

Welcome to the conference of the Foundation for Urbanism

**A biannual conference for the
dissemination of best-practises from
the best cities of the world**

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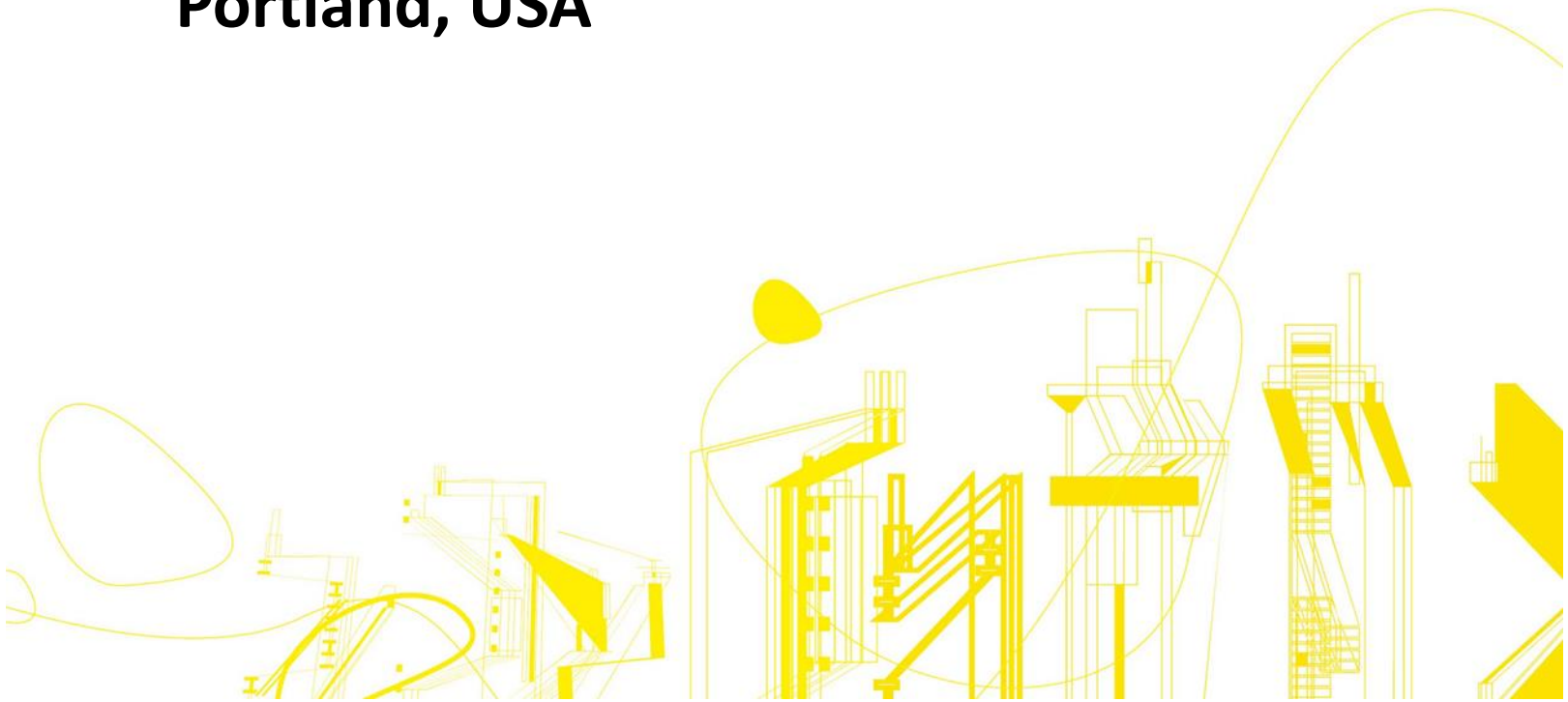
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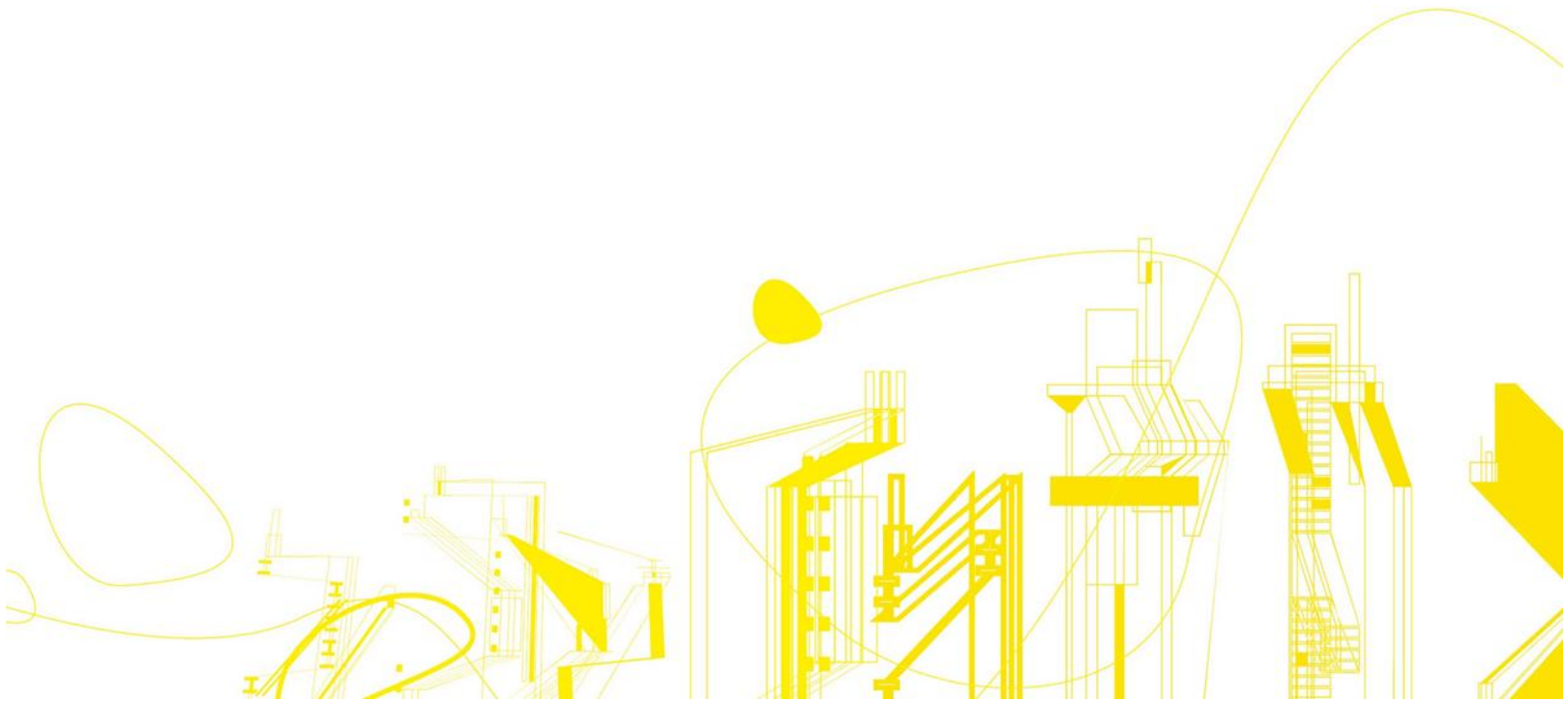


