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BEYOND THE COMPETITIVE CITY

Political Strategies and Movements in Comparative Perspective in Europe

Beyond the city limits: That was the engaging title of a collection of contributions of urban scholars trying to respond to the thesis of the role of cities in a globalizing world dominated by neo-liberal ideas. Urban research has been particularly good at analyzing how cities and policy-actors have become entrepreneurial by introducing competition and competitive strategies into urban affairs and the policy-sphere. This, however, has been at the expenses of a research agenda on the various counter-movements that have emerged to challenge the domination of market principles. A growing field of investigation of urban research deals precisely with this matter. Meanwhile, the covid-19 pandemic has generated new opportunities for local political action and new policy approaches in a context where austerity measures are weakening, and in favor of public investment. To what extent this new scenario will reinforce the European city model in general and new emancipatory projects is a question that deserves a closer look. The aim of this webinar is to contribute to this debate by putting in question how alternatives can be imagined and also enacted in European cities. The question of the preservation of a European social model articulating economic prosperity and social cohesion will be therefore addressed by different perspectives and geographical contexts in three sessions. The issue of how to wield power resources and deal with constrained economic and institutional contexts will be analyzed in depth through a dialogue between researchers and policy-actors. The workshop will be of interest to anyone interested in urban politics and policy, and more broadly social change and tensions between global tendencies and local responses.

April 16, 2021

JOINT WEBINAR

10.30 - 11.00

Opening

Luigi Burroni | University of Florence
Deborah Galimberti | University of Florence
Marc Pradel | University of Barcelona

11.00 - 12.30 ► **SESSION 1**

PUBLIC PHILISOPHIES AND POLICY-PARADGIMS: THE NEOLIBERAL CITY IN QUESTION

The limits to the neoliberal city

talk given by **Gilles Pinson** | Sciences Po Bordeaux, Centre Emile Durkheim

in conversation with

Angelo Salento | University of Salento
Łukasz Medeksza | Deputy director Strategy and City Development Department
at the Municipality of Wrocław

14.00 - 15.30 ► **SESSION 2**

NEW MUNICIPALIST EXPERIENCES: ACTIVISTS WITHIN AND BEYOND THE CITY HALL

New municipalism: the right to the city and radical democracy

talk given by **Ricard Gomà** | Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (UAB)

in conversation with

Andrew Wallace | School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds
Massimo Alulli | Ufficio studi ANCI, National association of Italian municipalities

15.30 - 17.00 ► **SESSION 3**

PLACES: DEVELOPMENT IN/AT THE MARGINS OF METROPOLITAN CONTEXTS

Economic development and reconstruction after the crisis beyond central cities

Talk given by **Marc Pradel** | University of Barcelona

In conversation with

Filippo Barbera | University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto
Vincent Béal | University of Strasbourg, SAGE

The workshop is open to everyone,
PhD students are particularly
welcomed to join.
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