

**“Very helpful, providing us with  
critical insight into our challenges  
and urban solutions...”**

# ENDORSEMENTS

“Over the last eight years, Professor Steffen Lehmann has shown outstanding leadership in advising our organisation and the City of Helsinki and the Helsinki Metropolitan Region concerning future urban development. Steffen has an international and well-established reputation as leader in Green Urbanism and we have invited him several times to contribute to our urban strategies and give seminars. His work and visits to Helsinki have not only made a significant contribution to the field of sustainable urban development, but has shaped and continues to shape our thinking about the future of our metropolitan region.”

-- *Irma Karjalainen, Director, Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority, Finland*

**“The Lab is an urban strategy powerhouse that  
always meets our very high expectations...”**

“The research of Steffen Lehmann’s Lab can be best described as at the forefront in the development of new perspectives on the urban transformation potential of neighbourhoods in becoming more sustainable, resilient and socially inclusive. His work and publications enjoy high international standing within the research community, and he is internationally recognized as a thought leader in sustainable architecture and cities.”

-- *Dr Igor Peraza, Professor of Practice, American University of Sharjah, UAE*

**“The Leadership Lab helps us to  
think differently...”**

“We have been working with Steffen Lehmann on urbanization, development and environmental issues in the Asia-Pacific region since January 2012. He has been a regular member of our expert group and his critical research always attracts keen interest and attention. We highly appreciate his tireless and constant contributions.”

-- *KK Philip Kang, Sustainable Urban Development Section, United Nations ESCAP*

## **Developing original research**

The Director of the LAB, Professor Steffen Lehmann has been Principal Investigator of large and complex EU and UK-funded multidisciplinary research projects with international consortia and partners.

His research is funded through competitively won research grants supported by major national funding bodies, such as the European Commission and UK Research Councils, including the ESRC, AHRC, British Council, Newton Fund; the National Science Foundation of the USA, the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the ARC, and other key agencies.

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“Dear Steffen, Thank you for delivering such an interesting research project. It was a great pleasure working with you – your diligence, hard work, and understanding throughout the process was greatly appreciated, and made my work easier than it might otherwise have been. I look forward to crossing paths with you again at some stage in the future.”

-- Dr James Taplin, Research Lead ‘Urban Living’, Innovate UK

“Steffen, thank you very much for the amazing research collaboration!

It is very good to know that you will remain on board with a different role. I am sure the consortium is pleased with everything produced and appreciates the continuity.

I hope we can continue to develop new interesting synergies and projects, and I would be very interested to learn more about your new activities. Looking forward to hearing from you soon again in the future.”

-- Dr Daniela Melandri, EU Research Funding Manager, Future Cities Catapult, UK

“For the last years we have been working with Professor Steffen Lehmann on questions of sustainable urbanization and how to ensure inclusive urban transformation. As a city, it is important for us to have access to cutting-edge research that supports our daily work and is meaningful. Steffen and his team have been always available when we needed input in difficult questions of urban development, and he made significant contributions and added real value to our discussions. Steffen has an international profile that allows him to make meaningful contributions, as he did for instance for Brighton & Hove’s urban regeneration initiative ‘Growing Our Living City’. I would recommend his work to any city and to engage him as advisor.”

-- Mita Patel, Sustainability Programme Officer - City Regeneration, City of Brighton & Hove, UK



*Professor Steffen Lehmann with the Lord Mayor of Perth (Australia), The Honourable Lisa Scaffidi*