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THE POLITICAL

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URBANISM

U&U - 9th International PhD Seminar in
Urbanism and Urbanization 7-9 February 2018
Department of Architecture and Urban Planning,
Ghent University

The seminar seeks to bring together students writing their PhD thesis in urbanism, working within very different disciplinary traditions, combining historical research, design research and different forms of urban research.

The community supporting this seminar series over the years shares an interest in work that tries to speak across the divide between urban studies and the city-making disciplines, seeking to combine the interpretation of the process of urbanization with the commitment and care for the urban condition in all its manifold manifestations, and bring together urban theory and the theoretical grounding of urbanism.

The seminar welcomes all PhD students working in this mixed field. The call for papers of each edition foregrounds a set of themes that will be given special attention. We invite students to respond to these thematic lines, however, papers addressing other themes and concerns will also be taken into consideration.

Each period of urbanization comes with its urbanisms. At times these are clearly defined and constitute distinct paradigms that fill handbooks, structure curricula and form schools. At other times they are contested and subject of vigorous debate. Today, urbanism is a field in flux, forced to engage in new urban questions and address pressing social and ecological concerns. As a direct result the contemporary list of epithets qualifying the notion urbanism has become virtually endless.

In this edition of the urbanism and urbanization seminar we want to think the urban question as a matter of political ecology, joining the transdisciplinary efforts to think nature inside the political economy of urbanization and to develop a perspective on urbanism that unites ecological and social justice concerns. In order to do so, we proceed from a notion which has defined urbanism within political economy, namely the question of 'social reproduction'.

Conference Program

12h00-14h30	Registration
14h30-16h00	Parallel Sessions A-B-C – Part I (short papers)
	A: Ethnographies of design practices
	B: Sites & Strategies
	C: (Large) Territorial systems
16h00-16h30	Coffee break
16h30-18h30	Parallel Sessions A-B-C – Part II (short papers)
	A: Ethnographies of design practices
	B: Sites & Strategies
	C: (Large) Territorial systems
18h00-20h00	Welcome Drink at the library of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Thursday February 8th

08h30-09h00	Registration
09h00-11h00	Parallel Sessions D-E-F – Part I (full papers)
	D: Metabolism
	E: Production
	F: Movements (part 1)
11h00-11h30	Coffee break
11h30-13h30	Parallel Sessions D-E-F – Part II (full papers)
	D: Metabolism
	E: Production
	F: Movements (part 1)
13h30-14h30	Lunch
14h30-19h00	Conference theme & keynotes:
	Michiel Dehaene, 'On Reproduction'
	Lukasz Stanek, 'Death and Life of Urban Knowledge Ecologies'
	Coffee break
	Hillary Angelo, 'Urbanized nature: Greening as Citymaking'
	Chiara Tornaghi, 'From the food-disabling city to an agroecological urbanism'
Evening	Social dinner at KASK Café

Friday February 9th

09h00-09h30	Registration
09h30-11h00	Parallel Sessions G-H-I – Part I (full papers)
	G: Commons / Alternative economies
	H: Socio-ecological systems
	I: Movements (part 2)
11h00-11h30	Coffee break
11h30-13h00	Parallel Sessions G-H-I – Part II (full papers)
	G: Commons / Alternative economies
	H: Socio-ecological systems
	I: Movements (part 2)
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00-17h00	Book presentation: *The Horizontal Metropolis between Urbanism and Urbanization*
	Special Session: Curating the library of the ampersand + Roundtable

Keynotes

Intro by
Michiel Dehaene
(Ghent University)
On Reproduction

Łukasz Stanek
(University of Manchester)
Death and Life of Urban Knowledge Ecologies

Urban knowledge production in hegemonic western centres is characterised today by a double bind: the call for a diversification of this knowledge beyond normative Western concepts is paralleled by a systematic erasure of such diversity as it actually existed in the second half of 20th century. The focus on a number of schools of architecture in postcolonial and post-dependence countries in the 1960s and 1970s, including Kumasi (Ghana), Zaria (Nigeria), Constantine (Algeria), or Baghdad (Iraq) shows a real experience of diversification of knowledge about urbanisation processes beyond its unilateral flow from Western (colonial) metropoles. Benefiting from the multiplicity of the global networks of solidarity during the cold war, which were not restricted to the dichotomy between socialist and capitalist countries but included a variety of "third-worldist" projects, these sites became centres where competing concepts, methodologies, and epistemic frameworks were debated, tested, and developed. These diversified ecologies of urban knowledge were buried in the rubbles of the Berlin Wall and devaluated as "ideological" according to western cold-war discourse. By drawing on archival materials from West Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe, this talk revisits these ecologies in order to rethink urbanisation since the cold war beyond cold-war categories.

