Christoph Woiwode, PhD

Publications, Academic Outputs, Scholarly Activities (before IOER)

VIDEO DOCUMENTARIES

"Chennai – A Global South Metropolis in the Peri-cene"; academic lead, script writer and interviewer; professionally produced documentary about the Peri-Cene project at Indo-German Centre for Sustainability; funded by IGCS; 2021/2022; screened at two conferences in New Delhi (India) and Khulna (Bangladesh)

"Auroville Conversations beyond Wellbeing and the Good Life on Practices of Integral Transformation"; academic lead, interviewer; produced for the online workshop 4th Indo-German Dialogue on Green Urban Practices on "Wellbeing and the Good Life – The Human Being in Sustainability Transformations" convened by C. Woiwode; Nov/Dec 2020

MONOGRAPH

Woiwode, Christoph (2008) Communicating Urban Risks in India: A Study of Two Low-income Settlements and the Administrative Realities in Ahmedabad, in: Entwicklungsethnologie, Vol. 1 (2007), No. 16, Verlag für Entwicklungsethnologie u. Politischer Arbeitskreis Schulen e.V.: Saarbrücken und Bonn, 135 pages. ISBN 978-3-921876-30-5/ISSN 0942-4466.

JOURNALS

Peer-reviewed:

Ives, Chris, Schäpke, Niko, Woiwode, Christoph, Wamsler Christine (2023) IMAGINE sustainability: integrated inner-outer transformation in research, education and practice. Sustainability Science. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-023-01395-0

Woiwode, Christoph, Niko Schäpke, Olivia Bina, Stella Veciana, Iris Kunze, Oliver Parodi, Petra Schweizer-Ries & Christine Wamsler (2021) Inner transformation to sustainability as a deep leverage point: fostering new avenues for change through dialogue and reflection. Sustainability Science DOI 10.1007/s11625-020-00882-y. Open Access

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Hackenbroch, Kirsten and Christoph Woiwode, 2016, "Narratives of Sustainable Indian Urbanism: The Logics of Global and Local Knowledge Mobilities in Chennai", South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal [Online], 14 | 2016 http://samaj.revues.org/4190; DOI:10.4000/samaj.4190

Woiwode, Christoph, 2016, "Off the beaten Tracks: the neglected significance of interiority for sustainable urban development", Futures 84, pp. 82-97, DOI: 10.1016/j.futures.2016.10.002

Woiwode, Christoph, 2013, "Transcendence and Spirituality: Human Needs and the Practices of the Indian Svadhyaya Movement", Journal of Developing Societies Vol. 29 No. 3. Pp. 233-257.

Woiwode, Christoph, 2013, New Departures in Tackling Urban Climate Change: Transdisciplinarity for social transformation (a critical appraisal of the WBGU's 2011 Report), in open access online journal Integral Review, www.integral-review.org, pp. 384-412.

Woiwode, Christoph, 2012a, Urban Governance for Risk Reduction and Climate Change Resilience - considerations with special attention to Southeast Asia and India, in Sri Lankan Journal of Real Estate, No. 6, pp. 38-60.

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Woiwode, Christoph, 2009a, Decentralisation and Local Development Planning in the Periphery: The Institutional Framework in the North and East of Sri Lanka, in Sri Lankan Journal of Real Estate, Issue 03, pp.76-115. ISSN 1800-3524.

Other Journals:

Volz, Peter, Woiwode, Christoph (2022). Towards a Sustainable Food System Transformation of the Chennai Region. IGCS Research Brief 1/2022 (February), IIT Madras, Chennai. DOI:

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Hill, Chloe and Christoph Woiwode, 2017, "Peri-urban Dynamics and Sustainability in Chennai: The case of Sriperumbudur", Trialog 122: A Journal for Planning and Building in a Global Context, Vol.3/2015 (March 2017) pp. 8-12.

Woiwode, Christoph and Ariana Fürst, 2015, Anpassung an Überschwemmungen in Chennai: Möglichkeiten der Resilienzsteigerung durch kollaborative Präventions- und Anpassungsmassnahmen bei Überschwemmungen in Chennai, Indien [Adaptation to Floods in Chennai]. RaumPlanung 182 (6) and Trialog 120/121, pp. 47-53.

