large grant (US\$2m) under the Belmont Forum - JPI Urban Europe programme for 'CRUNCH: the Food-Water-Energy Nexus', an international interdisciplinary project with 20 partners from six countries; see: [www.fwe-nexus.eu](http://www.fwe-nexus.eu).

In 2012, he was awarded as Principal Investigator a large grant (\$1.2m) under the CRC-Low Carbon Living programme for the collaborative research on 'Urban Micro-Climates Research: Comparative Study of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide', a large interdisciplinary study of the urban heat island effect, which included over 20 project partners and five PhD candidates.

The Cluster for Sustainable Cities brings together an interdisciplinary group of over 40 researchers with an interest in resilient urban futures to develop a trans-disciplinary approach to scaling-up urban innovation for low-carbon living, working, leisure and mobility.

The research agenda of the Cluster has been enhanced through the development of connections with industry partners, local government and international leading scholars across the social sciences and humanities, engineering, geography and the visual arts. The Cluster's research activities are grouped around five interlinked matters of conceptual and empirical concern, see the research programme here: [www.city-futures.org.uk](http://www.city-futures.org.uk).

Steffen's own research interests span architecture, urban design and sustainability with a strong focus on improving the environmental performance of buildings and neighbourhoods by introducing the concept of 'integrated urban climate resilience'. These themes are brought together in his most recent books published with prestigious publishers: Routledge, Springer and Palgrave Macmillan.

Having been **Founding Director of three successful research centres**, he leads large multi-disciplinary research teams and projects, for which he provides mentoring, coaching support and team building.

- Inaugural Chair holder, UNESCO Chair for Sustainable Urban Development for Asia and the Pacific (2008–10)
- Founding Director, Centre for Sustainable Design and Behaviour, UniSA (2010–14)
- Founding Director, China-Australia Centre for Sustainable Urban Development, UniSA (2011–14)
- Founding Director, Innovation Cluster for Sustainable Cities, University of Portsmouth (2016–date)

## **INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS AND FUND-RAISING**

The Cluster has a clear vision of how to expand the research work and build national and international connections.

Besides working closely with municipalities, Steffen is constantly building new and strong partnerships with industry partners; working with innovative SMEs as well as with large global organisations and NGOs. **Since 2015, his research was industry-sponsored by:**

- AECOM Ltd
- Arup Ltd
- C6(n) Technology Ltd: 'Carbon pavilion'
- Experior Micro Technologies Ltd
- Know-Now Information Ltd
- MA Systems & Control Ltd: 'Wind Assure' with Innovate-UK
- The Ecological Sequestration Trust
- Vivid Homes: 'Modular House'



He was a consultant to Rio Tinto (Australia) and an External Advisor to UNESCO, UN-ESCAP and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) on sustainable urban development. In 2009, the Minister for Planning NSW appointed him as member of the Reference Panel for the urban regeneration of Newcastle (NSW).

In his diverse leadership roles, he has reported to external Advisory Boards, Senior Management Boards, Provosts and Deputy Vice-Chancellors, navigating organisational complexities. He has:

- established new external partnerships with industry and government;
- provided strategic planning and intellectual leadership; and
- chaired major committees and provided departmental/operational leadership.

## **AFFILIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES**

Steffen has had numerous professional affiliations, and is currently a member of:

- Member, Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) (2003 to date)
- Member, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), UK (2016 to date)
- Invited Academician, Academy of Urbanism (AoU), UK (2016 to date)

Other memberships have included:

- Member, Architektenkammer Berlin
- Member, Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA-Berlin
- Member, UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Urban Development, Advisory Board
- Member, Australian Institute of Urban Studies
- Member, Zero Waste Centre Advisory Board
- Member, Executive Board, Barbara Hardy Institute, UniSA
- Chair, China-Australia Centre for Sustainable Urban Development Advisory Board
- Member of the UN working party for preparations of HABITAT III
- Member, UN ESCAP Expert Group 'The New Urban Agenda'
- Member, Humanities Management Board, Curtin University
- Member, Australian Deans of the Built Environment and Design
- Member, Coastal Cities Network, Research Group, UK
- Member, Developers Group, Shaping Portsmouth, UK

## **PUBLICATIONS IN HIGH-RANKING INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS**

Some of Steffen's articles have become the most downloaded or most cited article of the journal. Articles were published in the following journals:

