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## Connecting the dots

Or: how do we tackle the fragmented R&I landscape in urban sustainability?

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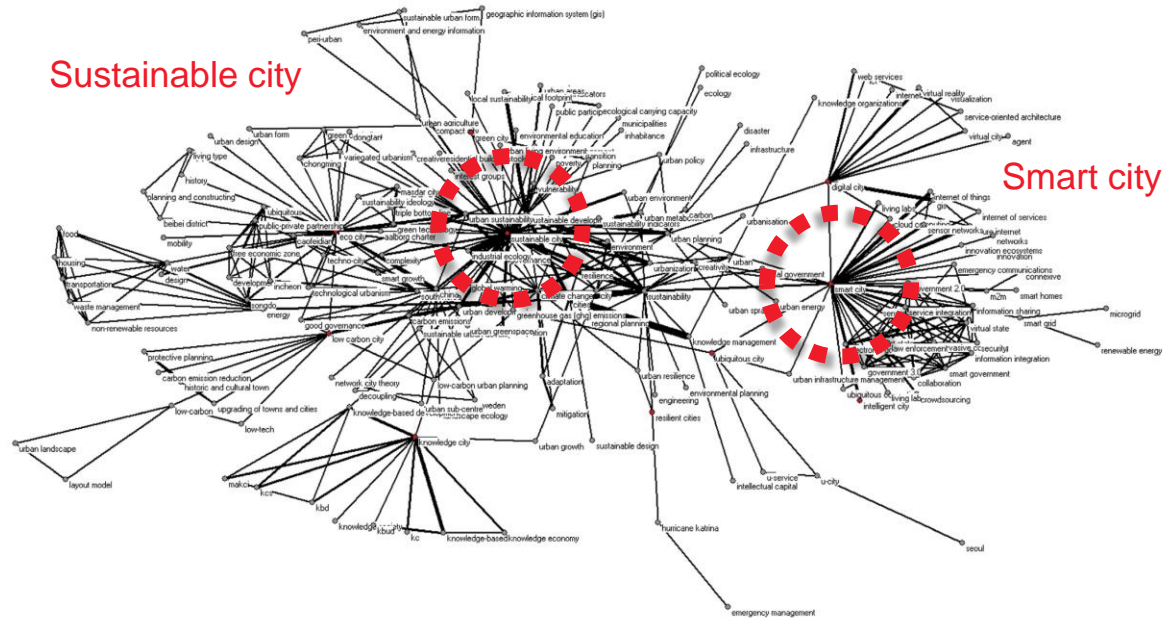
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# Urban Transitions Pathways Symposium

- Through joint actions, JPI Urban Europe aims to:
  - Enhance the capacities and knowledge on transition towards more sustainable, resilient and liveable urban developments
  - Reduce the fragmentation in funding, research and urban development; to build critical mass to realise urban transition
  - Increase the profile of European urban science, technology and innovation on the global stage



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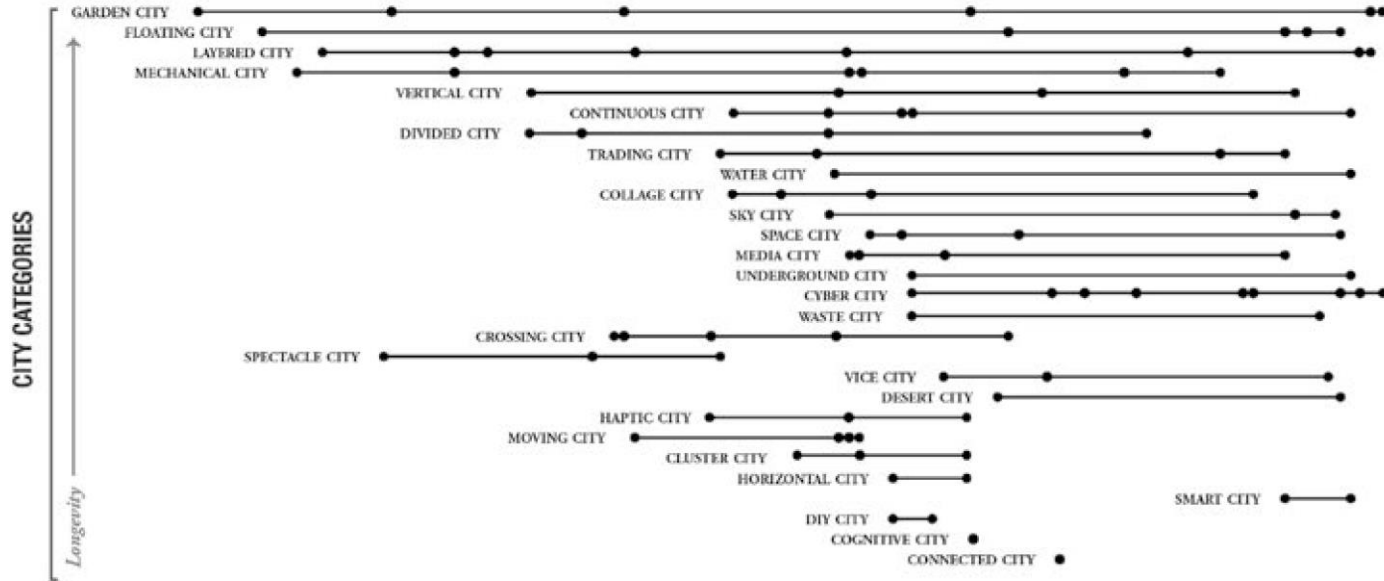


