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Short Bio (2018)

As a Senior Urban Planner for the Planning Agency for the Paris Metropolitan Region (France), Paul has a 28-year experience in strategic urban projects and research for the Paris Region, metropolitan & city authorities in France and worldwide.

Paul has been involved in major projects in the Paris region, including the Parc des Hauteurs Est Ensemble Grand Paris a 300-ha metropolitan park system (ongoing), the Paris Olympic Study (2014-2015), the Paris Regional Masterplan Île-de-France 2030 (2007-2013), the Regional Green Plan (2016, 1990s), the Metropolitan Ring Metro Study (2005), the Plaine Saint-Denis Canal Park Project (1998) and Paris-CDG Airport Corridor studies.

Paul carries research on highway removal & transformation strategies in the Paris Region, drawing on the experience of Seoul, San Francisco, New York, Vancouver, Montreal and others, informing the Seine River Banks pedestrianisation (2010-2017) and the coming international consultation on the future of the Paris Périphérique and the Grand Paris expressway network.

Paul pilots comparative research and international exchange of experience on sustainable large-scale innovative urban redevelopment projects with cities such as London, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen-Malmö or the Ruhr Region. He has been a member of the International Advisory Board for the 4th New York Regional Plan (2014-2017), an advisor for the Metropolitan Projects Commission of Paris Métropole association of governments on innovative metropolitan strategies (2009-2013) and Commission Coordinator for the Metropolis world association on the Impact of Major Events on Large Cities (1999-2002).

Paul's experience includes strategic planning expertise and design workshops in cities such as Bodø (Norway), Cali-Pacífico and Medellín (Colombia), Northern Powerhouse (UK), Tehran (Iran), Yerevan (Armenia), Tripoli (Libya), Vitória (Brazil), Changzhou (China), Moscow, Rabat, Johannesburg or Montreal. Paul takes part in design workshops with the French Federation of Urban Planning Agencies (FNAU) in cities such as Marseilles, Lorient, Clermont-Ferrand, Amiens, Le Havre and others.

Paul holds a Magistère from Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne University and the French Planning Institute (1991) and was a visiting affiliate at the Luskin School of Urban Affairs at UCLA (2011). He teaches strategic and tactic urban planning at Sciences Po Urban School (École Urbaine de Paris) and the École d'Urbanisme de Paris (University of Paris-Est).

His interests and fields of expertise include strategic urban planning & design, mobility and public space strategies, landscape and green urbanism, creative approaches to planning. In the last 10 years, Paul has spoken in over 30 conferences worldwide on these topics.