Research output

Living in an Age-Friendly Community: Evidence from a Masterplanned Development in Southwest Sydney

Terms of Engagement: Mobilising Citizens in Edible Nature-based Solutions

Getting there: learning from engagement practice on convivial urbanism to develop productive urban landscapes

La Garden City, un précédent au service de l'enseignement du projet architectural: Entre théorie et expérimentations

Learning sustainable urbanism lessons from ‘other’ New Towns in the UK: Contributing to design for health and wellbeing in the postwar British New Towns (and beyond)

Exploring Food and Urbanism

Food and the garden city: Learning from historic experience and influencing contemporary planning practice

Building food places and resilience: Social, economic and urban design lessons from recent projects in Letchworth Garden City and Hatfield New Town

Food and Welwyn Garden City: prescribing a sociable future?

Exploring sustainable urbanism in masterplanned developments: a collective case study of slippage between principles, policies, and practices
Food, Conviviality and Urbanism in a Rural Context

Historical review of ‘the higher-density housing agenda and the “urban renaissance”’

International Garden Cities Institute Academic Director's Blog Nov-Dec 2019

International Garden Cities Institute Academic Director's Blog Sept-Oct 2019

International Garden Cities Institute Academic Director's Blog June-Aug 2019

Practical Guides for Creating Successful New Communities: Guide 10: Edible Garden Cities

International Garden Cities Institute Academic Director's Blog April-May 2019

International Garden Cities Institute Academic Director's Blog Feb-March 2019

International Garden Cities Institute Academic Director's Blog Dec 2018-Jan 2019

Garden Cities – Visionary, Popular and Viable? Garden City Perspectives Paper 4

Foodscape and Food Urbanism in Europe: The Urban-Rural Interface

Book review of Food and Architecture: At the table Edited by Samantha L. Martin McAuliffe
Carta, S. & Parham, S., , 1 Apr 2018, In: International Journal of Food Design. 3, 1

Food, landscape and urban design

From the agora to the modern marketplace: food markets as landscapes of pleasure, purpose and plenty in historical review

Book review: Urbanity and Density in the 20th Century

A gastrosophical feast
La Garden City, une référence pour le requalification de la ville diffuse

Reflecting on sustainable architecture and urbanism as 'an ecology of living'

Why are Garden Cities in the news?

Garden Cities - Why Not?

Paired review of Food and the City: Urban Agriculture and the New Food Revolution" and "Rebuilding the Foodshed"

Shrinking cities and food: Place-making for renewal, reuse and retrofit

Making Space for Food in Hatfield

Rapporteur's comments on four sessions about 'Food Matters'

Food and Urbanism: The Convivial City and a Sustainable Future

La transformation d'un outil geddessien: de la valley section au transect réparateur

People, products and places (Research Final Report): Exploring sustainable-living practices in masterplanned communities

People, products and places (Research Report Summary): Exploring sustainable-living practices in masterplanned communities

'Reinventing London' by Bridget Rosewell

Workshop Proceedings - Connected communities 'Mini charrette' for arts, culture and heritage in Milton Keynes
Parham, S., 10 Feb 2014, UH Centre for Sustainable Communities. 26 p.

'Happy City: transforming our lives through urban design' by Charles Montgomery

Food, conviviality and urbanism in a rural context
Hertfordshire Guide to Growth: Five Years On

Shaping sustainable urbanism: Are garden cities the answer?

Living heritage: Universities as anchor institutions in sustainable communities

Market Place: Food Quarters, Design and Urban Renewal in London

Sustainable living?
Parham, S., Nov 2012, UH Centre for Sustainable Communities. 10 p.

Retrofitting for food security: the case of urban food quarters
Parham, S., Apr 2012.

Place shaping: A guide to undertaking development in Broadland

Connecting everyday food consumption to 'urbanist' principles for sustainable cities: Challenges for climate change mitigation and adaptation
Parham, S., 2011.

