

## URP2020 Keynote Speaker: Short Biography

**Prof. Dr. Sigrun Kabisch**



**URP2020 Keynote Topic:**

**"Research and Innovation to Address Urban-Rural Partnerships Challenges"**

Sigrun Kabisch did her PhD in Urban Sociology at the Leipzig University as well as her Habilitation in Urban Geography. After years as senior researcher at Leipzig University she started her career at the new founded Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ in 1992. After her engagement in establishing the social science unit, she became Head of Department of Urban and Environmental Sociology. Additionally, she is professor of Urban Geography at the University of Leipzig.

Main research interests include the interdependencies between natural, social and built environment; spatial consequences of socio-demographic change; urban vulnerability, resilience and climate change. Her strong inter- and transdisciplinary approach is reflected in the integrated UFZ-Project "Urban Transformations: sustainable urban development towards resource efficiency, quality of life and resilience", in which she acts as responsible speaker.

Sigrun Kabisch is chair of the scientific advisory board of the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) URBAN EUROPE. In 2018, she was appointed as member of the EU High Level Expert Group for the new Horizon 2020 Programme on "Innovating Cities". Over years, she was member of the board of IAPS – International Association for People-Environment Studies. She is appointed member of the German Academy for Urban Development and Land Use Planning and elected member of the management board of the Centre of Competence for Large Housing Estates.

She published a number of papers and co-edited books, e.g. "Urban transformations" (2018) and "Großwohnsiedlungen im Haltbarkeitscheck" (2018).

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