The planning community is still trying to come to terms with the rational and functional project of modernist planning. Both theory and practice are revisiting the tools, aims and knowledge of urban planning. To address these issues planning studies are increasingly drawing upon concepts and methodologies of science and technology studies (STS). At this intersection, theoretical and empirical approaches have underlined the complexity and uncertainty in the object of planning, and have brought into focus the relation between planning practices, techniques, expertise and politics. Also in the field of STS and urban studies, the notion of planning as a technocratic and a rational exercise has been challenged. Where STS has turned to the city and its planning in order to examine the relationship between technologies, knowledge and power, urban studies has looked at the city not as a stable and bounded entity but as an object that is continuously made through diverse and situated practices.

The workshop aims at discussing and further developing conceptual, methodological and practical aspects of STS approaches to the planning and making of cities. Particularly inviting theoretical and empirical contributions, the workshop aims:

1. To consider cities not as the backdrop but as the object of science and technology in urban planning research. That is, to study how knowledges and technologies such as planning ideas, instruments and procedures come to frame and are being framed by the city.

2. To focus on the specific sites and practices that relate planning knowledge and practice. In particular to find out empirically how urban planning is a technical or political exercise legitimized in participatory and expert driven planning processes, and how diverse actors mediate planning intervention.

3. To explore the ways STS approaches can be productive in planning research and practice. It is interested in how STS concepts retain and gain an analytical and methodological edge among comparative and normative planning studies.

Organization
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Registration
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**Tuesday 20 January 2015**

- **City Tour Zurich**
  - Guided by Oliver Zenklusen
  - Meeting point: Brasserie Bernoulli, Hardturmstrasse 261

**Wednesday 21 January 2015**

- **Opening**
  - Monika Kurath, Jean Ruegg
  - Mattias Kärrholm

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  - Monika Kurath, Jean Ruegg
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  - Discussants: Ignacio Farias and Jonathan Metzger

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**Parallel sessions Friday**

- **5. Planning Discourses and Infrastructures**
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- **6. Planning Knowledges and Controversies**
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