

Urban Music Studies Scholars Network

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Goals

to establish Urban Music Studies as a new, vibrant field of research with a high discursive and trans-disciplinary potential

to bring together scholars from a broad range of disciplines to build a shared body of knowledge

to consolidate and expand the research on the music and the city from different perspectives and points of departure

to promote collaborative research at the local, national and international levels



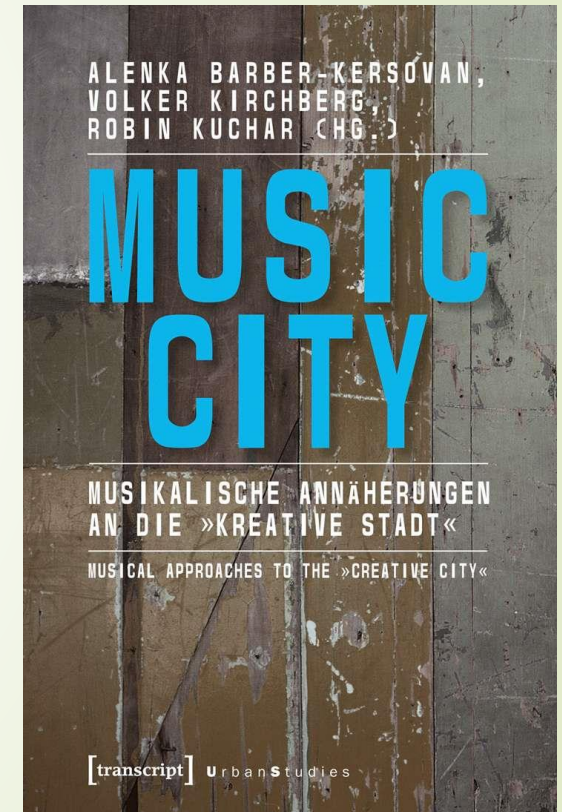
Music City Hamburg

Musical theatres, Reeperbahn and Elbe Philharmonic Hall



Music City – Musikalische Annäherungen an die kreative Stadt

- Editors: Alenka Barber-Kersovan, Volker Kirchberg and Robin Kuchar
- Transcript Verlag, Bielefeld, 2014
- <https://www.transcript-verlag.de/978-3-8376-1965-2/music-city/>



Workshop Lüneburg 2017



➡ **What is Urban Music Studies and what could it be?**

Basic aims of the Urban Music Studies Scholars Network



Urban Music
Studies Scholars
Network is
supposed



to provide a
forum where
those involved in
Urban Music
Studies can meet
and share their
work in
workshops and
conferences



to collect and
disseminate
information
about Urban
Music Studies



to document the
work in this field
and



to establish
Urban Music
Studies as a new
inter- and
transdisciplinary
field of research.



A banner for the Urban Music Studies Scholars Network. It features a dark, textured background with horizontal wooden planks. On the left, there is a silhouette of a city skyline. The text "URBAN MUSIC STUDIES" is written in large, bold, teal-colored capital letters. Below it, "Scholars Network" is written in a smaller, teal-colored script font. There are some teal-colored splatters and paint-like textures on the banner.

URBAN MUSIC STUDIES Scholars Network

UMS Blog <https://urbanmusicstudies.org/>

UMS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/urbanmusicstudies/>

Currently some 900 subscribers

No participation fees



Main objectives

Urban music studies

- provide fresh perspectives on the role of music in the accelerated urbanisation processes
- cover a broad range of topics and musical practices, current as well as historical
- promote inter- respectively transdisciplinary
- focus on countries and geographical regions which are normally excluded from the scientific discourse

Groove the City 2018

- Urban Music Policies Between Informal Networks and Institutional Governance



Music and the City



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUSIC AND THE CITY IS DYNAMIC AND RECIPROCAL



MUSIC IS A CENTRAL PART OF URBAN CULTURE; IT FORMS COMMUNITIES AND ACTS AS A SYMBOLIC RESOURCE, CONTRIBUTING TO THE SELF-AWARENESS OF ITS INHABITANTS AS BEING “URBAN” AND IN SOME CASES EVEN TO THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE CITY ITSELF.



