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Main teaching activities: Urban Planning, Urban Regeneration, Comparative Planning.

Research interests/profile: Main research interests lie in the application of urban economic and planning theory to aspects of urban planning and regeneration, particularly in a European comparative context; also the study of urban change and policy in the Liverpool area.

Recent research/consultancy projects:

2001, I led a small team commissioned by the Merseyside Health Action Zone to evaluate and report on 'Safe & Warm at Home', an innovative housing improvement programme (£14,400).

2002, I evaluated the 'Dawn Patrol Scheme' on behalf of the St Helens Health Improvement Programme (£2,500).

2002-6, I was part of a pan-European team that won 1.5 million euros (JMU share = 126,000 euros) under the European Commission Framework V Research Fund, for a project led by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, entitled 'Urban Sprawl in Europe' (acronym: Urbs Pandens).

2004, I was commissioned by White Young Green to develop a methodology for assessing the need to review the Merseyside Green Belt (£6,000 approx).

2009-12, I am part of a pan-European team that has won 2.0 million euros under the European Commission Framework VI Research Fund, for a project led by the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Leipzig (Germany), and entitled 'Governance of Shrinkage within a European Context' (acronym: Shrink Smart).

Recent Publications:

Couch C, Fraser C & Percy S (Eds), 2003, *Urban Regeneration in Europe*, Blackwell, Oxford (200pp)

Couch C & Karecha J, 2003, Theories and measurement of urban sprawl and a case study of Liverpool, in *Urban Sprawl in Europe*, Bergstrom I (Editor), Boverket / The Swedish Urban Environment Council, Karlskrona

Couch C, 2003, *City of Change and Challenge: Urban Planning and Regeneration in Liverpool*, Aldershot, Ashgate (220pp)

Couch C, Karecha J, Nuissl H & Rink D, 2005 Decline and sprawl: an evolving type of urban development observed in Liverpool and Leipzig, *European Planning Studies*, Vol 13. No.1. pp117-136

Couch C & Karecha J, 2006, Controlling urban sprawl: some experiences from Liverpool, *Cities*, Vol 23, No.5, pp 353-363

Couch C, Leontidou L & Petschel-Held G (Eds), 2007, *Urban Sprawl in Europe: Landscapes, Land-use Change & Policy*, Oxford, Blackwell

Couch C & Sykes O, 2008, Thirty years of urban regeneration in France, Germany and Britain. Part 1: spatial, institutional and urban context, *Town & Country Planning*, pp1 187-192, April 2008

Fischer T & Couch C, 2008, *Wohnraumsanierung, Stadterneuerung und private Bauwirtschaft in England*, 43 Sitzung des URBAN Netzwerks, 29-30.05.2008

Sykes O & Couch C, 2008, Thirty years of urban regeneration in France, Germany and Britain. Part 2: evolution of policy and initiatives, *Town & Country Planning*, pp1 280-291, June 2008

Couch C, Karecha J & Fowles S, 2008, *Urban Sprawl and Housing Regeneration: the case of Liverpool*. Paper to European Network of Housing Researchers Conference, 7-9 July, UCD Dublin,

Couch C & Pichler-Milanovic N, 2008, *Housing, Cultures of (Anti) Urbanism and Hybrid Cityscapes*, Invited Keynote Plenary presentation to European Network of Housing Researchers Conference, 7-9 July, UCD Dublin,

Couch C, 2008, Housing renewal and the community in a shrinking city, *Town Planning Review*, 79, 6: 695-703.

Couch C, Fowles S & Karecha J, 2009. Reurbanisation and housing markets in the central and inner areas of Liverpool, *Planning Practice & Research*, 24, 3: 321-341

Couch C & Cocks M, 2009, *Shrinking democracy at the local level: some experience of urban regeneration in Britain*. Invited paper to Conference of German Geographers, 22 September 2009, University of Vienna

Couch C and Cocks M, 2010, *Shrinking Cities: A Case Study of Liverpool, within a European Context*, Paper to 'Cities and International Development' track, Planning Research Conference, Chelmsford 7-9 April 2010

Rink D, Haase A, Bernt M, Couch C and Cocks M, 2010, *Shrinking Cities: Consequences for Housing and Housing Vacancy in Leipzig and Liverpool*, Paper presented to 24th Aesop Conference, 7-10th July 2010, Helsinki, Finland

Couch C, Cocks M, Rink D, Bernt M and Haase A, 2010, *Shrinking Cities and their Choices for Strategic Planning: A Comparison between Liverpool and Leipzig within a European Context*, presentation to EURA conference "Understanding City Dynamics", Darmstadt, 24-26 September 2010

Couch C and Cocks M, 2011, Underrated Localism in Urban Regeneration: The Case of Liverpool, a Shrinking City, *Journal of Urban Regeneration and Renewal*, 4, 3: 279-292

Couch C, Sykes O and Börstinghaus W, 2011. Thirty years of regeneration in Britain, Germany and France: the importance of context, *Progress in Planning* 75, 1: 1-52

Rink D, Haase A, Grossmann K, Couch C and Cocks M, forthcoming, From long-term shrinkage to re-growth? A comparative study of urban development trajectories of Liverpool and Leipzig, *Built Environment*

Cocks M and Couch C, in submission, The Governance of a Shrinking City: Housing Renewal in the Liverpool Conurbation, UK, *International Planning Studies*

Couch C and Cocks M, in submission, Housing vacancy and the shrinking city: trends and policies in the city of Liverpool, *Housing Studies*

Other recent activities:

- Supervising PhD students (DoS for 1; supervision team member for 3 others)
- Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Partnership Panel member; Chair of RTPI Partnership Board for Leeds Metropolitan University; Chair of RTPI Accreditation Boards for University College Cork and University of Ulster.
- Chair of Judging Panel, RTPI National Planning Awards, 2010.
- External Examiner: Kingston University; University of the West of England.
- External PhD examiner at various UK and European universities.
- Various internal PhD supervisions and examinations.
- Fractional teaching appointment at Liverpool University

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