Winter Semester 2022/23

MULTI-SCALAR SPATIAL POLITICS AND URBAN GOVERNANCE IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

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Outline

Cities and urban areas are contested spaces. They are spaces with powerful coalitions of interests, but also many voiceless and poor urban dwellers. Local politicians, city managers, residents, private entrepreneurs: whose interests determine and stimulate place making and how our cities transform? Who makes our cities, who 'owns' them, who governs them? In other words, what are the multi-scalar spatial politics and governance processes around these processes - particularly in times of increased social and ethnic diversities and translocal processes?

This seminar deals with cities in the so-called global South and North, their actors, their practices and motivations, their contexts, networks, and strategies, as well as with the underlying processes and the regulating instruments (institutions) that determine decisions in cities on a range of issues: housing, migration, urban social life, development, social and technical infrastructure, but also their histories and their service provision.

In this context, the seminar explores different central themes. First, it examines the social life of cities in terms of past and present migration phases and increased diversities. Who makes a city and for whom and why? We will review urban and integration policies as well as more bottom-up self-made modes of urban and social transformation. Second, the seminar then reviews urban governance concepts and theories that explain and offer models how different actors come together in managing common affairs and fuse their resources in cities. This also includes multi-scalar administrative and institutional aspects of local self-governance and the re-distribution of political and fiscal authority between levels of government and between government, the private sector and residents and their organized interest groups.

Further, the seminar introduces a range of key concepts and different approaches relevant for contemporary urban social life, governance and the analysis of spatial politics in metropoles with eventually very different urbanization patterns and trends. These include concepts of and approaches to diversity, migration and the city, social and ethnic segregation and their governance, informality, and comparative urbanism. The seminar offers the possibility to critically reflect on the origins of such concepts and their applicability across contexts of the global South and North – in and beyond Europe.

In addition, the seminar will zoom in on concepts and strategies of participation as well as their prerequisites (such as *social capital*) aiming to involve residents and promote

'governance from below'. It also introduces as a practical example the framework for social capital in strategies of area-based initiatives in Europe.

The seminar combines literature-based lectures on theoretic approaches on these themes with practical case experiences and examples in metropolitan areas across all world regions, comparing them to contemporary urban developments in Europe. Throughout the seminar, participants actively engage in testing the practical relevance and applicability of concepts by applying them to cities and concrete examples they are interested in or have lived in before.

The first session needs to be digital. In case COVID 19 requires us to switch to digital teaching/learning, this is the zoom link we will use.

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Seminar Program 2022/23

Date			Contents
Tue	25.10.22	#01	First meeting: Seminar overview, participant's expectation and experience (digital via zoom)
Tue	01.11.22	#02	What is a city, what is urban governance? **Selection of topics for student presentations + summaries. – no student presentation**
Tue	08.11.22	#03	Urban Governance: Definitions of terms and concepts, examples.
Tue	15.11.22	#04	Governing (for) diversity, migration and the city
Tue	22.12.22	#05	Visualizing Narrative Spaces Lecture by Simone Rueß (digital via zoom, SFB 1265 Re-Figurations of Space)
Tue	29.11.22	#06	Overview of the concept of urban informality and the impact on urban research and governance
Tue	06.12.22	#07	Segregation and the City
Tue	13.12.21	#08	No session/Self-Study/Prepare Readings **Write a min. 1 page profile** of a selected urban problem/challenge in and around Regensburg, who are the actors, how are they involved, what are the power relationships, what governance or urban concept helps to grasp/address/conceptualize/research the problem, who, what, how, why, where, when
Tue	10.01.23	#09	**Discussion of your profiles**
Tue	17.01.23	#10	Overview of the concept of urban governance from below, different approaches and examples including a brief discussion of the role of NGOs and CBOs
Tue	24.01.23	#11	Social Capital – Theory and Practical Application: What is the concept of social capital all about? How is social capital measured and applied to your own cases?/ Introduction to Neighborhood Management
Tue	24.01.23	#12	Excursion to Neighborhood Management (Date to be confirmed)
Tue	31.01.23	#13	Discussion on social capital and governance from below continued: How are these two concepts related?
Tue	07.02.23	#14	*Final discussion; critical application, clarification of questions concerning the assignments; course evaluation and feedback.*

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Course readings and materials

Grips

Course requirements

1) **Summary/Protocol** (max. 1 page) of one of the previous sessions to be presented within 5 min at the subsequent (!) session as a recap. Sign up in the list on Grips until 31.10.2022. Please summarize the main insights including your personal take-away (what did you learn, what was new, most intriguing)

2) **Presentation** (15 minutes): application of governance, urban theories/concepts to own urban issue/problem/challenge (short overview/introduction into the concept/theory and then apply it to a contemporary case/space/problem/phenomena in selected city, but preferably Regensburg or the space you live in now; with presentation slides) Distribution in first session.