Hillary Angelo
(University of California)
Urbanized nature: Greening as Citymaking

In an era of global ecological crisis, sustainable cities have become new paragons of ideal urbanism, and the idea of "green" as a good in cities is ubiquitous. But where did this idea come from, and what are its effects on urban public life and urban transformation? Through a comparison of greening projects in Germany's Ruhr Valley, I trace the emergence of a distinct social imaginary of nature as an indirect, universal, and aspirational good and show how it has motivated greening practices, carried out with the goal of creating ideal cities and citizens, for the past 150 years. I also identify striking similarities in the way these projects roll out across very different urban epochs and changing groups of protagonists: greening projects are normative projects carried out and received as investments in the public good, even as they reinscribe existing inequalities in public space and distribute their goods unevenly.

**Chiara Tornaghi**
(Coventry University)
From the food-disabling city to an agroecological urbanism: rethinking social reproduction from a food perspective

This lecture aims to unpack how a food perspective on social reproduction has been instrumental in shaping an intellectual trajectory that goes from a critical stance towards the food-disabling city, to a programmatic agenda for an agroecological urbanism. The lecture is structured in two parts. In the first part I build on my experience as researcher, scholar −activist and/or microfarmer within over ninety urban food growing projects in Europe between 2009 and 2017. Analysing the limited role of these projects in urban food-production, I will argue that they by and large remain attached to what I have previously defined as the 'food-disabling city' (2017). I will claim that urban theory has been almost entirely food-blind and complicit of a mode of urbanisation which has eroded the capacity of human beings to retain control over a fundamental aspect of social reproduction: food production. In the second part, building on feminist Marxist literature and embracing the challenge to think food as an urban question I expand the way social reproduction has featured in urban theory. I will discuss an action and research agenda that looks at the promises of urban political agroecology and the food sovereignty movement to build what we call a 'resourceful, reproductive, agroecological urbanism' (C.M. Deh-Tor 2017).

