

## PANEL 3: AIRPORTS AS A RESOURCE

### The transformation of Tegel Airport into the Urban Tech Republic

With Urban Tech Republic, Tegel Airport is being transformed into a forward-looking, innovative hub for researching, producing, testing, and exporting urban technologies. This site will see collaborative efforts between players from various fields, including research, business, industry and start-ups, to shape the city of tomorrow.

The existing airport buildings and infrastructure will be adapted and given new uses. For instance, the Berlin University of Technology will occupy the striking hexagonal building while an innovation and start-up center will be created in the former Terminal B area.

How will what was once a major airport be successfully transformed into a new innovation hub? What factors will need to be taken into account? This lecture will provide insights into the project and address issues such as the protection of historical monuments and the reuse of existing building materials. In addition, it will explore what potential the existing buildings already have and how they can be used in the interim.



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