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Urban Europe Between Identity and Change

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Hello everybody!

As there have recently been a lot of messages going around within the RTN-UrbEurope group, this is an RTN-UrbEurope newsletter that aims at collecting recent news in one single document.

Enjoy the reading!

SUMMARY

- Thematic working groups
- Upcoming conferences and workshops
- Recent PhD conferrals of RTN-UrbEurope fellows
- Vacancies
- Others

THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

Some clarifications about the RTN-UrbEurope subgroups.

As you know the RTN UrbEurope project has 3 main lines of research:

1. The analysis of how global changes and local impacts are conceptualised in theories and through which methods they are investigated;
2. The analysis of how changes impacted on the built environment (gentrification, sub-urbanization and segregation);

3. The analysis of how the changes impacted on the role of local social policies and governance.

As these issues are quite broad, at this point in the project, we have identified the following main themes the young researchers worked/are working on:

- a) Neighbouring effects-segregation;
- b) Housing and land;
- c) Cultural cities;
- d) Local welfare;
- e) Poverty and social exclusion;
- f) Middle Class;
- g) Urban Policies

What is the aim of the groups?

- 1) Each group will revise the literature on the recent and on going research on its specific issue.
We expect a sort of paper (not very long) with a discussion of the literature and the main questions arising from it. The timings will be discussed with the coordinator of each group.
- 2) Each group will frame the results of its issue within this literature explaining the progress that has been achieved in this area by the RTN-UrbEurope young researchers projects.

Each group has one or more coordinators. On the basis of the research proposals all the young researchers have been allocated to one of the sub-groups, as shown in the following table.
We expect the members of the subgroups to work together in a very close way. You will be contacted soon by the coordinator(s) of the subgroup. These subgroups are not strictly linked to the RTN-UrbEurope conference in Paris.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Urb-Europe RTN meeting Paris, June 29th 2005

Where

Salle Goguel
56, rue des Saints Pères
75006 Paris
métro 4 - S.Germain des Près

Organisation of the workshop

In sessions I-III-IV each presentation will last 15 minutes and will be discussed by an RTN fellow (5 minutes). An open discussion of 10 minutes will then take place.

In sessions IIA and IIB each presentation will last 10 minutes and will be discussed by an RTN fellow (5 minutes). An open discussion of 5 minutes will then take place. Sessions IIA and IIB will be organised as parallel sessions.

Provisional detailed program

9:00 - Welcome

Session I – Theory and methodology (9:15 – 11:15)

Chair: François BONNET

09:15 - Bettina SPRINGER, Humboldt University:
“On the search for the lost difference – Gentrification and the cultural field”
Discussant: Yasmine SIBLOT

09:45– Giulia SINATTI, University of Milano-Bicocca:
“Translocalities. Disaggregating Senegalese Migration in its Cities”
Discussant: Nat MAROM

10:15 - Manuel AALBERS, University of Amsterdam:
“No naturally occurring data, no statistics: How to research redlining?”
Discussant: Stefania SABATINELLI

10:45 - Ugo ROSSI, Università “L’Orientale” di Napoli:
“Researchers in the field: methodological issues arising from

collaborative fieldwork in a multicultural environment”
Discussant: Philippe GOMBERT

11:15 - Coffee Break (11:15 – 11:45)

Parallel sessions IIA and IIB (11:45 – 13:05)

Session IIA – Research proposals (11:45 – 13:05)

Chair: Alberta ANDREOTTI

11:45 - Julie POLLARD, Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris
“Private strategies and public regulations: The roles of private developers in the evolutions of housing policy in European metropolis”
Discussant: Alberto VIOLANTE

12:05 - Cristian POLETTI, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca :
“The social construction of urban security practices: a comparative research about the *police de proximité*”
Discussant: François BONNET

12:25 – Sampo VILLANEN, Helsinki University:
“What do cities do – urban space in political and commercial action”
Discussant: Thaddeus Philip LAWTON

12:45 – Anna MANZONI, University of Milano-Bicocca:
“Young adults’ permanence in the parental home: the effect of different welfare arrangements. A comparative analysis of Berlin and Milan”
Discussant: Nico GIERSIG

Session IIB – Research proposals (11:45 – 13:05)

Chair: Simone GHEZZI

11:45 – Jussi KULONPALO, University of Helsinki:

“New Forms of Urban Governance: Focusing on Cultural Policy in European Cities”

Discussant: Giacomo BOTTA’

12:05 – Paola JIRON, London School of Economics

“Placing Urban Quality of Life through Habitus and the Analysis of the Housing/Residential Field”

Discussant: Hanna HARRIS

12:25 – Maarten LOOPMANS, Leuven University

“Residents and ‘liveability’: the development of the hegemony of revanchist urbanism in Antwerp, Belgium”

Discussant: Barbara DA ROIT

12:45 – Daniele NOVELLO, University of Milano-Bicocca:

“Shaping young adults nest leaving strategies. The role of welfare regimes”

Discussant: Timo KAUPINNEN

13:05 - Lunch break (13:05-14:00)

Session III – Empirical findings (14:00 – 16:00)

Chair: Barbara DA ROIT

14:00 – Carsten KELLER, Humboldt University Berlin:

“Dynamics of Social Exclusion in Deprived Neighbourhoods An East German Case Study in Perspective”

Discussant: Angela GENOVA

14:30 – Valentina PACETTI, University of Turin:

“Investments attraction and local development. The role of local collective competition goods”

Discussant: Charlotte HALPERN

15:00 – Albert TERRONES RIBAS, Autonomous University of Barcelona
“Explaining residential exclusion and

housing careers of non-western immigrants”

Discussant: Silvia BRUZZONE

15:30 - Alberto VIOLANTE

University of Milano-Bicocca:

“Rent theory and urban process: the privatisation of the Mediterranean city”

Discussant: Julie POLLARD

16:00 - Coffee Break

Session IV– Empirical findings 2 (16:30 – 18:30)

Chair: Charlotte HALPERN

16:30 – Luiz GARZON, Autonomous University of Barcelona:

“Barcelona as a linguistic melting pot: linguistic exchange, fragmentation of labour market and the urban experience in Barcelona”

Discussant: Marianna D’OVIDIO

17:00 - Guido CAVALCA, University of Milano-Bicocca:

“Milan – Berlin: impoverishment processes of lone mothers – First results”

Discussant: Carsten KELLER

17:30 - Inge VAN NIEUWENHUYZE, King’s College London:

“The importance of legislation in labour migration. Recent experiences in Barcelona and Antwerp”

Discussant: Javier MORENO

18:00 - Fabrizio GUZZO, University of Calabria:

“Economic efficiency and social equity can they co-exist? The case of the 22@BCN regeneration plan in Barcelona”

Discussant: Sara GONZALEZ

18:45 – End of the workshop

Social dinner

In the evening RTN fellows are invited to a social dinner.

Following the RTN meeting, **from the 30th of June to the 2nd of July 2005 the RC 21 conference, *Cities as social fabric: fragmentation and integration***, will be taking place also at Sciences po Paris. Please refer to the RC 21 website for further details:

<http://www.shakti.uniurb.it/rc21/>.

RECENT PHD CONFERRALS

We are happy to announce that the following RTN-UrbEurope young researchers have recently been awarded a PhD degree. Congratulations!

Barbara Da Roit

University: Milan-Bicocca, Paris Sciences-PO.

Thesis title: Welfare systems, welfare packaging, and coping strategies of social risks: the case of elderly dependence in a comparative perspective.

Tutors: Prof. Enzo Mingione (Milan-Bicocca); Prof. Patrick Le Galés (Paris Sciences-PO).

Defense date: April 2005.

Thesis abstract: The dissertation analyses transformations in welfare systems – social systems characterised by a specific combination of state, market and family as agents of welfare – through the observation of changes in responses to the risk of dependence in old age. The analysis, embedded in a critical reconsideration of the “welfare system” approach, proceeds according to a micro-to-macro perspective. The analytical starting point considers choices and strategies of social actors at the same time as influenced by the institutional framework, social relations and social norms and as able to produce changes. The research is based on the comparison of the trajectories of two opposite systems, as for social policy in the field of elderly dependence, throughout the 1990s and it is aimed at highlighting the stakes, challenges and modes of transformations in a traditionally informal system (Italy) and in a traditionally formal system (The Netherlands). In order to do so the empirical observation and analysis focus on a comparison of the two national cases and

two local cases (Milan and Amsterdam), based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods in order to highlight ongoing changes and to explore the underlying social mechanisms.