*Journal of Sustainability; Journal of Sustainable Development; International Journal of Logistics Systems and Management; Greenbuilding; Singapore Architect; Domus; Bauwelt; Challenges; Habitat International; Next American City; Stadt:Pilot; Journal of Green Building; Journal of City, Culture & Society; Journal of Cleaner Production; Journal of Sustainable Cities & Society; International Journal of Development and Sustainability; Journal of Urban and Environmental Engineering; The Fifth Estate, Science for Environment Policy; Supply Chain Management: An International Journal; International Journal of Logistics Systems and Management; Landscape Architecture Frontiers; International Journal of Waste Resources; Cleantech; City Economics Wirtschaft Stadtentwicklung; The Conversation; The Adelaide Review; ArchitectureAU; Eco-Business; InDesign; Timber+Design International; Sustainable Development, Law & Policy; Keio SFC Journal; Waste Management & Research; Business Magazine; Building Design BD-Online; and numerous others.*

## TEACHING

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT ALL LEVELS

Steffen has been teaching postgraduate and undergraduate students in architecture and urbanism since 1991, and advising PhD students since 2003. He has also been involved in teaching through various workshops and visiting appointments at leading institutions worldwide, including at the TU-Munich, NUS Singapore, UC Berkeley, Tongji Shanghai and numerous other top universities.

He has taught advanced architectural design studios together with Harry Seidler, Hans Hollein, Arata Isozaki and other eminent architects.

In 2008, in recognition of his significant contributions and academic leadership in the design studio, he was awarded the Award for Teaching Excellence (at the University of Newcastle, NSW). Current teaching areas include:

- Postgraduate (PhD) thesis supervision;
- Advanced research methods and training;
- Advanced urban design: short studios, guest lectures and guest crits;
- Lectures on architectural design theory and sustainable city design.

### SUPERVISION OF POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

Professor Steffen Lehmann welcomes expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals who would like to pursue Doctoral level or Master's level research in the areas of his interest.

**PhD Supervision:** He has successfully supervised a variety of interdisciplinary PhD studies as Primary Supervisor (since 2003) in the field of sustainable architecture, urbanism, design theory and socio-technical change. He is happy to discuss proposals with potential PhD candidates that connect to his field and are interested in exploring open-ended questions.

He has served as External Examiner for PhD theses at seven different universities, including Bond University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Monash University, the University of Salford, the University of Sydney and the University of Western Australia.

The students he has supervised have been highly successful, receiving awards for their PhD research and securing academic positions.

*“Buildings, places and neighbourhoods are always designed in team work. They need to be enjoyable and flexible to work well over time. This means that they have lasting qualities, are resource-efficient, and make a positive contribution to their context and user-experience. Each of my projects begins with a clear strategy and evolves from there; it never begins with a pre-conceived design solution.”*      **-- Steffen Lehmann**

### MENTORING AND ADVISING

He mentors and supports early career academics and emerging professionals.

He has been Primary Supervisor of more than 12 PhD students and three Postdoctoral Fellows, and is happy to discuss proposals with potential PhD candidates that are interested in exploring open-ended questions.



## REVIEWER OF MAJOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Over the last 15 years, Steffen has regularly been appointed as reviewer for international research proposals and large grant applications.

For instance, he was appointed by the following international funding agencies as an external assessor:

- European Commission, Brussels, for Horizon 2020 (as Expert Evaluator and Rapporteur)
- Australian Research Council, Canberra, as Excellence in Research (ERA) Peer Reviewer and as regular ARC Grant Assessor for large grants (regularly since 2008)
- Canada Foundation for Innovation, Ottawa
- Earth Watch Institute, Massachusetts, USA
- EPSRC, UK Research Council, for Global Challenges Fund
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Tokyo
- Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, SAR Hong Kong (regularly since 2012)
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Bern
- UNESCO, Higher Education Sector, Paris

## MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION JURIES

Over the last 18 years, Steffen has served as jury member for international, national and state awards for organisations, such as the Senate of Berlin, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the Australian Housing Industry Association and other bodies.

