

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Panel – Challenges of translocalisation for prevalent epistemologies of the urban

With this panel, part of the stream ‘Discerning the translocalisation of everyday life towards reclaiming democratic territorial regulation in and beyond the city’, we aim to harness the diversity of worldwide approaches currently applied to study the production of urban dispersion.

Territorial dispersion has been a popular object in urban studies, manifested not only in the semantic diversity of descriptive terms applied – sprawl, suburbanisation, peripheralisation, regional, extended, subaltern urbanisation, etc. – but also in the variety of epistemologies engaged to understand it. While urbanisation seems to coincide with dispersion at the territorial level across the planet, the reasons, forces, and historic timelines behind it can greatly differ. What seems to overcome these differences today, perhaps hinting at a “worlding” of the phenomenon of urban dispersion, is the translocalisation of everyday (urban) life, pushed by phenomena such as migration, eviction and expulsion, the globalisation of economic production, etc.

Against this background, we ask, which materialist epistemologies can help discern this translocalisation of everyday life? The question is essential vis-à-vis an apparent loss of permanence, diversity, and democratic space that, along with new legitimisations of “development”, threatens to reduce the scope for spatial contestations. We invite theoretical and empirical contributions that mirror the current challenges associated with the study of translocation of everyday life in and beyond cities. Assuming that the tendency towards translocalisation of everyday life has become sensible in cities worldwide, the panel will gather innovative epistemologies, mediated also by mappings and cartographies, adopted by scholars to understand the territorial dispersion of everyday (urban) life across the global north–south divide.

We welcome papers that explore the social and political consequences of translocalisation and reflect also the ways by which inhabitants conceptualise the reconfiguring spaces.

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