Developing the urban food quarter: Exploring the connections between urban design, revitalisation of place, and sustainable urban food practices

The Future of Urbanism in a Romanian Context

Let's rip it all up
Parham, S., Jul 2008, In: Journal of Urbanism. 1, 2

Suburban regeneration: The real challenges

The relationship between approaches to conservation and the idea of nostalgia: Looking at food-centred spaces within cities

Fat Cities and Food Deserts: Exploring a socio-spatial continuum

The reconfiguration of Australian suburbs: Think Piece for British Urban Regeneration Association
Reconfiguring Urban Australia: Ideas and Projects


Designing the gastronomic quarter

Fat City: Why Bologna Works

Gastronomic Architecture: The Cafe and Beyond

Megalopolis

Gastronomy and Urban Form

Has Women's Participation in Planning Changed Our Cities?

Gastronomic Strategies for Australian Cities
Parham, S., 1992, In: Urban Futures. 2, 2

The table in space: A planning perspective

Activities
Planning Inquiry
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)
13 Jul 2022

Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability (Journal)
Susan Parham (Peer reviewer)
Jul 2022

Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Science Seminar Series
Susan Parham (Speaker)
13 Jun 2022

PhD Jury member
Susan Parham (Examiner)
14 Mar 2022

Retrofitting for Food - Nature Based Solutions
Susan Parham (Speaker)
2 Mar 2022
Supporting innovation and best practice in the materials supply chain
Susan Parham (Speaker)
Mar 2022

Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability (Journal)
Susan Parham (Peer reviewer)
19 Jul 2021

Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability (Journal)
Susan Parham (Peer reviewer)
14 Feb 2020

Proceedings of the ICE - Urban Design and Planning (Journal)
Susan Parham (Peer reviewer)
1 Dec 2019

Food and Garden Cities
Susan Parham (Speaker)
29 Jan 2019

Repairing Suburbs - The socio-spatial dimension of the traditional urbanism discourse
Susan Parham (Speaker) & Matthew Hardy (Speaker)
21 Nov 2018

Dust to Dust Charrette
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)
16 Jul 2018 → 18 Jul 2018

Workshop in Professional Doctorate in Heritage Programme
Susan Parham (Organiser)
16 Feb 2016

'You're toast! What happened when modernist designers met subversive consumers in the 20th century kitchen'
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)
10 Feb 2016

Food and Place in Soho and Beyond
Susan Parham (Speaker)
1 Feb 2016

A food and urbanism masterclass
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)
19 Nov 2015

Utopia: Experiments in Perfection
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)
8 Nov 2015

Food and urbanism - past, present and future
Susan Parham (Speaker)
22 Oct 2015
Food and urbanism from the scale of the table to the rural region  
Susan Parham (Speaker)  
30 Sept 2015

External examiner for architectural PhD  
Susan Parham (Examiner)  
29 Sept 2015

Regeneration in Hertfordshire and beyond: Exploring diversity, retrofitting place  
Susan Parham (Organiser)  
22 Sept 2015

Urbanism in a Rural Context: Is Conviviality the Missing Ingredient?  
Susan Parham (Speaker)  
13 Nov 2014

Convivial Green Space: Gardens, Food and Urbanism  
Susan Parham (Speaker)  
27 Aug 2014

Market Place: How Developing Food Quarters are Reshaping Places and Rejigging Consumption in London and Elsewhere  
Susan Parham (Speaker)  
5 Jun 2014

Urban Design and Conservation Module  
Susan Parham (Organiser)  
13 Mar 2014 → …

Hatfield Community Free School Engagement Workshops  
Susan Parham (Organiser)  
11 Feb 2014

Masterclass: engaging with urbanism  
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)  
16 Jan 2014

Masterclass: food and urbanism from scale of table to the post urban region  
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)  
28 Nov 2013

Garden Cities: selective borrowings, contemporary practices  
Susan Parham (Speaker)  
26 Nov 2013

Facilitation and reporting on Letchworth Garden City 'Town Debate'  
Susan Parham (Advisor)  
Nov 2013 → Dec 2013