3) Individual profile paper (submit on 13.12.2023 on this problem/challenge/issue) Write a min. **1 page Profile** of a selected urban problem/challenge in selected city that you are familiar with, who are the actors, how are they involved, what are the power relationships, what governance or urban concept helps to grasp/address/conceptualize/research the problem,
who, what, how, why, where, when

4) **Expansion of this Profile** into a short **Essay/Report** (15.000 characters including space characters) – deadline for submission of paper: 1.03.2023

5) **Active course participation**: weekly readings, contribution to discussions, working groups

Grading

1) Summary (20%)
2) Presentation (30%)
3) Individual Profile Paper/Essay (30%)
4) Participation (20%)

Readings

#02 What is a (European) City, What is Urban Governance: Definitions of terms

Häußermann, Hartmut, and Anne Haila. "The European city: a conceptual framework and normative project." Cities of Europe: Changing contexts, local arrangements, and the challenge to urban cohesion (2005): 43-63.

Kazepov, Y. (2005). Cities of Europe: Changing contexts, local arrangements, and the challenge to social cohesion. Cities of Europe, 1, 3-33.

Optional Readings:

Cassiers, Tim, and Christian Kesteloot. "Socio-spatial inequalities and social cohesion in European cities." Urban Studies 49.9 (2012): 1909-1924.

Simmel, Georg (2012 [1902]). The metropolis and mental life. In The urban sociology reader (pp. 37-45). Routledge.

#03 Overview of selected *experienced* urban governance theories

Nuissl, Henning, and Dirk Heinrichs. "Fresh wind or hot air—does the governance discourse have something to offer to spatial planning?" Journal of Planning Education and Research 31.1 (2011): 47-59.

Parker, Simon. *Urban theory and the urban: Encountering the city*. Routledge (2004): Chapter 7, The Contested City: 120-137.

Optional Readings

Brenner, Neil. "Globalisation as reterritorialisation: the re-scaling of urban governance in the European Union." Urban studies 36.3 (1999): 431-451.

Kooiman, Jan. "Societal Governance: Levels, Models, and Orders of Social – Political Interaction." *Debating governance*. Ed. Jon Pierre. OUP Oxford (2000): 138-166

Stone, Clarence (1993) Urban Regimes: A Political Economy Approach. Journal of Urban Affairs 15. 1-28

#04 Governing (for) diversity, migration and the city

Fainstein, S. (2005).Cities and diversity should we want it? Can we plan for it?" Urban affairs review 41.1 (2005): 3-19.

Steigemann, A. (2020) 'Multi-culti'vs.'another cell phone store':-Changing ethnic, social, and commercial diversities in Berlin-Neukolln. Cosmopolitan Civil Societies: An Interdisciplinary Journal 12.1 (2020): 83.

Tasan-Kok, T., Van Kempen, R., Raco, M. and Bolt, G. (2013). Towards Hyper- Diversified European Cities: A critical Literature Review. Utrecht University: 11-40.

Optional Readings

Hall, S., et al. (2018) The Migrant Street. The SAGE handbook of the 21st century city. S. Hall and R. Burdett (Hg.). Sage: Los Angeles: 464- 478.

Budnik, M., et al. "DIVERCITIES: Living with Urban Diversity–The Case of Leipzig, Germany." Utrecht: Utrecht University, Faculty of Geosciences (2016)., find via https://www.urbandivercities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Divercities-City-Book-Leipzig.pdf

Camina, M. M., and M. J. Wood. "Parallel lives: towards a greater understanding of what mixed communities can offer." *Urban Studies* 46.2 (2009): 459-480.

Glick Schiller, N.; Çağlar, A. (2013) Locating migrant pathways of economic emplacement: Thinking beyond the ethnic lens. Ethnicities 13 (4), S. 494–514

05 Visualizing Narrative Spaces

Digital lecture, zoom link will be shared

In her audio-visual presentation, the artist Simone Rueß presents a selection of her works in which she explores aspects of urban structures (Movement Space), living and home-making (INhabit) and biographical narratives (Space/ Biography) in drawings, animations, objects and installations.
The focus of the lecture will be the project FRAGILE REMEMBERING, in which Rueß worked with narrativebiographical material through visualization techniques. She will present methods with which she approaches the spatial images of people with dementia. This shows not only how she visually analyses the history of the conversation. On the basis of her material, Rueß also explores how geopolitical caesures are inscripted into biographical narratives and shows with her artistic research surprising references to individual works of the CRC 1265.

Check SFB page before lecture https://sfb1265.de

#06 Urban informality and the impact on urban governance

Roy, Ananya. "Urban Informality: Toward an Epistemology of Planning." *Journal of the American Planning Association* 71.2 (2005): 147–158.

Tonkiss, Fran. "The contradictions of Informality." *Cities by design: the social life of urban form.* Polity (2013): 91-112.

Optional Readings

AlSayyad, Nezar "Urban Informality as a 'New' Way of Life." *Urban Informality: Transnational Perspectives from the Middle East, Latin America, and South Asia.* Eds. Ananya Roy and Nezar AlSayyad. Lexington Books (2004): 7–30.