THE “URBAN” IS A CENTRAL PART OF MUSIC; MUSIC MINES AND SCOOPS URBAN PARTICULARITIES, AND MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS ARE SHAPED BY THE URBAN SETTINGS THEY HAVE BEEN CREATED IN.

GROOVE THE CITY

URBAN MUSIC POLICIES

BETWEEN INFORMAL NETWORKS AND
INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 23rd - 25th 2018

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Music in the Creative City

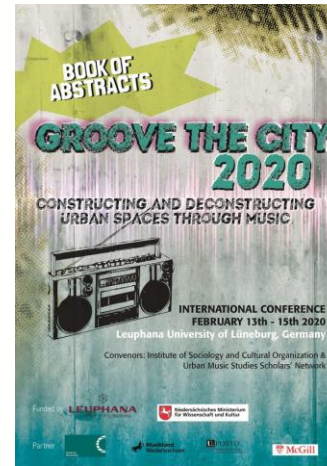
The main issues of discussion are

- the growing significance of musical organization for the creative economy
- the post-industrial regeneration of de-industrialized parts of towns
- city branding and marketing
- city planning
- interurban competition
- Tourism

Top-down vs. bottom-up planning principles

Groove the City 2020

- **Keynotes:**
- **Sara Adhitya (University College London)**
- **Alejandro Mercado (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico City)**
- **Jennifer Lena (Columbia University New York)**



Vienna Perspectives 2022

die
MUK MUSIK UND KUNST
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DER STADT WIEN

International Study Sessions:
*Wiener Perspektiven – Kunst, urbaner
Raum und soziale Un-/Gleichheit*

16.–18. November 2022 MUK.podium
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Art, Urban Space & Social In-/Equality

VIENNA PERSPECTIVES

Artistic interventions in public space, the relocation of cultural events and festivals from the city center to the outskirts as well as the intention to achieve an all-encompassing social equality through music and the arts remain a central motive of urban cultural policy. Based on fundamental explorations of the concepts of equality and inequality, the international study sessions will draw on the case of Vienna presenting and discussing models of utopian (and less utopian) concepts of local urban politics and the organization of musical life before and after Covid as well as facing the current socio-political tensions across and beyond Europe.

Music and the City

The Sociality of Urban Music

Utopian City

Recomposing the City

Spatial and Social Difference

Visual Analytics and the City Metaphor

MUK.podium
16.–18.11.22

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Urban Music Studies book series



Urban Music Studies

Series editors: Alenka Barber-Kersovan, Lisa Gaupp, Volker Kirchberg and Robin Kuchar



Intellect and the Urban Music Studies Scholars Network are delighted to announce the launch of a new book series Urban Music Studies. We are seeking innovative book-length contributions that explore the issues of music and the city in line with the series' objectives.

Urban Music Studies aims at an inter- and trans-disciplinary exchange between researchers working on the relationship between the music and the city. The series covers a broad range of topics and musical practices, current as well as historical. With its cross cultural point of departure and the focus on countries and geographical regions which are normally excluded from the scientific discourse (such as Global South), this series will bring fresh perspectives on the role of music in the accelerated urbanisation processes.

We welcome proposals for monographs, readers and edited collections.

The theoretical model of Urban Music Studies is based on the assumptions that:

- there is a vital exchange between the music and the city
- music is a part of the intrinsic logic of cities
- music contributes to the image design of a city
- music is an important part of the economy of cities and urban regeneration
- music can become an issue of urban politics and policies
- music is an essential component of the cultural heritage of cities
- music is a pivotal part of urban culture and the Creative Industries

Contact

If you have potential book projects in mind, please contact the series editor Alenka Barber-Kersovan (alenka.barber-kersovan@leuphana.de) or Jelena Stanovnik at Intellect (jelena@intellectbooks.com).

Please include author/editor name, title, and a brief synopsis for each volume. We are looking forward for your submission.