Entrance
(Jozef Plateaustraat, 22)
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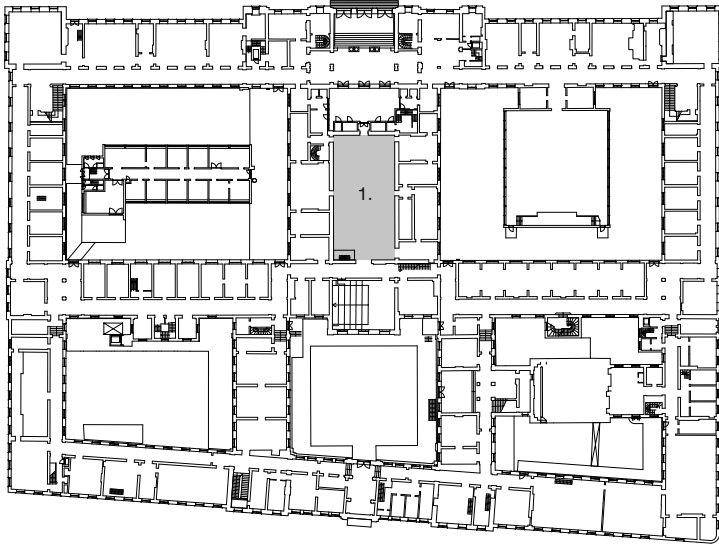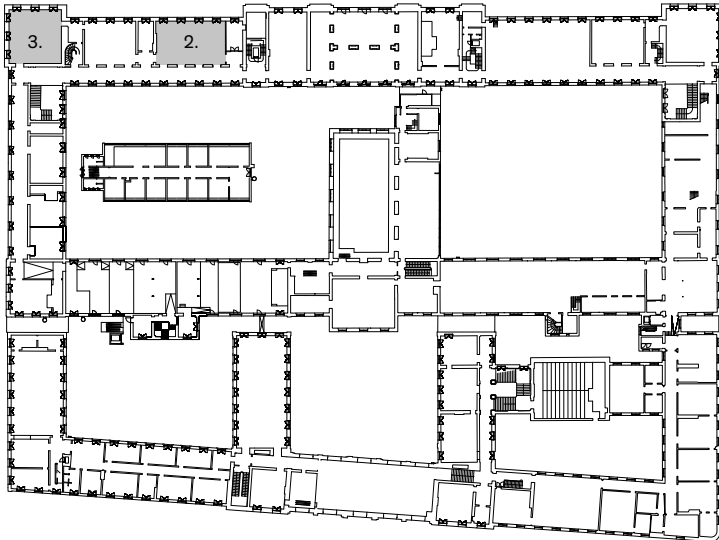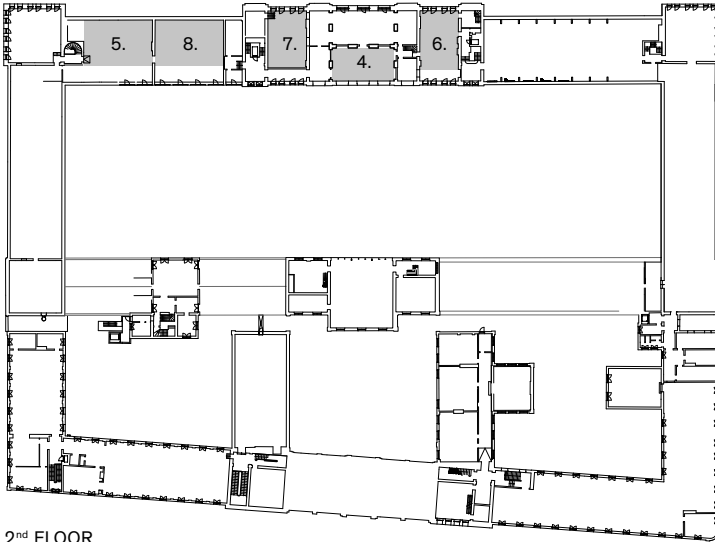
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   1. Library (working space & welcome drink on Wednesday)

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   2. Auditorium E (After-noon session on Friday)
   3. Auditorium G (Keynotes on Thursday)

Second Floor
   4. Registration Desk, Lunch & Coffee Room
   5. Secretary Departement of Achitecture
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   8. Seminar Room 3

Paper Sessions

Session A: Ethnographies of design practices
Chair: Luce Beeckmans (seminar room 1)

<div align="right">Wednesday 14h30-18h30</div>

14h30 - 16h00

Diana Dahood	KUL	Urbanism of temporality. Tracing the impact of food and shelter rehabilitation networks on the production and reproduction of urban realities in Marka camp, Jordan	Seppe De Blust (ndvr)	Chiara Tornaghi (Coventry University)
Martin Dumont	UGent	A critical look at regional planning: Jean Rémy and the concept of urban externalities	Seppe De Blust (ndvr)	Michiel Van Meeteren (VUB)

16h30 - 18h00

Alvaro Mercado Jara	ULB – La Cambre	Unveiling Latin American territories; The Travesías of the Valparaíso School as a critical practice of the planetary urbanization	Claudia Faraone (IUAV – UnivPadova)	Michael Ryckewaert (VUB)
Jeanne Mosseray	VUB – KUL	Live to understand: reflection on an ethnography of a high rise social housing estate in Brussels	Luce Beeckmans (UGent)	Claudia Faraone (IUAV – UnivPadova)

Session B: Sites & Strategies
Chair: Viviana D'Auria (seminar room 2)

14h30 - 16h00

Valentin Bourdon	EPFL	Re-imagining the collective space	Wouter Van Acker (ULB)	Viviana D'Auria (KUL)
Duygu Cihanger	Middle East Technical University & UGent	Spontaneity in everyday space: Linking Social and Spatial through an Urban Design Perspective	Chiara Certomà (UGent)	Viviana D'Auria (KUL)

16h30 - 18h00

Nicola da Schio	VUB	Governing the air: knowledge, infrastructures, contestation	Chiara Tornaghi (Coventry University)	Lionel Devlieger (Rotor)
Anna Livia Friel	IUAV	Construction and its contrary. The role of demolition in the project of the city	Wouter Van Acker (ULB)	Lionel Devlieger (Rotor)

