

Urban Planning in Times of Crisis

International Workshop at the Bauhaus-University Weimar
6. – 7. December 2013

This conference does not simply want to look at the "impact" of certain budget restraints that have occurred in the last years and which for certain have had negative effects on the capabilities of planning. We are thinking of an understanding of "planning" and "crisis" in a broader and a more profound way. This means that planning cannot be reduced to the activities of a planning office in a city.

As Susan Fainstein once said: there is more planers do than plan and there are more people in a city planning than planers.

In this sense it is related to urban policies and to the wider field of society. "Planning" might be the point where everything comes together and where ideas, principles, power relations and professionalism meets and were translated into a process of space production. We want to have different approaches to planning including different disciplinary and theoretical backgrounds.

The same can be said about "crisis". What the crisis means and what has been called a crisis by the broader public and particular actors in politics and society should be taken as a critical description of the situation. I hope that we share the perspective that what often is called "the" crisis is rooted in deeper changes in our cities and societies, in the challenged understanding of planning as well.

Again, we are not predefine what we mean by crisis, but we hope that the conference enables us to see what the crisis narrative means and what it implies in the different countries and cities.

Conference Programme

Friday, 6. December

- 10.00 *Registration open*
- 11.00 – 14.00 **Student workshop**
- 16.00 **Welcome: Prof. Barbara Schönig**
Director of the Institute for European Urban Studies
- 16.15 **Keynote: Prof. Alvaro Sevilla Buitrago**
Planning and Urban Policy in the Age of Austerity
- 17.00 – 17.30 *Coffee break*
- 17.30 **Spanish experiences**
- Prof. José Miguel Fernández Güell**
Madrid: A Tale of an Ambitious City that Failed to Fulfill its Vision
- Prof. Javier Ruiz**
Crisis and Urban Order; Hermeneutics and Entropy
- Prof. Nuria Benach**
Contested Discourses of Austerity in the Urban Margins: A Vision from
Barcelona
- 19.00 **Greek experiences**
- Prof. Maria Zifou**
Spatial Planning Policy in Greece and the Crisis
(Preparation together with Prof. Fereniki Vatavali)
- Prof. Vaso Makrygianni**
The Right to the City Reversed: The Athenian Right to the City in a Crisis Era
- Prof. Maria Markantonatou**
Securitization and Social Resistance in Times of Crisis: The Spatial
Unfolding of the “double movement” in Greece

Saturday, 7. December

08.30

Italian experiences

Prof. Maria Cristina Gibelli

Urban Crisis or Urban Decay? The Italian Cities Facing the Bad Effects of a Long-wave towards Privatization of Urban Policies and Planning

Prof. Rossella Salerno

Images, Ideas, Places of the Crisis: Some Issues from the Italian Debate

Prof. Daniele Villa

Crisis and New Choices: Towards a Redefinition of Common Goods. Some Examples from the Milanese Urban Region

Prof. Cristiana Mattioli

Global Economy, Industrial Clusters and the Dispersed City. Spatial Transformations in the Ceramic District of Sassuolo

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00

Portuguese experiences

(Crisis and Planning in Portugal: Exact titles of the presentations will be available at the conference)

Prof. Sofia Morgado

Prof. José Carlos Mota

Prof. Jorge da Silva Macaista Malheiros

Prof. Mario Vale

Greek experience

13.00

Prof. Dimitris Dalakoglou (via Skype)

Rethinking and Remapping Athens: An Ethnographic Perspective of Urban Development in a European State of Exception

13.30 – 15.00

Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30

Final debate

Conference Venue:

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