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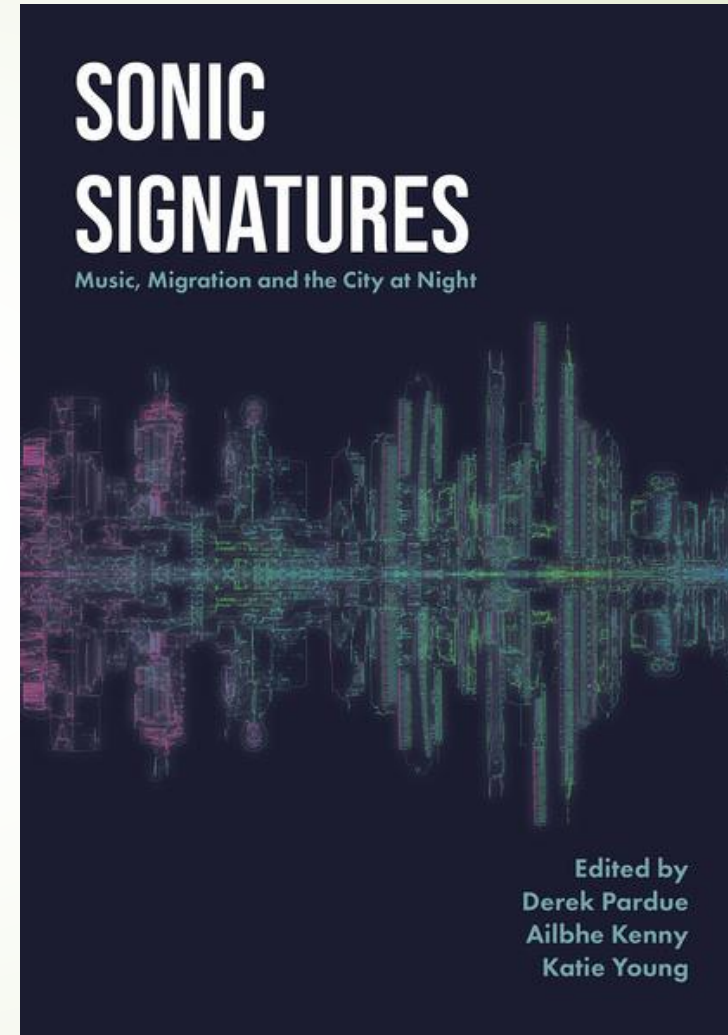
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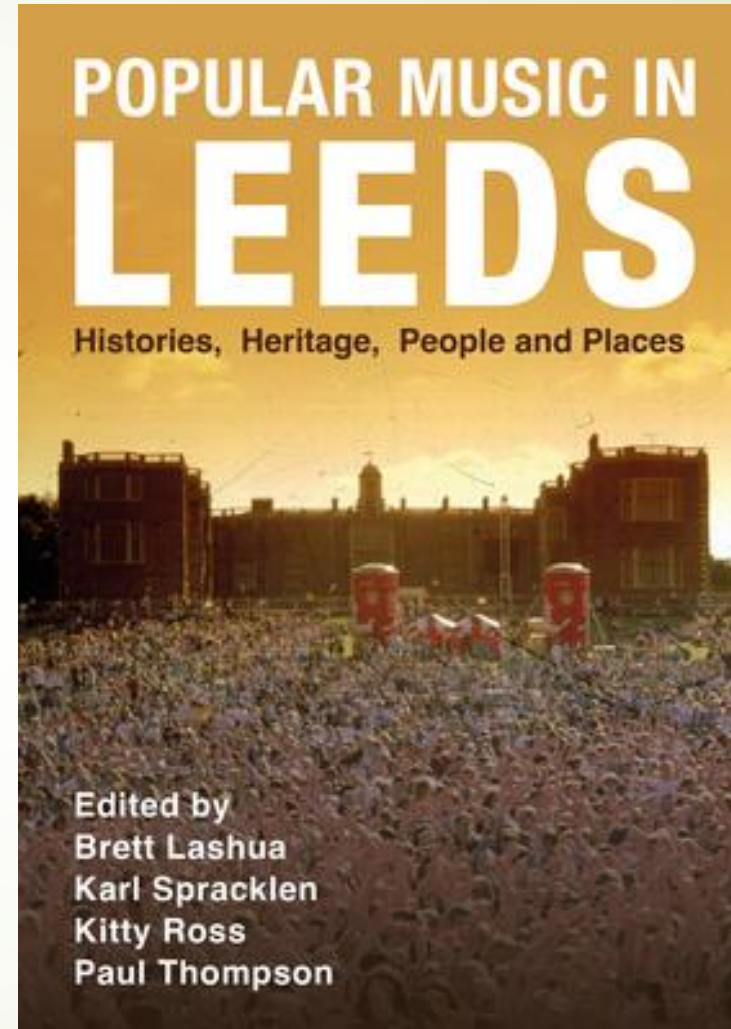
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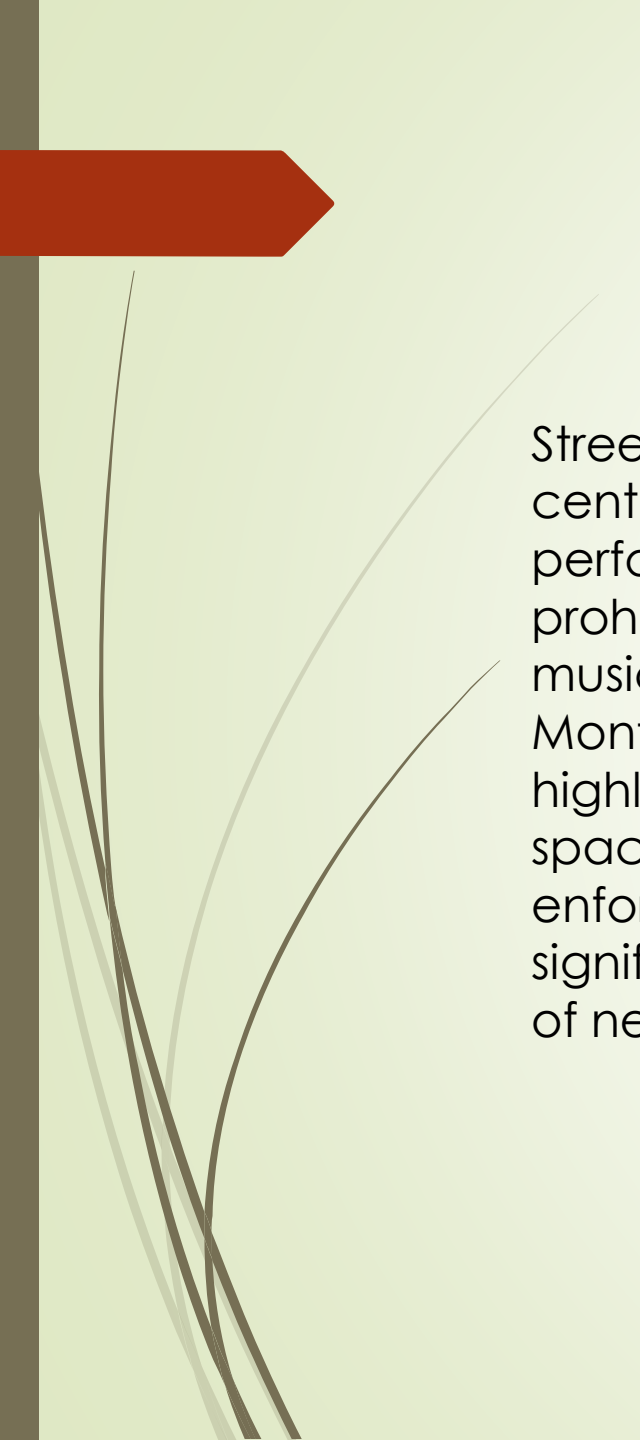


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MUSIC IN LEEDS



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Street performance has been intertwined with urban life for centuries, especially since the mid-1800s. The history of the music performed in public spaces is usually found within the regulations prohibiting it, in newspapers' op-eds on the nuisance of street musicians, and police department archives. From London to Paris, Montreal to Rio de Janeiro, the urge to govern street music highlights power relations and the contested realms of public spaces. The act of regulating, institutionalizing, zoning, and enforcing how street music should be performed ends up having a significant impact on the right to the city, especially in the context of neoliberal approaches to city branding and mega-events.



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