Session C: Territorial systems
Chair: Chiara Cavalieri (seminar room 3)

14h30 - 16h00

Luca Iuorio	IUAV	Limits and inevitabilities of dams in the North American machine-territory	Axel Fisher (ULB)	Greet De Block (UA)
Luis Antonio Martin Sanchez	IUAV	The Italy of the factories. Narrations, representations, images	Axel Fisher (ULB)	Greet De Block (UA)

16h30 - 18h30

Berta Morata	Lulea Tekniska Universitet	The Northbothnian technological megasystem: Urbanization, territorial metabolism and political ecologies	Bénédicte Grosjean (ENSAP Lille)	Chiara Cavalieri (EPFL)
Thomas Beillouin	EAV&T – Université Paris-Est	The strategies of territorial development in the test of coastal dynamics. From the mobility of the coastline to the spatio-temporal depth of the coastal area	Maria Chiara Tosi (IUAV)	Michiel Van Meeteren (VUB)
Ivonne Weichold	University of Luxembourg	Land for food. The Interaction of Urban Planning and Regional Food Planning	Maria Chiara Tosi (IUAV)	Chiara Certomà (UGent)

Session D: Metabolism
Chair: Els Verbrakel (seminar room 1)

Thursday 9h00-13h30

9h00 - 11h00

Andrea Bortolotti	ULB	Waste space and recycling practices: the case of the Abattoirs in Brussels	Paola Viganò (EPFL-IUAV)	Els Verbakel (Bezalel)
Griet Juwet	VUB	Energy transition in the nebular city: a socio-spatial perspective on the case of heat in Roeselare	Nathalie Roseau (ENPC)	Els Verbakel (Bezalel)
Julie Marin	KUL	Reinterpreting the territory's resourcefulness	Paola Viganò (EPFL-IUAV)	Nathalie Roseau (ENPC)

11h30 - 13h00

Elisabeth Sjodahl	AHO Oslo	From Pipeline to Landscape: a Landscape-Driven Design for Stormwater Management	Bruno Notteboom (St-Lucas KUL)	Oswald Devisch (UHasselt)
Marine Declève	UCL & EPFL	Brussels. (De)construction of a productive narrative	Nadia Casabella (ULB)	Joachim Declerck (AWB)

Session E: Production
Chair: Michael Ryckewaert (seminar room 3)

9h00 - 11h00

Giorgos Koukoufikis	GSSI Aquila & KUL	The Post-Growth City: Towards an Urban Research Agenda for the Post-Growth Society	Lukasz Stanek (Manchester University)	Elena Cogato Lanza (EPFL)
Mladen Stilinovic	UGent	Re-emerging landscapes: militarised territories from the Cold War period	Lukasz Stanek (Manchester University)	Marcel Smets (KUL)
Roberto Sega	EPFL	The industrialization and the construction of the Alpine city-territory	Dominique Rouillard (ENSA Paris Malaquais)	Marcel Smets (KUL)

11h30 - 13h30

Cai Xiaoxiao	KUL	The Congenital Defective Impetuses and Postnatal Distorted Development. Research on the Impetuses and Problems in the New Towns' Development of China	Adolfo Sotoca (LUT / UPC)	Dominique Rouillard (ENSA Paris Malaquais)
Sis Pillen	KUL	Waterscapes in transformation in the 'Uitkerkse Polder'. Water as a protagonist for changing accessibility in landscapes challenged by infrastructures for climate resilience	Adolfo Sotoca (LUT / UPC)	Michael Ryckewaert (VUB)
Margarita Macera	KUL	Reviewing post-mining procedures in view of the potential incursion of landscape urbanism in resource extraction	Adolfo Sotoca (LUT / UPC)	Maria Chiara Tosi (IUAV)

Chair: Pieter Uyttenhove (seminar room 2)

9h00 - 11h00

Laura May	University of Antwerp	Suburban place-making: 'place distinctiveness' as manifestation of political-economic coalitions (case: Antwerp, c.1860-c.1940)	Bas Van Heur (VUB)	Oswald Devisch (UHasselt)
Igor Moreno Pessoa	TUDelft	Spatial fragmentation and self-organisation: a negative relation in Brazilian metropolises	Bas Van Heur (VUB)	Ilja Van Damme (UA)
Barbara Roosen	UHasselt	(E)valuating the production of social space: A critical atlas of a residential subdivision in Zolder	Bénédicte Grosjean (ENSAP Lille)	Pieter Uyttenhove (UGent)