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Woiwode, Christoph, 2010, Urban Risk Communication: a conceptual framework and its implications for policy making, in: Nagarlok, Urban Affairs Quarterly, Centre for Urban Studies, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Vol. XLII No. 3, July-September, 2010, pp. 1-14. ISSN 0027-7584.

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Woiwode, Christoph, 2007, Pro Poor Governance of Urban Risks: the Case of Ahmedabad, in: Urban India, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Vol. XXVII, No. 1, pp. 18-44. ISSN 0970-9045.

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Woiwode, Christoph, 2002b, Urban Risks: New Issues in Urban Development Planning. Mainstreaming Risk Mitigation in Urban Development, in: TRIALOG No. 73/2, pp. 9-13.

Woiwode, Christoph, 2001, Katastrophenprävention in urbanen Siedlungsräumen: Local Knowledge, Bevölkerungsbeteiligung und Strategien einer langfristigen Stadtentwicklungsplanung in Indien [Disaster prevention in urban settlements: local knowledge, participation and strategies for long-term urban development in India], in: Planungsrundschau Nr. 02, pp. 1-9. http://www.asl.uni-kassel.de/~altrock/webauftritt/pr/planungsrundschau02/texte/cwkius.htm

Woiwode, Christoph und Lukas Born, 1999, Stadt- und Regionalplanung in Entwicklungsländern als selbstbestimmter Studienschwerpunkt – zu alten Ausnahmen und neuen Regeln am Institut für Stadt- und Regionalplanung der TU Berlin [Urban and regional planning in developing countries: commentary on the study focus at the Institute for Urban and Regional Planning at TU Berlin], in TRIALOG Nr. 62/3, pp. 36-38.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Rajan, S.C., Woiwode, C. (2023). Designing water policy in India as adaptive governance for sustainability. L. Philip , T. Pradeep and S. M. Bhallamudi (Editors). Technological Solutions for Water Sustainability: Challenges and Prospects – Towards a Water-secure India. IWA Publishing. https://doi.org/10.2166/9781789063714_0047

Woiwode, Christoph, Lisa Schneider, Erach Bharucha, Shamita Kumar, Jenny Lay-Kumar, Avinash Madhale, Sanskriti Menon, Petra Schweizer-Ries, Peter Volz, Kranti Yardi, Ulrike Zeshan (2022). Indo-German Cross-Cultural Collaboration: Sharing Experience and Co-creating Knowledge for Sustainable Urban Livelihoods Design. In: Melles G.B. (Ed.) Designing Social Innovation for Sustainable Livelihoods. Design Science and Innovation. Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-8452-4_6

Woiwode, Christoph and Olivia Bina (2021) Transdisciplinarity revisited: Transformative potential of lessons we might learn. In: Fokdal, J., Ojamäe, L., Bina, O., Chiles, P. and Paadam, K. (eds.) Enabling the City. Inter- and transdisciplinary Encounters. New York, London: Routledge, pp. 250 – 261.

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Human Development. Palgrave Mcmillan. ISBN: 978-981-13-3687-4. https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9789811336867

Woiwode, Christoph and Lalit Kishor Bhati, 2018, "Enabling transformative urban development for integral sustainability: a case for tapping the potential of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy in planning practice and theory" In: Leal Filho, Walter and Consorte-McCrea, Adriana (eds.) Handbook of Sustainability and Humanities. Cham, Switzerland: Springer. (peer reviewed)

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Woiwode, Christoph, 2016, "Chennai Floods 2015: A View from Cop 21 Paris Agreement Implementation in India", in: Southasiadisasters.net, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, Ahmedabad.

Woiwode, Christoph, 2016, The Chennai Floods 2015: Trapped in the Tragedy of the Commons? In: IGCS Bulletin 5 (1), pp. 10-13. Available from: http://www.igcs-chennai.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/IGCS-Bulletin-Vol-5-Issue-1-Jan-2016-2.pdf

Comparative book review (in German) about Justin Beaumont, Christopher Baker (Eds.). Postsecular Cities: Space, Theory and Practice. 276 p., ISBN 978-1-4411-4425-6. 2011. Continuum International Publishing, London and New York; and metroZones (Eds.). Urban Prayers: Neue religiöse Bewegungen in der globalen Stadt [New religious movements in the city]. 277 p., ISBN 978-3-935936-78-1. 2011. Assoziation A und metroZones, Hamburg und Berlin. In: TRIALOG 107 "Urban Development and Spirituality" , Issue IV/2010 (published 04/2012)

Woiwode, Christoph, 2008, Cities under climate threat: avenues for response. In: Southasiadisasters.net, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, Ahmedabad.