McFarlane, Colin. "Rethinking informality: Politics, crisis, and the city." *Planning Theory & Practice* 13.1 (2012): 89-108.

Lombard, Melanie "Constructing ordinary places: Place-making in urban informal settlements in Mexico." *Progress in Planning* 94 (2014): 1-53.

Varley, Ann "Postcolonialising Informality?" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 31.1 (2013): 4–22.

#07 Segregation and the City

Häussermann, H., & Kapphan, A. (2014). Berlin: From Divided to Fragmented City?. The Berlin Reader, 77.

Häussermann, H. (2005). The end of the European City?. European Review, 13(2), 237-249.

Musterd, S., Marcińczak, S., Van Ham, M., & Tammaru, T. (2017). Socioeconomic segregation in European capital cities. Increasing separation between poor and rich. Urban Geography, 38(7), 1062-1083.

Optional Readings

Kazepov, Yuri. "Cities of Europe: Changing contexts, local arrangements, and the challenge to social cohesion." Cities of Europe 1 (2005): 3-33., (open access)

Bernt, M., Grell, B., & Holm, A. (2013). The Berlin reader: A compendium on urban change and activism. transcript Verlag., open access, https://library.oapen.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.12657/25376/1004720.pdf?sequence=1

Häußermann, H., & Haila, A. (2005). The European city: a conceptual framework and normative project. Cities of Europe: Changing contexts, local arrangements, and the challenge to urban cohesion, 43-63.

#08 no session, write the case profile

#09 discussion of the case profiles

#10 Governance from below

Lindell, Ilda. "The Multiple Sites of Urban Governance: Insights from an African City." *Urban Studies* 45.9 (2008): 1879–1901.

Patel, Sheela, Celine d'Cruz, and Sundar Burra. "Beyond Evictions in a Global City: People Managed Resettlement in Mumbai." *Environment and Urbanization* 14.1 (2002): 4637–4645.

Optional Readings

Roy, Ananya. "Civic Governmentality: The Politics of Inclusion in Beirut and Mumbai." *Antipode* 41.1 (2009): 159–179.

Mitlin, Diana. 'The role of collective action and urban social movements in reducing chronic urban poverty', (2006), (64; UK: Chronic Poverty Research Centre).

Bakker, Karen "Commons versus Commodities: The Ambiguous Merits of Community Water-Supply Management." *Privatizing Water: Governance Failure and the World's Urban Water Crisis.* Cornell University Press (2010): 162–190.

#11 Social Capital

Portes, Alejandro. "Social Capital: Its Origins and Applications in Modern Sociology." *Annual Review Sociology* 24 (1998): 1- 24

Rydin, Yvonne, and Nancy Holman. "Re-evaluating the contribution of social capital in achieving sustainable development." *Local Environment* 9.2 (2004): 117-133.

Bourdieu, Pierre. "The forms of capital." *Handbook of Theory and Research for the Sociology of Education.* Ed JG Richardson. Greenwood (1985): 246- 258.

Optional Readings

Rydin, Yvonne and Mark Pennington. "Public participation and local environmental planning: the collective action problem and the potential of social capital." *Local Environment* 5.2 (2000): 153-169.

Cheong, Pauline Hope, Rosalind Edwards, Harry Goulbourne, and John Solomos. "Immigration, social cohesion and social capital: a critical review." *Critical Social Policy* 27.1 (2007): 24-49.

Purdue, Derrick. "Neighbourhood Governance: Leadership, Trust and Social Capital." *Urban Studies* 38.12 (2001): 2211 – 2224.

#12 Neighborhood management excursion

Mayer, Margit. "New Lines of Division in the New Berlin." *The Berlin Reader: A Compendium on Urban Change and Activism.* Eds. Matthias Bernt, Britta Grell, and Andrej Holm (2014).

Levine, Myrion A. "Government policy, the local state, and gentrification: The case of Prenzlauer Berg (Berlin), Germany." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 26.1 (2004): 89-108.

#13 Social capital and governance from below combined

Miraftab, Faranak. "Insurgent Planning: Situating Radical Planning in the Global South." *Planning Theory* 8.1 (2009): 32–50.

Novy, Johannes, and Margit Mayer. "As "just" as it gets? The European City in the "Just City" discourse." Searching for the just city. Routledge, 2009. 123-139.

Optional Readings

Rosol, Marit. "Public Participation in Post-Fordist Urban Green Space Governance: The Case of Community Gardens in Berlin." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 34.3 (2010): 548-563.

Mayer, Margit, and Katherine N. Rankin. "Social Capital and (Community) Development: A North/South Perspective." *Antipode* 34 (2002): 804–808.

Siame, Gilbert. "Co-production as an Alternative Planning Approach in the Cities of the South: the Case of Kampala (Uganda)." *Urban Forum.* 29.3 (2018): 219-238.