New Town arts and heritage mini charrette  
Susan Parham (Organiser)  
25 Oct 2013

Shaping Canberra: The Lived Experience of Place, Home and Capital  
Susan Parham (Keynote/plenary speaker)
18 Sept 2013

Planning for Food
Susan Parham (Speaker)
3 Apr 2013

Integrative Urban Design in the UK - designing with and for people
Susan Parham (Speaker)
27 Mar 2013

2013 National Congress of the Planning Institute of Australia
Susan Parham (Keynote/plenary speaker)
26 Mar 2013

Journal of Urbanism (Journal)
Susan Parham (Editorial board member)
1 Jan 2013 → 2015

Journal of Urbanism (Journal)
Susan Parham (Peer reviewer)
Jan 2013 → Dec 2015

Fagaras Atelier de Urbanism
Susan Parham (Organiser)
9 Jul 2012 → 14 Jul 2012

Sustainable Planning Master's module Urban Design and Conservation
Susan Parham (Organiser)
23 Mar 2012 → 24 Mar 2012

Centre for Sustainable Communities Seminar Series
Susan Parham (Organiser)
Oct 2011 → Jun 2012

How can we do ‘sustainable growth’? What the new national planning policy framework could mean for developing sustainable communities - A personal view
Susan Parham (Speaker)
Sept 2011

Mini charrette
Susan Parham (Organiser)
22 Mar 2011

UH Arts ‘mini’ charrette
Susan Parham (Organiser)
Feb 2011

Symposium on Tradition and Modernity in Urban Form, International Seminar on Urban Form, hosted by INTBAU, Princes Foundation for the Built Environment
Susan Parham (Invited speaker)
Aug 2005

Food and Megalopolis
Susan Parham (Speaker)
10 Apr 1996
Overview

Overview: Associate Professor Parham works as the University of Hertfordshire's Head of Urbanism and Planning at the School of Life and Medical Sciences (LMS) in the Geography, Environment and Planning (GEP) subject group. She runs the UH Urbanism Unit and was the Academic Director of the International Garden Cities Institute (IGCI) from 2015 to 2022. Susan’s research interests include food and spatial design, nature-based solutions to place issues, sprawl retrofitting and transport oriented, compact and sustainable cities, the urbanism of Garden Cities and New Towns, and engagement on planning, urban design and urbanism. She is an Associate and active contributor to the UH Centre for Future Societies and the Centre for Climate Change Research. In July 2022 and July 2023 Susan ran the food and urbanism stream of an international Summer School on health and urbanism in Venice as part of the Biennale, co-coordinated an international Garden Cities of Tomorrow Congress and will be doing so again in 2024. Susan recently contributed to a symposium on New Towns at the Sorbonne, and spoke at a Garden Cities for the 21st Century Symposium in the French garden suburb of Suresnes about her recent co-authored book chapter on practice-based garden city education and teaching.

Recent research: In 2021 Assoc. Prof. Parham completed work on an EU funded international Edible Cities Research Network project (‘EdiCitNet’) for which she co-wrote the funding bid with Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation. Susan is completing a research programme funded by Tarmac through a Sustainable Living Partnership in which she is exploring decision making for sustainability within construction industry materials supply chains.

Research Excellence Framework contribution: Susan is a member of the University’s Design Research Group and contributes to the Design Unit of Assessment in the most recent iteration of the Research Excellence Framework.

