

URP2020 Keynote Speaker: Short Biography

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URP2020 Keynote Topic:

"Building Sustainable Urban-Rural Partnerships: Co-Productive Tools for Transcending the Binary Divide"

David Simon is professor of Development Geography at Royal Holloway University of London, UK and was also Director of Mistra Urban Futures, Gothenburg, Sweden from September 2014 until December 2019.

As former Rhodes Scholar, he specialized in development-environment issues with particular reference to cities, climate change and sustainability. This includes the relationships between theory, policy and practice, on all of which he has published extensively. He has also worked and published on the relationships between transport/mobility and development, and geopolitical transitions. At Mistra Urban Futures, he led the pioneering methodological research on internationally comparative transdisciplinary co-production.

He is author, editor and co-editor of many books and journal special issues on cities, development-environment challenges and climate change adaptation. Recently he published "Rethinking Sustainable Cities: Accessible, green and fair" (Policy Press, 2016), "Urban Planet" (Cambridge University Press, 2018), and "Comparative Urban Research from Theory to Practice: Co-production for sustainability" (Policy Press, 2020).

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