



Rails and urban development

UNITED KINGDOM / FRANCE
A comparative approach

2nd Seminar
29 & 30 November 2012
University of Liverpool



Two seminars about Rails & urban development

In many countries, the challenges of sustainable urban development along with preoccupations about energy costs, are leading developers and urban planners to place rail transport at the centre of their concerns.

During 2012 members of the French and British Planning Studies Group based at the University of Liverpool and University of Paris 1 – Sorbonne have been collaborating on hosting two seminars dedicated to the theme of rail transport and urban development. The intention has been to bring together academics with practitioners and also incorporate visits to view rail investments 'on the ground'.

The first event took place in Paris in May 2012 and addressed light rail development in Europe with a particular focus on the situation in the UK and France. Réseau Ferré de France, SNCF, and French regional authorities contributed to the programme as well as UK and French academics.

The second seminar will take place in Liverpool on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 November 2012 and consider heavy rail as a means of serving urban development in metropolitan areas.

The programme for the Liverpool seminar will feature a first day of presentations and discussion at the University of Liverpool, bringing together academics from the UK and France with an expertise in urban rail development, and French and British practitioners who have experience of working on urban rail strategy and development. The second day will commence with a morning field visit to view recent heavy urban rail investments in the Liverpool City Region and conclude in the afternoon with a final series of presentations and discussions.

This second seminar is being kindly supported by **Town Planning Review***, **the Association of European Schools of Planning****, **the Franco-British Council***** and **Cass Associates******.

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Location: Seminar Room 3, University of Liverpool Management School, Liverpool, L69 7ZH.

09.00 Registration

Workshop 1 / (09.30-11.45)

The long view on railway networks and urban development

- 09.30 **Etienne Auphan (Paris IV Sorbonne):** The Railway Heritage of France - a valued legacy or a squandered resource?
- 10.00 **Angela Connelly (University of Manchester):** The Railway Heritage of Liverpool and Manchester – pioneers of urban and interurban rail.

10.30-10.45 Tea Break

- 10.45 **Xavier Desjardins (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UMR Géographie Cités, CRIA):** Has the Evolution of rail accessibility in the Ile-de-France region between 1975 and 2012 contributed to a reduction in social disparities?
- 11.15 **Michael Hebbert (Bartlett School of Planning at University College London):** The 'Crossrail' Project – towards a real 'Réseau Express Régional' (RER) for London?

11.45-12.00 Discussion

12.00-13.30 – Lunch

Workshop 2 / (13.30 – 16.15)

Urban Policy and the management of networks : the articulation of actors and strategies

- 13.30 **Juliette Maulat (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UMR Géographie-Cités, CRIA, RFF) :** Corridor contracts in France: a pragmatic tool to coordinate urban planning and regional railway transport projects ?
- 14.00 **Caroline Gallez (IFSTTAR, LVMT):** Territorial development contracts: multiscale negotiation of the link between public transport and urban planning in the Greater Paris Region.

14.30-14.45 Tea Break

- 14.45 **Richard Cass and Gary Williams (Cass Associates):** The potential for development around nodes on the Merseyrail network.
- 15.15 **Antoine Brès (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UMR Géographie Cités, CRIA):** Train stations in areas of low density and scattered urbanisation: a specific rail oriented development.

15.45-16.15 Discussion

16.15-16.30 Introduction to the mobile workshop

16.45-17.45 Meeting of the French and British Planning Study Group

Mobile workshop / (09.30-12.45)

The Merseyrail Network a guided visit

- 08.30 **Introduction to Merseytravel and the Merseyrail network** – Philip Halewood (Merseytravel)
Location: The Barrier Building, Liverpool Lime Street Station, Liverpool, L1 1JD.
- 09.45 **Visit to Central Station** – Sam Olorenshaw (Head of Property and Programme Management, Merseyrail) & Andy Morgan (Network Rail)
Location: Liverpool Central Station, Ranelagh Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, L1 1JT.
- 10.28 **Travel by train to the Liverpool South Parkway Station**
- 10.45 **Visit of Liverpool South Parkway Integrated Transport Hub**
- 11.38 **Travel by train to St. Michaels Station**
- 11.45 **Tour of area surrounding St. Michaels station** – Richard Cass and Gary Williams (Cass Associates)
- 12.31 **Return travel** by train to city centre

Workshop 4 / (14.00 - 16.30)

Transformations of the rail system and impacts on the coherence of planning and the rail network

- 14.00 **Etienne Riot (Ifstarr, LVMT):** Planning for major stations – the cases of London and Paris.
- 14.30 **Chia-Lin Chen, (Bartlett School of Planning at University College London):** Contrasting linkages between urban and high speed rail networks in France and England – the cases of Lille and Manchester.
- 15.00 -15.15 – Tea break*
- 15.15 **David Thrower (Independent transport consultant):** Developing rail services in the north of England.
- 15.45 **Ian Wray (University of Liverpool):** Liverpool to Manchester and beyond: the potential and opportunity for rail led regeneration on a northern electric spine.
- 16.15-16.30 – **Summation of the proceedings and close of seminar**

Registration

Registration is free but numbers are limited on a first come, first served basis.

**For further information and to register contact:
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