Publications: Assoc. Prof. Parham has been exploring the urbanism, design and planning connections between food and cities since the early 1990s and as well as research and publications related to garden cities and planned settlements more latterly. Her most recent published writing on food includes co-editing the book Exploring Food and Urbanism (Routledge, 2021) based on a Special Issue of the Journal of Urbanism on Food and Urbanism (February 2020) for which she was editor. Her most recent book chapters explore teaching the urbanism of garden cities (Parentheses, 2021), rural urbanism and conviviality (Rural Urbanism, Bokförlaget Stolpe, 2020), food and place issues in peri-urban areas in Agrourbanism, Springer, 2018) and two chapters on food and urban design and on the evolution of food markets in a Handbook of Landscape and Food (Routledge, Jan 2018). In 2015 Susan completed a book for Bloomsbury entitled Food and Urbanism, delving into the interplay between food and place from the scale of the table to the productive region, while her 2012 book Market Place: Food Quarters, Design and Urban Renewal in London reported on primary research into food-centred regeneration processes that are transforming physical spaces and social practices in moribund market areas.
in contemporary London. Recent articles include on Food, Cities and Nature Based Solutions for Japan Architect (2024), Food and the Garden City (Territorio, 95, 4, 2020). In 2016 Susan published the research report ‘Making Space for Food in Hatfield’ with Ben McCabe and a chapter based on this primary research as “Shrinking Cities and Food: Place-making for Sustainable Renewal, Reuse and Retrofit” in the book Future Directions for the European Shrinking City (RTPI Routledge series). Other policy focused publications include contributions to an Edible Garden Cities Guide (TCPA, 2019) and ‘Why are Garden Villages in the News?’ (The Conversation, 2016). Susan has also edited and published five ‘Garden Cities Perspectives Papers over the last five years, an in-depth policy papers series she initiated through the IGCI in 2017 and has been lead or co-author on two of these. The most recent was a Perspectives Paper (IGCI, 2018) with colleagues on how to build a new garden city based on her co-written, commended entry for the Wolfson Economics Prize.

**Partnership Working:** Susan is active in international, national and regional partnership working in urban planning and urbanism areas with stakeholders in academic, public and private sectors. Partners include the École Nationale Supérieure d’architecture de Grenoble (ENSAG), Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, The King’s Foundation and Gascoyne Cecil Estates. Assoc. Prof Parham recently ran the food stream in a Venice based international summer school with the European Cultural Academy, the Prince’s Foundation and the Global Centre on Health Care and Urbanisation, Oxford University, as part of the Venice Biennale of Architecture, co-convened an international Congress on “Garden Cities of Tomorrow”, spoke on teaching about garden cities at the Garden Cities for the 21st Century conference in Suresnes (June, 2022), and provided a paper for a Sorbonne New Towns study day (April, 2022).

**Teaching:** Associate Professor Parham is a member of the Ebenezer Howard School of Planning. She has worked as Programme Leader for the University's Master's Programme in Sustainable Planning and led the accreditation process for the Planning School’s successful accreditation. Susan teaches and supervises research doctoral, post graduate and undergraduate students both within the Geography, Environment and Planning Subject Group and in the University's Professional Doctorate in Heritage. Susan gives annual guest lectures on areas of urbanism including engagement and food for the University of Oxford’s MA in Sustainable Urban Development, as well as for the urban policy programme at the University of Glasgow.

**Scholarly activities and research dissemination:** Susan has recently been appointed as an editor of the Journal of Urbanism and is a member of the editorial board, a role she has held since the journal’s inception in 2007. She has also been editor (chair of the editorial panel) of the peer-reviewed journal, Urban Design and Planning, for the Institute of Civil Engineers from 2016 to 2020. Susan is an active peer reviewer and has provided more than 70 peer reviews for journals including the Journal of Urbanism; Urban Design International; Journal of Ethnographic Theory, Space and Culture; Societies; Sustainability; and Agriculture and Human Values among others. Susan is active in presenting urbanism research at conferences including most recently at the International Association of Landscape Ecology (July 2022), the 4th International Conference on Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering, the UK and Ireland Planning Research Conference, and AESOP, and takes part in the UK and Ireland Planning Schools Forum.

**Academic qualifications, fellowships and memberships:** Associate Professor Parham holds undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in political economy (BA), town planning (Grad Dip), urban design (MA), and urban sociology (PhD) from the London School of Economics’ Cities Programme. Susan is a Research Associate for the Laboratory for Building Cultures, at the École Nationale Supérieure d’architecture de Grenoble (ENSAG). Susan is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts (RSA) and a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). Susan is an active alumnus of Living Streets as its former deputy chair of trustees.