Woiwode, Christoph 2005. Involving Communities in Poverty Alleviation. Book review on "Empowering Squatter Citizen: Local Government, Civil Society and Urban Poverty Reduction" by Diana Mitlin and David Satterthwaite (editors), 2004, 313 pages, ISBN: 1-84407-101-4, in: Built Environment 31(3): 273.

Woiwode, Christoph, 2004, Ethics in Fieldwork: Connecting Theory with Practice. In: DPU News, No 47, p. 7.

Woiwode, Christoph, "Umjubelt wie ein indischer Filmstar" – Serie Praktika: Als Student der Stadtplanung in Ahmedabad. In: Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin, 23.7.1998.

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS & GUEST LECTURES

Convenor: 5th Indo-German Dialogue on Green (Urban) Practices on "Genus Loci – Locality matters: embedding sustainable transformation in local contexts". IGCS and F5Green Foundation, Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu, India, 13-15 Oct 2023

Invited speaker: presentation 1: Building on existing research IGCS-IITM ''Peri-Cene', presentation 2: Strategies for building resilient peri-urban livelihoods. Workshop on "Anchoring the Peripheries in Urban Research: entry points, methods and preliminary observations from Chennai", French Institute Pondicherry, India, 29-30 Sep 2023

Invited speaker: presentation 1: Potentials and Concepts of Adaptive Governance in Chennai, presentation 2: IMAGINE: People's inner drivers for climate change response. "National Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience". Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, India, 3-4 Sep 2023

Participated at Networking Event "Green Hydrogen Roundtable", organised by Indo-German Chamber of Commerce Chennai & GIZ India, 26th April 2023, Chennai, India

Invited Speaker and EU Delegate for "Urban Sustainability and Smart City Event" hosted by India-EU Urban Partnership Programme, talk on 'Potentials of Adaptive Capacity for River Rejuvenation in Chennai: A socio-ecological systems perspective", 17 -18 April 2023, Chennai

Presented research paper on "Identifying Entry Points for Adaptive Governance in Periurban Chennai (India): A multi-dimensional, multi-level, and multi-scalar approach", and was panellist in the Dialogue Session "Consolidating new Research in the Global South", 13th International Sustainability Transitions (IST) Conference 2022: "Sustainability Transitions in a Global Context", November 21-25, Stellenbosch – Melbourne – Washington DC

Invited Session Chair and Panellist at Closing Session, Screening of IGCS video documentary "Chennai – A Global South Metropolis in the Peri-Cene", at 21st N-AERUS (Network Association of European Research on Urbanization in the Global South) Conference "Transforming Role of State in Addressing Inclusive Urban Development", 27 -29 Oct 2022, Khulna Bangladesh

Co-hosted, organised, and conducted a multi-stakeholder workshop about Agro-ecology in Chennai, with Chennai Resilience Centre, 26 August 2022, as part of the Peri-Cene research project, funded by

IGCS

Co-hosted a Film Screening and Round Table showcasing IGCS video documentary "Chennai – A Global South Metropolis in the Peri-Cene" with Peri-Cene Research Team, at International conference: CHALLENGES TO DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENT HABITAT, At the CENTRE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT STUDIES, New Delhi April 5-6, 2022

Invited Panellist, "Rethinking Nature-based Solutions in Cities", 29 Sep 2021, Symposium "Plan OK Please 2021 – Cities and Pandemics: Rethinking Urban Morphology", convened by GIZ India and CEPT University and Research & Development Foundation, online event

Invited Panellist, "Addressing Climate Risks through Planning in Growing Cities", 9 Oct 2020, hosted by United Nations University Bonn, organised by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, https://daringcities.org/program/minimizing-climate-risks-through-comprehensive-planning-reducing-exposure-and-vulnerability-in-urbanizing-cities/

Webinar series "The City and Its Regions", co-convenor with Lalit Kishore Bhati, four sessions Webinar Session 1: Rurban Mission, Auroville Bioregional Activities & PVAC Regional Plan (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsiek0NeYP8&autoplay=1&mute=0), Webinar Session 2: Innovations in Smart City and Regional Planning in India (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeyG9N6eDCA), Webinar Session 3: The Synergistics of the Periurban: Chennai and Manchester in the Pericene (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3do3_19-k4), Webinar Session 4: Regional Perspectives and Practices (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vASCj14ABCM)

