



Doctoral School Programme on Urban Systems and Sustainability goes to Asia

From 9-21 November 2014, the participants of the Doctoral School Programme on Urban Systems and Sustainability visited first Singapore and then Guangzhou. The Future Cities Lab of ETH in Singapore organized a very interesting week with a focus on urban redevelopment. Besides lectures, the programme included visits to a wide array of new projects from small to large-scale, for example a tour of a new and innovative residential complex with roof-top gardens, a tour of the port of Singapore, a hub for maritime trade handling functions, and a tour by boat of the southern islands of Singapore in order to better understand their functions for the city.

Urban transformation towards a more livable and sustainable city was also the focus in Guangzhou, where the cooperation partner South China University of Technology (SCUT) provided

the programme for the Doctoral School. Guangzhou itself is a vast city characterized by a fast development over the last decade, and together with its surroundings will soon be part of the largest connected urban area worldwide. In both locations the Doctoral students had ample opportunity to receive unique insights and inputs for their PhD projects. All participants are working on joint interdisciplinary research projects, for which an Asian angle provides a complementary viewpoint. How the different perspectives can be integrated in an effective way is a central question, and for this step, the participants receive help from a coach who is accompanying their progress.

The programme will conclude with a pitching session of the projects in front of a jury.

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