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Nicholas Falk is an economist, strategic planner and urbanist. Nicholas founded URBED in 1976 to offer practical solutions to urban regeneration and local economic development. Over the last five years he has focused on new communities, the future of the suburbs, visions for historic town centres, and the reuse of old buildings. He has a particular interest in drawing lessons from European good practice. He is co-author of *Building the 21st Century Home, the sustainable urban neighbourhood* (which Heineman are republishing this year) and, *New Life for Smaller Towns* for the GLA. Recent publications include *Regeneration of European Cities*, for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the *Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth* for Cambridgeshire Horizons (which was a finalist at the 2009 RTPI Planning Award), *Beyond Eco-Towns* with PRP and Design for Homes. In London he recently produced *Over the Edge? Town centres and the economy* for the North and West Strategic Alliances.

He has been involved in a number of major new housing schemes, including the new town of Northstowe in Cambridge and the urban extension of Houghton Regis North in Bedfordshire. He is currently working for East Cambridgeshire District Council on the Masterplan for the City of Ely.

He has been appointed a Visiting Professor at the School of the Built Environment, University of the West of England and also an Academician of the Academy of Urbanism. He is an active member of the Urban Design Group and the Town and Country Planning Association. He is on the Inspire East and IDeA Enabling Panels and is also a non executive board member of Harlow Renaissance Ltd.

Research reports on the suburbs include *City of Villages* and the follow up good practice toolkit *Tomorrow's Suburbs* for the Greater London Authority; *Attitudes to Higher Density Housing and Neighbourhood Revival; towards more sustainable suburbs in the South East* for the South East England Regional Assembly, as well as numerous articles in journals and edited Built Environment's special edition *Towards Sustainable Suburbs*.

EDUCATION:

1973-1976 London School of Economics: PhD (Planning and Development of London Docklands)



- 1967-1969 Stanford Graduate School of Business: MBA - Harkness Fellow
- 1961-1964 University College Oxford: BA (Hons) Philosophy Politics & Economics

POSITIONS:

- 1976-present URBED, Founding Director
- 1969–72 McKinsey and Company, Management Consultant
- 1964–67 Ford Motor Company UK, Product and Market Development Analyst

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Beyond Eco-towns*, PRP 2008
- Over the edge? Town Centres and the London economy* – North and West London Strategic Alliance, 2008
- Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth* - Cambridgeshire Horizons, 2008
- Regeneration in European Cities: Making Connections* - Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 2008
- Making Connections with European Cities* - Town and Country Planning, 2008
- Eco Towns: Learning from best practice* –ASC, 2008
- Towards Sustainable Suburbs* – Built Environment, Alexandrine Press, 2006
- Better Neighbourhoods: Making higher densities work* – CABE, 2005
- Tools for Making London's Suburbs More Sustainable* – Greater London Authority, 2004
- Neighbourhood Revival: Towards More Sustainable Suburbs* – South East England Regional Assembly, 2004
- A City of Villages* – Greater London Authority, 2002
- Partners in Urban Renaissance* – ODPM, 2002
- Living Places, Urban Renaissance in the South East* - Stationery Office, 2000
- New Uses for Old Industrial Buildings, in Conservation and Regeneration* - ed. Michael Stratton, Spon, 2000
- Building the 21st Century Home* (with David Rudlin) - The Architectural Press, 1999
- New Life for Smaller Towns* - URBED/ Action for Market Towns, 1999
- Town Centre Partnerships: Organisation and Resourcing* - Stationery Office, 1997
- Building to Last: 21st Century Homes* - Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 1995
- Vital and Viable Town Centres: Meeting the Challenge* - HMSO, 1994