

## SETTING THE TONE

### What's next? An international perspective on the redevelopment of disused airports

In recent decades, cities around the world have replaced older inner-city airfields with a new generation of hubs located far from the urban core. These relocation projects aim to enable 24-hour operations, to “reduce friction” with the airport’s immediate neighbors, and to provide greater flexibility for future expansion. When airports move away from the city center, they leave behind a vast array of buildings and undeveloped land. How do cities strike the right balance between preserving and repurposing these sites? Drawing on examples from Europe, North America, and Asia, this keynote offers an international perspective on both the opportunities and challenges of post-aeronautical redevelopment.



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