Webinar talk, with Lalit Kishore Bhati, "Inner Transformation for Sustainable Urban Futures: Need for a New Paradigm", 25 June 2020, 4:00-5:30pm

Invited guest lecture, "We are all humming birds: The Inner Dimensions of Sustainability Transformations", Krea University, 25 Nov 2019, https://www.krea.edu.in/news/talk-on-the-inner-dimensions-of-sustainability-transformation.html

Invited speaker and panellist, "Inner Transformations for 21st Century Futures: the Missing Dimension in Higher Education", International Conference INTREPID Knowledge, Lisbon, Portugal, 27-29 March 2019

"Building and Strengthening a Researcher-Practitioner Network for Inner Transitions to Sustainability" (co-convenor with Stella Veciana, Petra Schweitzer-Ries, Christine Wamsler, Iris Kunze), two panel/dialogue sessions, Leverage Points 2019 – International Conference on Sustainability Research and Transformation, Leuphana University, Germany, 6-8 February 2019

"We are all humming birds": Individual and collective transformations towards sustainable lifestyles and consumption in urban India (Bangalore and Chennai), with Sathish Selvakumar, paper presented at International Sustainability Transitions Conference, June 12-14, 2018, Manchester, UK

"Greening Minds, Values and Practices in Urban India: Transformations towards sustainable lifestyles and consumption", presentation at Dortmund Conference on Spatial Planning and Planning Research, 5-6 Feb 2018, Dortmund, Germany

"Enabling transformative Urban Development for Integral Sustainability: A case for tapping the potential of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy in planning practice and theory" (with L.K. Bhati), paper presented at Symposium on Sustainability and Humanities: linking social values, theology and spirituality towards sustainability, Canterbury Christ Church University, UK, 8th November 2017

"Narratives of Sustainable Indian Urbanism: The logics of global and local knowledge mobilities", invited speaker, Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS) inauguration, Symposium on "Sustainability: Issues and Challenges", IIT Madras, 1 Nov 2017, Chennai, India

Co-convenor "Exploring the Role of 'Inner Change' in Sustainability Transition", video presentation at dialogue session at International Sustainability Transitions Conference 2017, 19 June 2017, Gothenburg, Sweden

Co-convener (with Wuppertal Institute and Heinrich Boell-Foundation) "Indo-German Dialogue on Green Urban Practices: Social innovation and change agents towards sustainable lifestyles and consumption", 9-11 March 2017, Chennai, India

"Industrialisation and the politics of land governance in peri-urban Chennai: the case of Sriperumbudur", with Tobias Kuttler, "Conference on Peri-urban Development: Concepts, Emerging Ideas and Notions of Sustainability", 27-28 Jan 2017, Chennai, India

Conference co-convener "Conference on Peri-urban Development: Concepts, Emerging Ideas and

Notions of Sustainability", 27-28 Jan 2017, Chennai, India

Co-convener (with GIZ German International Development Agency) and moderator, "Integrated urban planning for resilient cities: how cities can cope with the challenges of urbanization and climate change", networking event, UN-Habitat III Conference, 20th Oct 2016, Quito, Ecuador

"Perspectives on and Learnings from Flooding", presentation and workshop delivered at Chennai Water Forum, organized by Goethe Institute Chennai, 6 Oct 2016

"Working with Water in Peri-urban Chennai: Potentials and Opportunities for Flood Risk Management and Water Governance", Indo-German Dialogue on Sustainable Water Resources Management, 3-4 Oct 2016, German House for Research and Innovation, New Delhi

Invited speaker, presentation "Creating the peri-urban and its futures: the case of Sriperumbudur" and co-convener Session: "For a future sustainable peri-urban India", German House for Research and Innovation (DWIH) "Cityscapes Conference", 29th Sep to 1st Oct 2016, New Delhi, India

Co-convener (with Olivia Bina, Eva Dick), "Inner Transitions: The Role of Religion, Spirituality, Consciousness and the Self in Urban Sustainable Pathways", Dialogue Session, 7th International Sustainability Transitions Conference 2016: Exploring Transition Research as Transformative Science, 6th – 9th September 2016, Wuppertal, Germany

"Urban Governance and Smart Cities in India", invited speaker, Indo-German Symposium on "Smart Cities: Challenges & Opportunities", Berlin, Germany, 27-29 April 2016.

