



The young academics of PLPR assembled for the PhD roundtable during the 2010 conference, chaired by **Dr. Thomas Hartmann**. The aim of the session was to get in touch, learn from each other and help each other. In this manner, the 20 PhD students virtually conducted a PhD speed dating. The participants explained each other the three conclusions of the own thesis in a short talk, which Americans call the "elevator talk". Afterwards, all participants of that particular session split of in four groups, each creating a word cloud of keywords – "social justice", "real estate", "legislation" and "stakeholders". These posters reflect the concerns of PhD topics within PLPR on one hand, on the other hand the roundtable showed that all PhD students within the association have common issues to research about. This is a result that encourages future PhD activities of PLPR.



PhD roundtable



Roundtable of Professor Rachelle Alterman



Professor Rachelle Alterman

The founding president of PLPR, **Professor Rachelle Alterman**, chaired a roundtable on land use regulations and compensation rights. She presented her new book on this topic. It has been explored in a discussion to what extent systematic comparative research can indeed be valuable for cross-learning about alternative legal norms and their policy implications.

**Professor Harvey M. Jacobs**, and **Professor Ali Madanipour** delivered inspiring keynote speeches at the end of the conference. „Shaping the Property Rights Debate in the U.S. and Europe: The influence of Neo-liberal Advocacy Organizations“ was the topic of the keynote speech from Professor Harvey M. Jacobs. He spoke about the causal relationship between advocacy and changing policy discourse on property rights and planning. By reflecting on the history of property rights movements in the USA and analyzing the network of conservative policy advocacy organizations, he showed that such advocacy has a substantial influence in the USA and Europe. Professor Ali Madanipour spoke about „Social exclusion and inclusive public space“. By using impressive images he explained „why public spaces have become a subject

of debate and contest“ and he showed that they „have become exclusive spaces for the better off“. He completed his speech by giving a perspective and discussing the dimensions and implications of making accessible planers through inclusive processes. Moderated by Professor Benjamin Davy, Professor Jacobs and Professor Madanipour had a discussion on their topics with the audience. In this manner, the keynote speeches successfully completed a conference full of innovative, fruitful, and sometimes controversial discussions.



Participants in Dortmund

In the end of the conference, the general assembly of PLPR elected their new executive committee. **Leonie Janssen-Jansen**, **Ben Davy**, **Thomas Hartmann** and **Michelle Oren** form the new committee.

Finally, the conference in Dortmund showed how the PLPR association bridges gaps between different disciplines and generates new and inspiring research ideas about pressing as well as controversial topics.

The Local Host Committee, **Ben Davy**, **Thomas Hartmann**, **Heinz Kobs**, **Kathrina Schmidt** and **Gabi Zimmermann** passed the traditional PLPR flag over to **Eran Kaplinsky**, who is the representative of the Local Host Committee in 2011 organizing the next conference at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. Information on the conference will be posted at the homepage of PLPR (<http://planning-law.socsci.uva.nl/>).



Traditional flag ceremony

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