LSE Housing & Communities, LSE Cities and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation invite you to a lecture, debate and the launch of *Phoenix Cities: the fall and rise of great industrial cities* by Anne Power, Jörg Plöger and Astrid Winkler:

**Phoenix Cities: Surviving the financial, social and environmental turmoil in Europe and the US**

**Confirmed speakers:** Richard Rogers, International Architect; Bruce Katz, Vice-President, Brookings Institution; Anne Power, Professor of Social Policy, LSE; Julia Unwin, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

**Tuesday 16th March, 6.00-7.45pm, London School of Economics**

‘Weak market cities’ or ‘core cities’ as they were in their heyday across Europe and America went from ‘industrial giants’ dominating their national and eventually the global economy, to ‘devastation zones’. In a single generation three quarters of all manufacturing jobs disappeared, leaving dislocated, impoverished communities, run down city centres and a massive car-born population exodus.

So how did Europeans react? And how different was their response from America’s? *Phoenix Cities* tracks the recovery trajectories of European cities from seven very different regions of the EU, highlighting their dramatic decline and turn-around. Innovative enterprises, new-style city leadership, special neighbourhood programmes, skills development, environmental reclamation were all underpinned by public support through the crisis. The American experience, where cities are largely left ‘to their own devices’, shows a slower, more uncertain recovery trajectory.

This timely publication is an engaging resource for all those wanting to understand the ground-level realities of urban change and challenge.

**This event is free but booking is essential.** To request a seat for this event, please contact Anna Tamas: a.tamas@lse.ac.uk

"It is vital that urban policy-makers learn the right lessons from past failures- and past successes. This new book is a rich source for anyone who cares about the future of cities.” Howard Davies, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science