11h30 - 13h00

Jeroen Stevens	KUL	Urban(ism) Movements: Occupying Central São Paulo	Brian McGrath (Parsons New School)	Pieter Uyttenhove (UGent)
Guillaume Vanneste	UCL – LOCI	Another Geography of the Belgian Dispersed Settlements	Brian McGrath (Parsons New School)	Ilja Van Damme (UA)

Session G: Commons / Alternative economies
Chair: Elena Cogato Lanza (seminar room 1)

Friday 9h30-13h00

9h30 - 11h00

Dagmar Pelger	TU Berlin	Neighbourhood as a socio-spatial common. A neo-Nolli map of Wrangelkiez, Berlin-Kreuzberg	Lieven De Cauter (KUL)	Brian McGrath (Parsons New School)
Anna Ternon	UCL - LOCI	The garden cities of the 21st century	Pieter Uyttenhove (UGent)	Chiara Cavalieri (EPFL)

11h30 - 13h00

Philippe De Clerck	ULB - Louise	Slow builders in accelerating urbanity. The underwhelming radicality of La Poudrière, Brussels	Bart Verschaffel (UGent)	Elena Cogato Lanza (EPFL)
Eleonora Fiorentino	University of Cagliari	*Thermae* as commons. Guide lines for the project of thermal landscapes	Bart Verschaffel (UGent)	Elena Cogato Lanza (EPFL)

Session H: Socio-ecological systems
Chair: Greet De Block (seminar room 2)

9h30 - 11h00

Olga Peek	KUL	Re-designing the incremental city in times of climate change: design investigations into the consolidated riverbank settlements of Guayaquil, Ecuador	Hillary Angelo (University of California Santa Cruz)	Greet De Block (UA)
Koenraad Danneels	University of Antwerp & KUL	Historicizing Ecological Urbanism: Paul Duvigneaud, the Brussels Agglomeration and the influence of ecology on urbanism (1970-2016)	Hillary Angelo (University of California Santa Cruz)	Viviana d'Auria (KUL)

11h30 - 13h00

Kezia Dewi	KUL	The place given to and the place taken by Tionghoa in the postcolonial Indonesia. A case study on Semarang	Paola Viganò (EPFL-IUAV)	Stijn Oosterlynck (UA)

Session I: Movements (Part II)
Chair: Dominique Rouillard (seminar room 3)

9h30 - 11h00

Luis Angel Flores Hernandez	KUL	From dissensus to modernist consensus. On the irruption and reproduction of spatial orders in 20th century Guadalajara.	Bert De Munck (UA)	Luce Beeckmans (UGent)
Patricia Capanema Alvares Fernandes	KUL	De-hierarchizing Belo Horizonte's foundational plan, building theory from off the map	Bert De Munck (UA)	Dominique Rouillard (ENSA Paris Malaquais)

11h30 - 13h00

Cristina Braschi	UCL – LOCI	Death and life of citizen initiatives through partici-patory public policies in Madrid: towards an *open source* urbanism or towards the end of it?	Els Vervloesem (AWB)	André Loeckx (KUL)
Luca Sara Brody	GSSI Aquila	Challenging the capitalist cityscape? The inclusion of citizens in vacant space reuses in Barcelona and Budapest	Els Vervloesem (AWB)	André Loeckx (KUL)

Practical Information

Conference venue

Ghent University – Campus Boekentoren
Department of Architecture & Urban Planning
Jozef Plateaustraat 22, 9000 Gent, Belgium

Social Dinner

The social dinner will take place at the Kask Café at the Ghent School of Arts, at walking distance from the conference venue. It will be a walking dinner, and various sorts of food will be served, for vegetarians, meat eaters and omnivores.

Address: Louis Pasteurlaan 2 (10min. walking distance from the conference venue)
https://schoolofartsgent.be/en/artistic-operation/kaskcafe/

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STA.M – Urban Academy

All the respondents and registered participants of the U&U have free access to the exhibition of the Urban Academy (Stadsacademie) at the city museum of Ghent, STA.M. This offer is valid from Thursday February 8th until Sunday February 11th.

For details and contact information about the museum: http://stamgent.be

For information about the urban academy: http://destadsacademie.be/stad-en-universiteit/

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