He has been appointed to serve on design juries for:

2013	Siemens Green Technology Journalism Award 2013, Asia–Pacific Region, Singapore
2011–12	'The Zero Carbon Challenge', Adelaide (appointed by LMC, SA Government)
2010	'Hub-2-Hub', Singapore (appointed by the Urban Redevelopment Authority, URA)
2009	'Harmony Point', Ho-Chi-Minh City (appointed by Municipality of HCMC)
2007	National Urban Design Awards 2007, Housing Industry Association (HIA), Sydney
2006	BlueScope Steel Glenn Murcutt Student Prize 2006
2005–06	'Etihad Towers', Abu Dhabi (appointed by H.H. Sheikh S. Bin Moh'd Al-Nahyan)
2005	'Wedding Pavilion', Brisbane Roma Street Parklands (appointed by Qld Government)
2004	Queensland State Awards of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA)
2000–01	'Leipziger Platz', Berlin (several competitions, appointed by Senate of Berlin)

## PRACTICE

### LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Steffen has a distinguished career as an architectural and urban designer (with an impressive record of accomplishments as a practising architect and policy adviser).

Between 1990 and 1993, as a young architect, he first worked with visionary architects Arata Isozaki in Tokyo and James Stirling in London, before establishing his own practice.

With his own design practice, STEFFEN LEHMANN ARCHITEKTEN GmbH and the s\_Lab, he was actively involved in the 1990s architectural creation of the 'New Berlin'.

The s\_Lab (Space Laboratory for Architectural Research and Design) was a research office founded by Steffen Lehmann in January 1993 in Berlin to combine research, teaching and practice. In parallel, he established the practising architectural office to build projects.

He was privileged to be able to design and built significant large-scale (public and private) projects in historically significant cities and places, such as at Potsdamer Platz and at Hackescher Markt in Berlin.

The s\_Lab in Berlin was an interdisciplinary studio employing around 20–25 staff, based on the belief that architecture can deliver very important innovations for the city. In the 1990s, the s\_Lab was an adventurous team of architectural designers, architects, researchers, planners, digital craftspeople, urban ecologists and model-makers, delivering a total construction budget of around US\$900m in 20 projects.

As lead architect on large urban developments, Steffen adopted a large practice approach concerning systems thinking and the value of research-informed projects. He is currently working on innovative housing projects in Berlin and Stuttgart (Germany).

His project clients included over 25 notable institutions, such as:

The Bundesverband Deutscher Banken, the Auswaertige Amt (German Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Deutsche Bahn AG, the Berliner Volksbank, Daimler Immobilien, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (German Workers Union) and numerous others he has represented – with entities as diverse as the Senate of Berlin, the Republique de France, Manhattan Loft Corp and the City of Sydney.

His work was exhibited at important international venues, including AEDDES Gallery in Berlin, Deutsches Architektur-Museum, the Bauhaus in Dessau, and at the Architectural Association in London.

*“Throughout my career, I was privileged to work on numerous high profile projects: I designed and built significant projects in historically important places, such as at Potsdamer Platz, Hackescher Markt and Pariser Platz in Berlin, generating lasting public value for cities and high-profile clients.”*  
**-- Steffen Lehmann**

## **CURATORSHIP FOR MAJOR EXHIBITIONS AND CONFERENCES**

Steffen has fostered substantial partnerships in the area of knowledge transfer, e.g. with the British Council and the China-Australia Council, and was the initiator and curator of major public arts festivals (e.g. in Singapore, Berlin, and Sydney); and convener of numerous conferences and symposia.

He has a long-term interest in urban culture and public space, and was the initiator and curator of major interdisciplinary exhibitions in urban spaces and galleries. Three books published as catalogues of these exhibitions, which include:

- *Rethinking: Space-Time-Architecture*, Berlin (catalogue published by Jovis, Berlin)
- *Absolutely Public*, Brisbane (catalogue published by Images Publishing, Melbourne)
- *Back to the City*, Newcastle (catalogue published by Hatje Cantz, Stuttgart)
- *Hidden Networks: Laneways by George*, Sydney
- *Hub-2-Hub*, Singapore.
- Curator for exhibitions at AEDDES Gallery and Eigen + Art Gallery, Berlin

*"I am passionate about the possible urban futures of cities and our capacity to rethink urbanism to enable principles of social and environmental sustainability. That passion extends into my research, teaching and collaborative practice."*  
**-- Steffen Lehmann**