Marianna D'Ovidio

University: Milan-Bicocca.

Thesis title: The cultural economy of post-Fordist cities. Proximity as a creative resource? The fashion industry in Milan and London

Tutors: Prof. Guido Martinotti (Milan–Bicocca); Dr. Andy C. Pratt (London School of Economics).

Defense date: April 2005.

Thesis abstract: The object of the research is the fashion industry as a key industry in the cultural or creative economy of the contemporary city. The literature emphasises the territorial patterns of the creative industry, which tends to cluster in particular neighbourhoods of particular nodes in global network of fashion design, production and distribution; as a result, in cities such as Milan, London, New York, Paris some areas, are the location of definitive “fashion lumps”. The literature explains the concentration of cultural activities with the need creative people have to intense interaction and close proximity in order to nourish their creativity. The research aims at furthering the understanding of the reasons and nature of the relationships among creative workers and between them and the city in two of the main centres of the fashion industry: Milan and London. In the first part of the work an analysis and discussion of the cultural economy is carried out in order to set the stage for the investigation of the weight and spatial distribution of the cultural economy in Milan and London, which is analysed in the second part of the thesis. The third part of the work deals with relations and

interactions in the fashion industries in the two contexts. The results of the research, first, confirm the concentrated patterns of this industry as presented in the cultural economy literature; second, they advance our understanding of creative workers relationships by showing the development of different relational networks.

Carsten Keller

University: Humboldt University, Berlin

Thesis title: Living in East German Large Housing Estates. On Dynamics of Social Exclusion.

Tutor: Prof. Hartmut Häußermann (Berlin); Prof. Franz Schultheis (Geneva); Prof. Martin Kronauer (Berlin).

Defense date: April 2005.

Thesis abstract: The objective of the project was twofold: First, the aim has been to investigate the social development of East German large housing estates since the wall came down. Second, the research has been on poverty and social exclusion, looking at the trajectories, networks and coping strategies of inhabitants and asking for the effects the neighbourhood has on social exclusion. Empirical research was carried out between 1997 and 2003 in the settlements of two medium-sized cities, where 77 experts and 81 households have been interviewed. For comparative purposes I sampled two third financially deprived and one third financially secured households. Furthermore group-interviews, participant observation and a photo-documentary have been carried out in the settlements. The two case studies have been complemented by the collection of statistical data and expert-interviews on the social development of East German prefabricated housing estates.

Main outcomes of the research are, firstly, that the peripheral estates undergo a development from integrated “fordist” to internally segregated estates, where social milieus of established elderly and disadvantaged milieus of poor, precarious people and migrants take shape. Along with the process of social downgrading and internal segregation goes a crisis of

coexistence or social cohesion: distinctions and a “fight for respectability” among the lower classes gain particular strength within the settlements. Secondly, effects of the neighbourhood on particular groups of inhabitants are demonstrated. Not only low-status and socially declined households are vulnerable to negative effects of the neighbourhood. By exploring the trajectories, networks and coping strategies it can be shown that also households with weak family ties and special coping strategies are easily affected by the neighbourhood in a negative way.

VACANCIES

Several RTN UrbEurope vacancies, with a deadline of June 30, 2005 and a flexible start date of October 1, 2005 were recently published on the cordis website (<http://mc-opportunities.cordis.lu>).

The Sociology Department of the **University of Milano-Bicocca** posted three vacancies: two pre-doctoral ranging from three to seven months and one post-doctoral ranging from three to seven months.

The Sociology Department of the **London School of Economics** posted one post-doctoral vacancy for three months.

The **University of Amsterdam** (AME-Amsterdam study centre for the metropolitan environment University of Amsterdam) posted one pre-doctoral six month vacancy.

The Department of Social Policy in the **University of Helsinki** posted one pre-doctoral six month vacancy.

The **University of Berlin** (Humboldt Univertaet Berlin Isitut für SozialwissenschaftenStadt-und Regionalsoziologie) posted one pre-doctoral six month vacancy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please let us know of any workshop or conference being organised in your department or university, so we can post them on the forum.

Don't forget the forum is available for you to exchange information and ideas: use it!

The next RTN-UrbEurope newsletter issue will be circulated at the end of October.

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