Travelling Conferences (TCs) are a format designed to promote and foster international exchange about specific current issues. More specifically, given the significant interest in questions of current urban transformation and comparable challenges in many metropolitan regions around the world (e.g. post-industrial transformation, demographic change, urban strategies of climate change mitigation and adaptation, waterfront development) as well as an interest in the ways in which policies, strategies, blueprints for such transformations are exchanged globally (e.g. research on policy diffusion, policy mobility, travelling concepts), this series of TCs aims to combine a theoretical and conceptual approach along with an empirical section on selected current policies. To accomplish this goal, a number of presentations will be given at each conference, supplemented by panel and round-table discussions.

The thematically and structurally similar events will take place in Osaka, Ulsan, Essen and Cincinnati between October 2019 and September 2020. Representatives of the Ruhr region the University Alliance Ruhr in Germany, which organize the conference series, will be travelling to all four locations accompanied by members from institutions in the partner regions.

In order to prepare the first conferences, German participants convened for an initial meeting at the IN-EAST School of Advanced Studies.

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