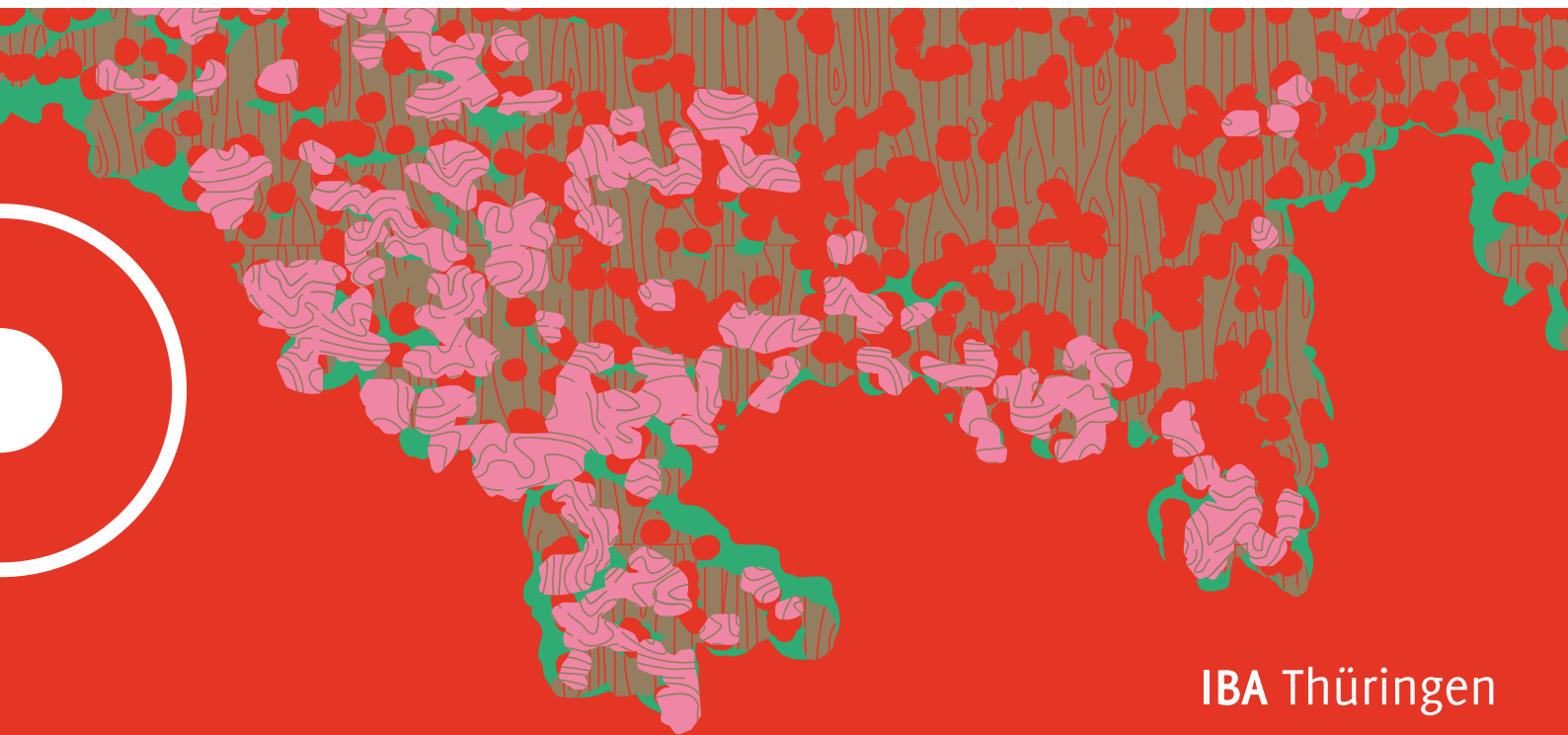


# STADTLAND – FROM THURINGIA TO A PLANETARY PERSPECTIVE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
APOLDA, MAY 4TH–6TH 2023

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**The International Building Exhibition (IBA) Thuringia and the Sino-German research project Urban Rural Assembly (URA) will jointly host the international conference „StadtLand – from Thuringia to a planetary perspective“.**

It will form part of the exhibition „Stadtland – Learning from Thuringia“ in the iconic Eiermann building in Apolda, where the IBA will present the results of its decennial project development process. Since 2019, the URA project has been conducting research on the development and planning of urban-rural interface regions in eastern China, as well as from an international perspective.

Ongoing planetary urbanization and interconnection require a 'Stadt-Land' perspective – one that focuses on the interrelationships and material cycles within larger territories, including both urban and rural areas. In this context, the 'rural' areas become a critical resource for a more circular and climate-friendly future development. The Stadt-Land perspective thus calls for new societal practices fostering solidarity in the use of land, in addition to more resource-efficient construction and economic activities.

To this end, IBA and its local partners have implemented model projects in Thuringia, while URA has investigated the rapid socio-spatial transformation processes which characterize an urban-rural region in the Chinese province of Zhejiang. Both projects work with 'living labs' which support the development of strategies and tools for future change.

The conference opens new avenues of thought and action – from the current urbanization tendencies in Thuringia and numerous other regions worldwide, to spatial visions and planning strategies toward sustainable urban-rural interrelations.

We invite you to come to Apolda to hear more, and to connect with international researchers and practitioners who are advancing this relevant issue. The conference will be held in German and English. A live streaming option will be available. 

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## Location:

Eiermannsbau, Auenstraße 11, 99510 Apolda, [www.open-factory.de](http://www.open-factory.de)

Moderation: Cordelia Polinna, Forward Planung und Forschung/Institut für Resilienz im ländlichen Raum

## Thursday, May 4th 2023

- 16:00 Arrival of participants
- 16:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
- Marta Doehler-Behzadi, Director, IBA Thüringen
  - Bodo Ramelow, Minister President, State of Thuringia
  - Klara Geywitz, Federal Minister BMWSB
- Keynote**
- Philipp Misselwitz, Bauhaus Earth, Berlin
  - Remy Sietchiping, UN Habitat, Nairobi
- 18:00 **Opening IBA Exhibition**

## Friday, May 5th 2023

- 10:00 **Welcome address**
- Susanna Karawanskij, State Minister
- 10:30 **Session 1: StadtLand**
- Milica Topalovic, ETH Zürich
  - Hillary Angelo, UC Santa Cruz
  - Steffen Nijhuis, TU Delft
- Host/Discussant:
- Anke Hagemann, TU Berlin
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 **Session 2: Strategies**
- Marta Doehler-Behzadi, IBA Thüringen, Apolda
  - Kelly Shannon, KU Leuven
  - Maria Frölich-Kulik, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Lukas Pappert, TU Berlin
- Host/Discussant:
- Antje Stokman, HCU Hamburg
- 14:30 Coffee Break
- 15:00 **Session 3: Actions**
- Guiqing Yang, Tongji University, Shanghai
  - Bianca Elzenbaumer, Brave New Alps, Rovereto
  - Kenneth Anders, Bad Freienwalde
- Host/Discussant:
- Sigrun Langner, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar
- 16:30 **Closing Remarks**
- 18:00 Reception (by invitation only)

## Saturday, May 6th 2023

- 9:30 **Excursion**, Departure in Apolda  
IBA Projects in Saalfeld and Schwarza Valley
- 17:00 Return to Erfurt central station

Registration link:

<https://eveeno.com/973779341>

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