



Venue:
Provinciehuis
Zuid Holland
Statenzaal

INVITATION LSE PBL I&M SEMINAR

THE TALE OF TWO REGIONS

A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN AREAS OF SOUTH EAST ENGLAND AND THE RANDSTAD HOLLAND

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The discussion will be the starting point and inspiration for a new joint research programme of The Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and the PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency.

How can European cities establish a healthier metabolism, while still maintaining economic growth? How can regional authorities promote access to both jobs and green for all income groups? How should planners respond to moderate economic growth or even decline? Making metropolitan areas more viable and more sustainable requires us to connect our thinking of the regional economy with its social capital and culture. How can we make cities with a 'regional DNA' better? What can we learn from our neighbours?

Over a period of eighteen months, the London School of Economics, the Netherlands Environmental Agency and the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment have performed research in these questions, comparing London and the Randstad. By presenting facts and figures on London and the Randstad, and by positioning them in the context of analysis and explorative thinking about what makes cities strong, we hope to inspire debate on the future of the regional metropolis.

Ricky Burdett, professor of Urban Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Director of LSE Cities and the Urban Age programme, will hand over the results to the Queen's Commissioner in the Province of Zuid-Holland Jan Franssen. In the following programme we aim to present our findings and open up a discussion on Making Cities.

Chaired by Henk Ovink, Deputy Director General and Director of National Spatial Planning at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment.

PROVISIONARY PROGRAMME:

12h00 > Welcome and sandwiches

12h45 > Moderator Henk Ovink opens

1 Jan Franssen to accept research publication

2 Presentations of the research highlights

Ricky Burdett on Comparing London and the Randstad

Wouter Vanstiphout on The death and life of great urban concepts

Maarten Hajer on Governance in the Sustainable City

3 Direct response to presentations by

Paul Gerretsen: Deltametropool

and other panel members to be confirmed

4 Forum discussion with Winy Maas, Paul Gerretsen and other
panel members tbc

Which issues matter most? Which way forward with Dutch cities?

5 Forum discussion

Rients Dijkstra, Maarten Hajer, other panel members tbc, and

audience participation: do we have the answers to the issues? What
regional urban research is still missing?

15h30 > Henk Ovink concludes on research agenda and adjourns

> Drinks