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Biography

Previous experience

Prior to his academic career, Austin worked as a newspaperjournalist for several years in London and Birmingham, covering urbandevelopment, economic and planning affairs from a day to dayperspective.

Specialisms

- City centre planning and regeneration
- City living, gentrification and urban economic transformation
- Planning for sustainable new urban districts
- Comparative urban development and spatial planning in European and North American cities

Research

Research group: **Planning, housing and communities** (http://www.curs.bham.ac.uk/research_consultancy/housing.shtml)

Current and recent projects

- Urban Futures: From Sustainable Urban Futures to Implementation. A four-year project for EPSRC under its Sustainable Urban Environments programme. Austin is a principal investigator, for work examining the socio-economic dimensions of planning for sustainable urban regeneration.
- **Accommodating Creative Knowledge: the competitiveness of European Metropolitan Regions in the Enlarged Union (ACRE** (http://www.curs.bham.ac.uk/research_consultancy/economicdevelopment/Accommodating_Creative_Knowledge.shtml)), European Commission (an international comparative project linking CURS and 13 partner institutions across Europe)
- *Spatial planning for creative industries development and leadership in place-making for the knowledge-based economy*, Academy for Sustainable Communities
- *Comparative study of planning for new inner city districts in Lyon, Birmingham and Barcelona*
- *The growth of city centre living and its implications for planning in Birmingham*

Publications

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