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Urban fabric and urban policies in a globalising world

The City and its migrants



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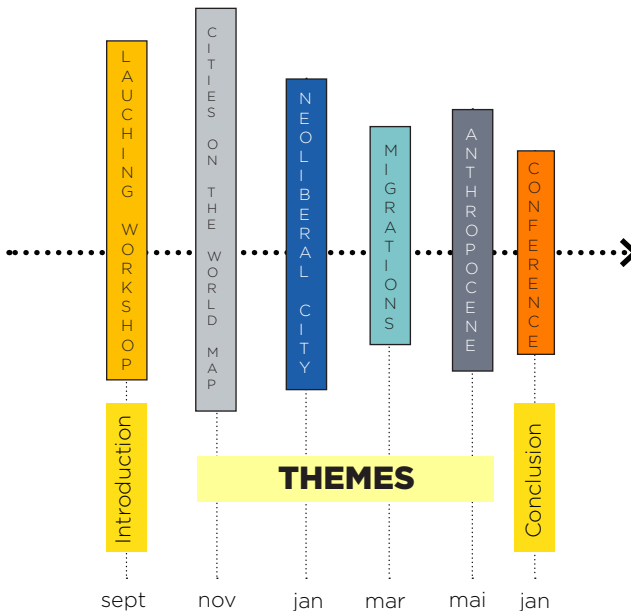


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The contemporary period is marked by a process of economic, political, cultural and environmental globalisation, unprecedented in its nature and scope. Based on the intensification of the circulation not only of material goods, money and persons, but also of imaginaries, representations, social norms and patterns, this "third globalisation" changes how societies relate to a global (or at least an ever more globalised) space; it is in particular strongly articulated with urbanisation, another major process at work.

The (most) visible side of this mutation, metropolisation, has been widely studied as regards its processes as its results. But the effects of globalisation on urban spaces, economies and societies are more diverse and affect all levels of the urban hierarchy. "New" geographies of innovation, international migrations, the circulation of cultural norms, tourism development, the rise of transnational actors involved in urban production, various forms of intensification of urban competition, links between urbanisation and global environmental change... all contribute to the profound mutations of the urban phenomenon in all its dimensions.

This serie of workshops aims to explore internationalisation as a set of constraints, opportunities and resources for urban development and policies (in other words, the ins and outs of the international action cities), retaining as a main analyser the contemporary modalities of urban production in its various dimensions: cultural and imaginary, material and technological, economic and financial, political and social.



THIRD INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: PROGRAM

8h45 - 9h15 *Welcome coffee*

9h15 - 9h25 Introduction
Eric Charmes, Université de Lyon, ENTPE, EVS-RIVES,
Hadrien Dubucs, Université de Paris Sorbonne, UMR ENeC

9h30 - 11h The migrations of dominants: between cosmopolitanism and communitarianism

Speakers Michaela Benson (University of London, Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths)
Patrick Le Galès (Sciences Po. Paris, Ecole urbaine)

Moderator Eric Charmes (Université de Lyon, ENTPE, EVS-RIVES)

11h - 11h15 *coffee break*

11h15 - 12h45 What's new for the model of spatial assimilation?

Speakers Maurice Crul (University of Amsterdam, Social Sciences Faculty)
Hans Skifter Andersen (Aalborg University)

Moderator Mirna Safi (Sciences Po. Paris, Observatoire sociologique du changement)

12h45 - 14h *lunch break*

14h00 - 15h30 Between cultural isolation and desirable diversity: the ambivalence of 'ethnic' trade

Speakers Jan Rath (University of Amsterdam, Institute for Social Science Research)
Antoine Pécoud (Université Paris 13, URMIS)

Moderator Hadrien Dubucs (Université de Paris Sorbonne, UMR ENeC)

15h30 - 16h *coffee break*

16h-17h30 Refugee camps: spaces of exception or urban territories?

Speakers Kamel Doraï (CNRS, Institut français du Proche Orient)
Camille Gardesse (Université Paris Est, Ecole d'urbanisme de Paris, Lab'Urba)

Moderator Camille Schmoll (Université Paris Diderot, Géographie-cités)

17h30 - 17h45 Conclusion
Eric Charmes, Université de Lyon, ENTPE, EVS-RIVES,

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General statement

Migrants are one of the most visible aspects of the internationalisation of cities and one of the most widely covered by the media. The relations between cities and migrants have been a classic issue since the Chicago School and the approach of this topic has recently been deeply reformulated, drawing on the fields of urban studies and migration studies. The objective of this seminar is to open a dialogue between these two fields of study, through urban places and urban migrants, in order to understand how urban contexts (defined in territorial as well as political terms) and urban practices (defined as ways of urban living and city making) are articulated.

