

Participatory Local Community

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The Palco project has now ended! The *New Approaches to Urban Planning* book, which was one main outcome, was successfully launched on 27.8.2013 at Laituri/Helsinki. The PDF version of the book can be downloaded from [here](#) (in English), and the presentation we gave during the launching event is [here](#) (in Finnish).



The Palco ladies proudly presenting the *New Approaches to Urban Planning* book! (Photos by Leenamajja Ojala).

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Palco is a transdisciplinary umbrella for researching the mastering of the glocal everyday life. Is there a place for new planning approaches, such as e-planning & community informatics, time planning, community development and co-governance? The answer is that there is, which we are demonstrating in a book coming out by the summer 2013, entitled, *New approaches to urban planning*. The sub-themes below contribute to the understanding of everyday mobilities, complexity management, participatory design and planning as an issue of time policy and politics:



- **Managing Urban Complexity**

analyses the methods and results of a five-year long action research in a neighbourhood of Helsinki. The main research question is, how have the co-creation of new local governance structures and CI-assisted arenas for gendered participation with public, private, people-partnerships contributed to the management of urban complexity,

- **Walking and cycling as locally-based activities of everyday life**

will generate new understanding of gendered mobilities and their spatio-temporal context. The case-study in Herttoniemi, Helsinki, will enlighten the question, how practices of walking and cycling are (or could be) rooted in the gendered practices of everyday life and their local socio-material and temporal preconditions..

- **Digital tools for ICT-mediated participation**

asks what is the significance and role of the design of digital tools and services in citizen participation. The case study in Roihuvuori, Helsinki, identifies gender- and age-sensitive relationships and dynamics between actors and technologies by analyzing the design and use of the Urban Mediator (UM), an online platform for sharing location-based information.

- **Co-governance as an example of a 3rd generation deliberative democracy model** studies the Herttoniemi co-governance model from the perspective of deliberative democracy theory. It draws new ideas to the development of local structures and modes of operation from theory and seeks to elaborate the theory through ideas evolved in practice. The study also configures a model of a shared conception of common good in the context of participatory urban planning and co-governance.