

suburbia 2.0 – how urban voids help to retrofit the suburb

Suburbia faces a big turn. Demographic change, generation change and necessary energy-efficient retrofit of buildings will cause a fundamental transformation of suburban areas. At the same time, the suburban way of living loses its attractiveness. While urban lifestyles become more and more popular, typical suburban lifestyles – such as the conventional family – decrease in number.

The combination of these two trends may threaten the development of suburban areas. On the other hand, they open new opportunities for a sustainable renewal of suburbia. The lecture will show approaches, how “urban voids”, the space resources of our towns, may help to open up suburbia for new lifestyles and how this contributes to make suburbia more resilient and sustainable.