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Fig. 5. Network structure of author keywords associated with twelve city categories (minimum of 2 co-occurrences).

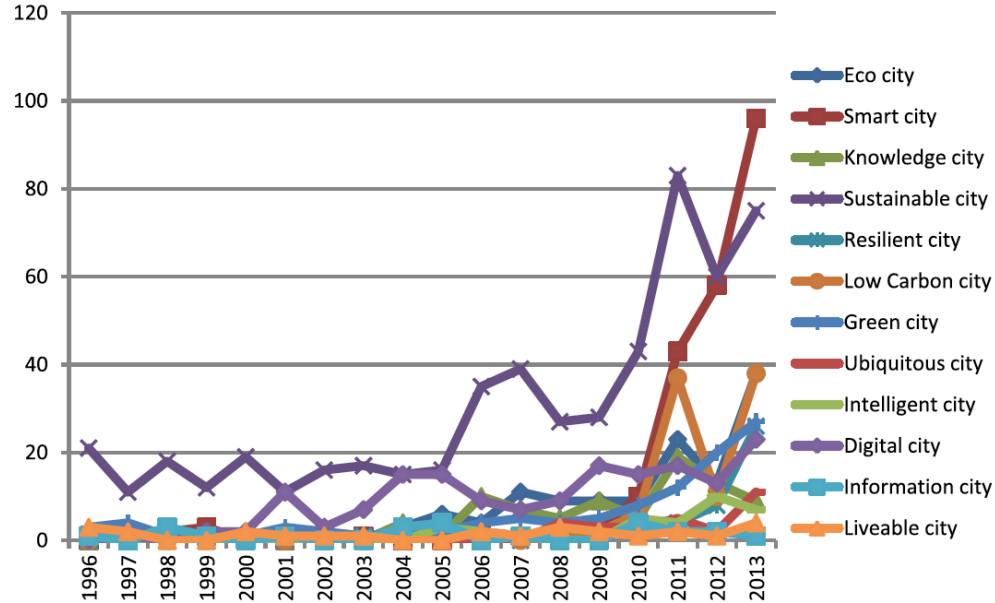
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# Diversity in approaches to future cities is nothing new...



Dunn et al. 2014

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Aimed at getting every researcher 'out of the comfort zone'



## Scientific Advisory Board key messages

- **Do not try to shape one common model!**
  - Rather efforts to connect yet retain diversity
  - Connect by hybridisation, by better understanding the landscape (archipelago)
- Strong signals on that **transitions is more of a policy issue**, rather than R&I per se
  - even if R&I should be active part of co-creation for sociotechnical implementation
  - ***public sector innovation and capacity building in urban planning, management, and*** (regional, national, EU, and international) ***policy making for urban transitions***
- Fragmented (technological) approaches **requires strategy on nexus of governance, participation, trust, and knowledge management/integration**

# Connecting the dots – follow-up materials and papers





## Next steps

- Scientific Advisory Board commissioned to draft a position paper on Urban Transitions Pathways
- Preparations and design of Urban Transitions Pathways Symposium 2017 underway



**Sustainable  
and liveable  
cities**