

# Re-naturing Cities: Theories, Strategies and Methodologies

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**We are now inviting Early Career Researchers from the UK and Brazil to apply to attend this workshop. All travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Newton Fund Researcher Links programme. The deadline for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.**

## Summary

The main aim of this workshop is to explore novel theories, strategies and methods for re-naturing cities. There is today strong interest in the theme, since 'naturalising' cities can help address multiple global societal challenges and generate benefits, such as the enhancement of health and well-being, sustainable urbanisation, ecosystems and their services and resilience to climate change. Approximately 40 academics from the UK and Brazil, most of which will be early career researchers, will participate in this four-day workshop. This initiative is a partnership between the University of Portsmouth and the Universidade Federal de Goiás.

The workshop will enable researchers to learn from best practice, critically analyse benefits and pitfalls of case studies, and advance current theoretical and empirical knowledge. The workshop will also offer valuable insight on how academics, planners and policymakers can apply this knowledge to their cities and regions.

## Objectives

- To foster academic collaborations in the field between the UK and Brazil;
- To act as a forum for a transnational synthesis of knowledge on theories, methods and strategies for re-naturing cities taking into consideration distinct socio-economic and environmental scenarios;
- To co-develop strategies able to inform national debates leading to short-medium term socio-economic development; and
- To contribute to capacity building of early career researchers (ECRs) in the related fields.

## Tentative programme

The activities proposed are participatory and were organised around 4 identified categories: research, professional development, synthesis and application. The research activities include keynote speeches from the coordinators and participatory research sessions when ECRs will present and discuss their work. The development sessions are expected to focus on publishing, research methods, networking and opportunities for research collaborations between the UK and Brazil. Synthesis and application activities will follow involving a variety of stakeholders.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Applications must be submitted using the online application form by **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**
- Participants must be Early Career Researchers: Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience) and having up to 10 years post-PhD research experience. They are equivalent to the 'Recognised Researcher' and sometimes 'Experienced Researcher' categories in the EU framework for researchers' careers. PhD students who are at least in their third year may be eligible should places be available.
- Participants must have a research or academic position (a permanent post, research contract, or fellowship etc) at a recognised research institution either in the UK or in Brazil.
- Please note that participants are expected to attend all sessions of the workshop.

To apply please visit [www.port.ac.uk/renaturingcities](http://www.port.ac.uk/renaturingcities) to fill in and submit the online application form before **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**.

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