

SOUTHAMPTON CITY CENTRE CONFERENCE

THE CHALLENGE FOR COMPETITIVE CITIES

SPEAKER DETAILS

Jonathan Glancey, Architecture and Design Editor, *The Guardian*

Jonathan Glancey is Architecture and Design Editor of the Guardian, a post originally created for him at The Independent. A frequent TV and radio broadcaster, he is the author of *The Story of Architecture*, *C20th Architecture*, London: Bread and Circuses, a polemic on urban design, and the up and coming *Eyewitness Guide to World Architecture* (May 2006). He is currently writing a biography of the Spitfire (October 2006), designed and built in Southampton. He is a Hon Fellow of the RIBA, an FRSA, FRGS, pilot and steam locomotive driver.

Tracey Kornblatt, Centre for Cities, Institute of Public Policy Research

Tracy Kornblatt is an Economist at the Centre for Cities within the Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr). Previously, Tracy was a researcher at the Brookings Institution and the Committee for Economic Development, both in Washington, D.C. Her work has included enterprise in deprived areas, US-UK urban policy lessons, local development responses to expanding globalization, and Olympic Games as development catalysts. Tracy holds degrees from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and the London School of Economics

Sally Lynskey, Chief Executive, Business Southampton

The recently appointed CEO of Business Southampton is nationally recognised as a leading female entrepreneur, and she was awarded Wessex Business Woman of the Year in 2002. Her 15 year track record in sales and marketing includes regional sales and National Account management for FTSE 100 firms together with marketing and business development from scratch in a start-up composites manufacturing SME, based in Cowes on the Isle of Wight, where she was responsible for increasing turnover from £140,000 to £1.3m in three years.

Sally also had the initial vision for; then set up and coordinated the Cowes Marine Cluster, (www.cowesmarinecluster.com) a supply chain group of close to 100 marine related firms who are now actively collaborating on various initiatives to compete efficiently in a global market. The Cowes Marine Cluster was a SEEDA funded project which Sally founded and directed through her own consultancy and project management business. Cowes Marine Cluster became a flagship cluster project for SEEDA.

Simon Quin, Chief Executive, Association of Town Centre Management

Simon is Chief Executive of the Association of Town Centre Management, Europe's largest town centre-focused research, advocacy and membership services organisation. Simon has 10 years' experience in town centre management, initially in Romford and then for more than 5 years in Reading. He previously worked in economic development and was project manager and co-author of the influential *Vital and Viable Town Centres: Meeting the Challenge* report for the UK Government in 1994. Before that he worked in the City of London and he has a degree in law from the University of Oxford. He is a board member of the Home Office-funded Action Against Business Crime and the Washington DC-based International Downtown Association.

Mike Rawlinson, Design Director, City ID Ltd

Mike is the founding director of City ID and has extensive experience working on master planning, streetscape design, city identity, legibility and wayfinding projects in some of the UK's major cities including London, Bristol, Sheffield and Newcastle.

Mike led the team that developed the internationally acclaimed Legible Cities concept that is currently being developed in a number of cities in Europe, having been pioneered in Bristol. Mike is an expert advisor to the British Standards Institute (BSI) on wayfinding in cities, a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and member of the Urban Design Group, the Sign Design Society and the International Institute for Information Designers.

Kathy Slack, Area Director (Hampshire and IOW) South East England Development Agency

Kathy Slack is SEEDA's Area Director for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, a job she has held since 2003. Kathy is responsible for providing a strategic lead to deliver SEEDA's Regional Economic Strategy in conjunction with sub-regional priorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. She also oversees the successful implementation of the Area Investments Framework in Southampton, the Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth and South East Hampshire together with ensuring effective delivery of Single Regeneration Programmes (within priority areas for regeneration) and scoping out the needs of non-AIF areas within Hampshire.

Kathy was Learning Policy Manager at the Government Office of the South East before joining SEEDA and has been directly involved with TECs, Business Links and the Careers Service. She was the Employment Services Area Manager, for Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire and in the 1980's was involved in the development of employment policy at the Department of Employment (DFES now).

Dr Christian Schmidt, project leader for the European Cities Regain Identity and Image project

Christian Schmidt studied Biology and Chemistry in Cologne and Kiel and started career 1980 with 12 years scientific research in the fields of artificial drinking water techniques, development of bioassays and groundwater microbiology. From 1985 - 1992 he gave lectures at the University of Essen (water resources management and limnochemistry). From 1991 till 2004 he worked as head of the directorate for environment, health and consumer protection of the City of Hagen, also as general manager of Hagen waste company. From 2004 on he is the permanent representative of the Lord Mayor of Hagen and head of the department of social affairs, education and sports. Since 1999 Dr. Schmidt also works as general manager of the Hagen economic development company.

Councillor Adrian Vinson, Leader of Southampton City Council

Councillor Adrian Vinson, a Liberal Democrat, has been the Leader of Southampton City Council since May 2003. He oversees an organisation employing some 8,000 people with an annual gross budget of over £400m.

Adrian was appointed to teach Modern History at Southampton University in 1966, which he did up to his retirement in 2002. He specialised in the history of unemployment and welfare, and has published articles on the economic and social history of Southampton between the two world wars.

He was first elected as a Hampshire County Councillor for Portswood in 1983. He held several posts on the County Council, including Chairman of the Social Services Committee from 1993 to 1997. In 1996 he became a Southampton City Councillor and became Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on the Council in 1998.

As Leader of the City Council Adrian has a particular responsibility for economic development issues and major city projects. He is also the City Council's Design Champion. Adrian is a member of the Board of the Arts Council England, South East, and Vice Chair of Southampton Partnership (the City's LSP) and of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire.

Steve Power, Wave 105fm

Steve popular breakfast show presenter for Wave 105fm, winners of Commercial Radio Station of the Year in 2004, will be the host for the Conference. Steve has been part of a Sony Radio Gold Award team for the 1st National Music Day as well as presenting the Genesis Prince's Trust concert for the commercial radio network and runs his own media training company.