

Propositions accompanying the thesis

Transforming urban climate governance

Capacities for transformative climate governance

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1. To achieve societal transformations towards sustainability and resilience, all people within political and societal systems have to reflect on and (re-)define future-oriented values and visions.
2. Climate change mitigation and adaptation need to be positioned within urban transformations towards sustainability and resilience (*this thesis*).
3. Technological and economic progress alone will not solve contemporary sustainability problems, which require fundamental change of values, behaviours and institutions.
4. So far urban climate governance efforts are insufficient to address climate change and create stepping stones for urban sustainability and resilience transformations (*this thesis*).
5. Enabling transformative climate governance requires the development of new governance capacities (*this thesis*).
6. There is a need to decisively embed the new visions, collaborations and approaches in urban governance institutions (*this thesis*).
7. Investing in the capacities for transformative climate governance in cities will eventually transform existing urban governance towards collaborative, learning-based, integrative and inclusive approaches (*this thesis*).
8. Political education and political culture are critical conditions for making democracy and governance work effectively for desirable transformations.
9. The normativity underlying any political, societal and scientific decision and action needs to be made explicit to unveil the underlying political struggles.
10. Energy flows where attention goes: policy, societal, scientific and media attention needs to shift from highlighting controversial problems towards opening space for dialogue and exploiting opportunities.
11. There is no such thing as failure when there is learning, but failure to change will be fatal.