Co-convenor "Beyond Disasters in Chennai – Risk Management and Sustainable Urban Development", Indo-German workshop in collaboration with German Consulate General Chennai, 7-9 April 2016, Chennai, India

"Urban Research at the Indo-German Centre for Sustainability", invited speaker, Symposium "Needs of Sustainable Cities" at 12th "Stuttgart meets Mumbai" Meeting, Mumbai, India, 22-24 Jan. 2016.

"Institutional Iissues of Water and Land in peri-urban Chennai: the Case of Sriperumbudur, presentation at Workshop on "Sustainable Water Resources Management: Perspectives from Europe and South Asia", German House for Research and Innovation New Delhi, India, 28 – 29 September 2015.

"Peri-urban Dynamics and Sustainability in Chennai: The Case of Sriperumbudur", presentation at 16th N-AERUS Conference, Dortmund, Germany, 19 – 21 Nov. 2015.

"Sustainability and Lifestyle Changes", with Franziska Steinbruch, invited talk at "Eco-Club", SRM University Chennai, India, 12 August 2015.

"Urban Research at the Indo-German Centre for Sustainability", guest lecture, 16 June 2015, Faculty of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund University, Germany.

"Climate Change responsive Urban Planning: discovering the significance of interiority for sustainable urban development", invited keynote speaker at International Conference on 'Climate Change and the Developing World', 21-25 January 2015, Kottayam, Kerala.

"Practical Spirituality and the Contemporary City: Awakening the transformative Power for Sustainable Living", International Conference "Urban Futures-Squaring Circles: Europe, China and the World in 2050", 10-11 Oct. 2014 , Lisbon, Portugal

"Challenges of Urbanisation and Urban Planning: the Quest for Interiority", Workshop "New Horizons of Town Planning, Sustainable Cities and the Good Life", invited speaker, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, 11 April 2014.

"Framework and Challenges of Spatial Planning in Germany", guest lecture, TERI University, New Delhi, 7 April 2014.

"Urbanization, Planning and Spirituality for a Sustainable World", with Sathish Selvakumar, paper for the 8th All India Students' Conference on Science and Spiritual Quest, 1-2 February 2014, IIT Benares Hindu University, Varanasi.

"Practical Spirituality and the Contemporary City: Awakening the transformative Power for Sustainable Living", Centre for International Research on Human Unity and Pavilion of Germany, Auroville, India, 14 Dec. 2013

Invited panel speaker for "National level dialogue: Transdisciplinary research on agrobiodiversity and land use change - "Cultivating Diversity", Chennai, 2-4 September, 2013.

"Social Urban Transformations for Sustainable Living: Integrating inner and outer dimensions of climate change response", Guest Lecture, TU Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning, Dortmund, 12 July 2013.

"Transcendence and Spirituality: Human Needs of an Urban Species?", paper presented at 12th N-AERUS Conference 2011 "The City at a Human Scale", Madrid, 20-22 October 2011.

"Conceptual Issues of Urban Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Approaches", Guest Lecture, University of the Philippines, School of Urban and Regional Planning, 21 September 2011.

"Exploring New Horizons: Climate Change, Urban Development and Spirituality", paper presented at 3rd World Planning Schools Congress 2011, 4-8 July, Perth (WA), in: University of Western Australia (ed.), Planning's Future – Futures Planning: Planning in an Era of Global (Un)Certainty and Transformation, Conference Proceedings, ISBN: 978-1-74052-237-3 (CD), 23 pages.

"Urbanisation and Development in the Face of Climate Change: A Transdisciplinary Lens", Global Young Faculty, International Conference "Our Common Future", Hannover/Essen, 2-6 November 2010.

"Increasing Urban Resilience: Towards an Integral Perspective of Climate Change Response", International Planning Conference on "Challenges for Urban Development in Iraq: Historical Heritage – Climate Change", Dohuk, Iraq, 2-5 October 2010.

"An Integral Perspective on Urban Climate Change", Guest Lecture, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, Portugal, 9 September 2010.

"Risk Governance and Communication in a Megacity of Tomorrow: the Case of Ahmedabad, India", International Conference on "Risk, Vulnerability and Sustainable Development", Leipzig, 7-9 September 2009.