Session 1 - The migrations of dominants: between cosmopolitanism and communitarianism

A migrant is a term generally given to people occupying dominated social positions. However, migrations are also very important in dominant social categories. For them, the words expatriates or migrating elites are generally used. To which sociological and spatial realities do these terms refer? Do the urban practices of these migrants differ? In which ways does their spatial anchorage differ? This session will study the urban sociability and the local insertion of 'dominant migrants' and will investigate the role of their national and ethnic origins. Indeed, with regards to a discourse which emphasizes the cosmopolitanism of those elites of globalisation, scholars have pointed out the importance of their links with their native countries.

Session 2 - What's new for the model of spatial assimilation?

The Chicago School is famous for its model of spatial assimilation. Recently, a Canadian journalist, Doug Sanders, met with great success internationally with the notion of 'arrival city', which carries some similarities to this model. What is its topicality? In France, particularly, the neighbourhoods where newly arrived migrants are located are often perceived negatively, as if they were traps where their inhabitants become imprisoned. To what extent may those neighbourhoods become gateways. More generally, how is the social mobility and spatial mobility of migrants articulated in various urban contexts?

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Session 3 – Between cultural isolation and desirable diversity: the ambivalences of « ethnic » trade

The so called « ethnic » trade is a key stake in the relations between the migrants and the city. It has been recently deeply transformed and these transformations question the relevance of concepts linked to « ethnicity » and demand the renewal of analysis of the role of those trades in urban dynamics. Its representations are also ambivalent. On one hand, ethnic trade creates jobs and may help economic integration. On the other hand, it is considered as a marker of self-segregation, thus damaging social and political integration. On one hand, it is an essential feature of the cosmopolitan image of cities and as such an element of attractiveness and a leverage for urban marketing. On the other hand, in urban policies, the term « ethnic » often implicitly carries a negative connotation.

Session 4 – Refugee camps: spaces of exception or urban territories?

This session concerns the status of refugee camps, which have become an emblematic territorial figure of the « migrant crisis » in Europe and which represent a great variety of forms, statuses, practices and levels of visibility world-wide. To what extent are these camps something else than spaces of exception? In what sense can they be considered as an integrative part of cities? Do they take original forms in the current period? Beyond the case of refugee camps in a strict sense, how have the administrative or media categories (migrants, refugees) been articulated with different types of places and urban practices?

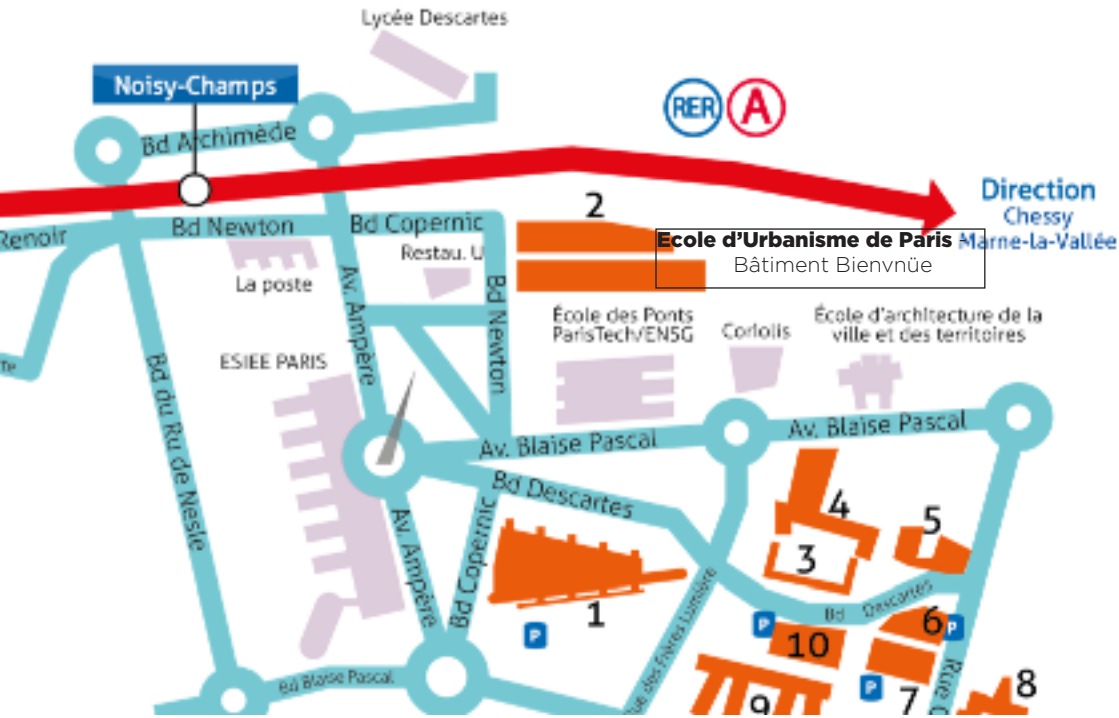
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