**THE BEST CITIES OF THE WORLD
COURSE AND EXCURSION NR 3:**

Portland, USA



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1. ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Established when the Association of Finnish Cities was merged together with the other associations of Finnish local authorities and AFLRA was born 1993.

According to the rules: “The objective of the foundation is to support, develop and pay attention to the urban way of living, it’s importance and positive effect on Finnish society”

Now The Foundation for Urbanism is amalgamated together with Suomen Kuntasäätiö.

The objective to promote urbanism is preserved in the new context:

<http://kuntasaatio.fi/>



2. OUR WIEV ON URBANISM

Can the city that is good to live for its inhabitants, socially inclusive and fairly equal and environmentally sustainable, can this kind of a city also prove to be competitive and capable to constantly renewing economy?

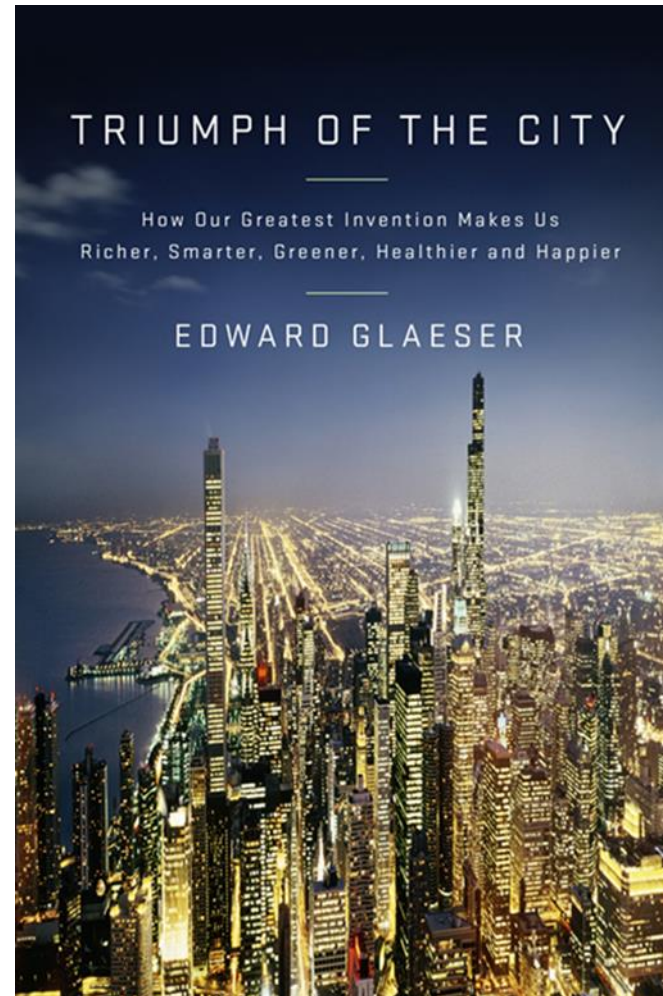
In an urban environment it is typical that functions locating nearby each other also externally benefit each other. It is a known fact that productivity in urban centers is higher than in sparsely populated areas.

A good city functions by nature as an enterprise incubator!



2. OUR VIEW ON URBANISM

As one point of reference
considering
our view on urbanism can be:
Edward Glaeser (2011)
Triumph of the city,
How Our Greatest Invention
Makes Us
Richer, Smarter, Greener
Healthier, and Happier.



3. OUR MODE OF OPERATION – Excursion, course and conference

The best cities of the world is a combination of excursion and a course. The participants are invited. They must represent urban knowledge , expertise and potential to disseminate new lessons to learn to Finland.

We are not the first to apply this kind of a method:

Seattle International Study Mission Program

<http://www.seattletradealliance.com/events/missions-ism.php>

We have an experienced facilitator to support our learning and reporting, Aalto University School of Engineering, Land Use Planning and Urban Studies

The lessons to learn are collected to a research report. The report is published in a conference where the best practices are introduced to the Finnish audience.

Also some key note speakers are invited. Now professor Tassilo Herrschel form the Westminster University, London.

WELCOME!

