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# THE URBAN FUTURES MONTHLY

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am happy to let 2023 begin with the following pieces of news on the Platform's recent and coming activities:

- for Spring 2023 we renew our book presentation series "[Hot Off The Press](#)"
- the platform welcomes a new project: [GEtCoheSive](#), funded by Interreg Central Europe
- we are hosting in person in Vienna presentations from Sabrina Stallone (22.3.2023) and James Holston (26.4.2023)
- you can find a list of our publications from late 2022 and early 2023 below

**We hope you had a relaxing break and wish you a prolific spring!**

Kind regards,  
Yuri Kazepov

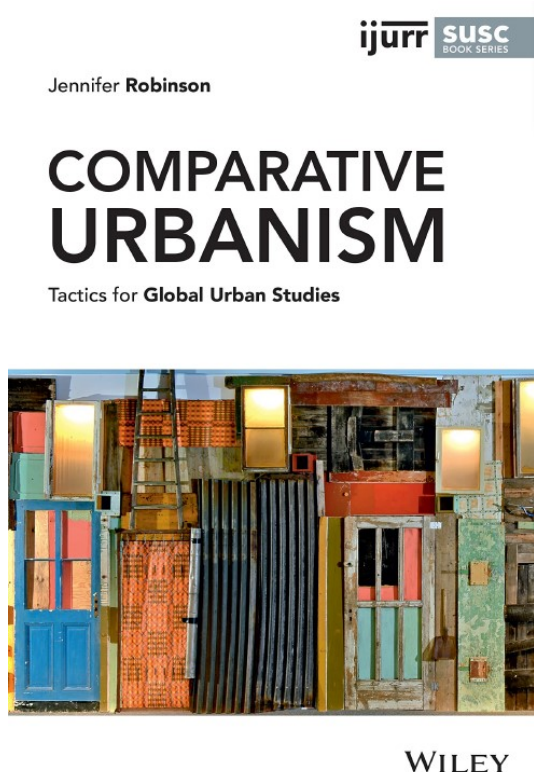
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## Hot Off The Press book presentations for Spring 2023

In light of the international reach of last year's [Hot Off The Press](#) series, we are happy to come back in spring 2023 with a very exciting, transatlantic

programme. Beyond our activities in Vienna, we intend to bring together thought-provoking international scholars for four Zoom seminars discussing books recently published. After each presentation, a discussant will exchange with the author and there will also be time for a Q&A.

More on the four events:



### **March 15th - "Comparative Urbanism: Tactics for Global Urban Studies"**

**Jennifer Robinson** is Professor of Human Geography at the University College London, UK.

She will discuss her most recent book on the reformatting of urban comparison, which "recalibrates overly used theoretical perspectives, resurrects forgotten ones long in need of a dusting off, and brings to the fore those often marginalised".

Time: 5 P.M.-7 P.M.GMT+1

**Register until March 13th!**

[More here](#)

Matthias **Bernt**

# THE COMMODIFICATION GAP

Gentrification and Public Policy in London, Berlin  
and St. Petersburg



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## April 19th - "The Commodification Gap: Gentrification and Public Policy in London, Berlin and St. Petersburg"

**Matthias Bernt** is the acting head of the research focus "Politics and Planning" at the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany.

He introduces the concept of '*commodification gap*' to "demonstrate how gentrification is always entwined with institutions and distinctive contextual processes".

Time: 5 P.M.-7 P.M.GMT+1

**Registration opens on March 16th!**

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## POST-GROWTH PLANNING Cities Beyond the Market Economy

Edited by  
Federico Savini, António Ferreira,  
and Kim Carlotta von Schönfeld

ROUTLEDGE

## May 3rd - "Post-Growth Planning: Cities Beyond the Market Economy"

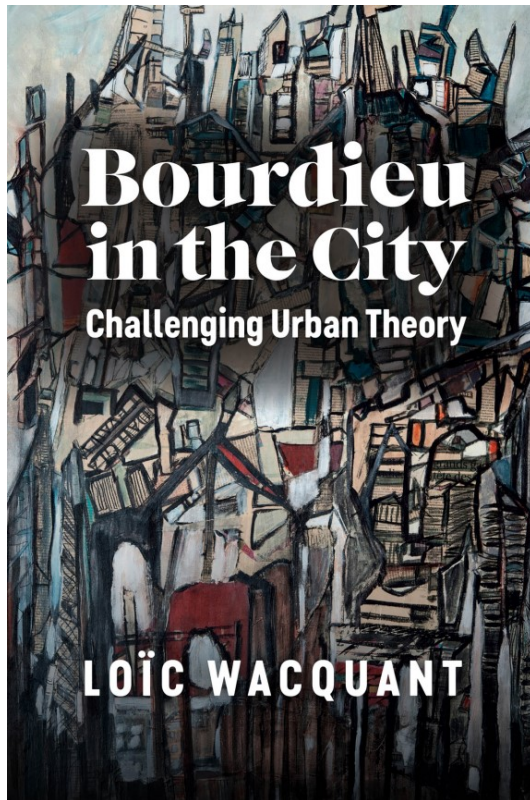
**Federico Savini** is an Associate Professor in Environmental Planning, Institutions and Politics at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

He will present this co-edited book which "draws on a wide range of conceptual and empirical materials to identify and examine planning and policy approaches that move beyond the imperative of perpetual economic growth".

Time: 5 P.M.-7 P.M.GMT+1

**Registration will open in due time.**

[More here](#)



**June 14th - "Bourdieu in the City:  
Challenging Urban Theory"**

**Loïc Wacquant** is a Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, and Research associate at the Centre de sociologie européenne, Paris, France.

In this book he argues that "Bourdieu's topological sociology gives us the tools, not just to energize, but to challenge the canon of urban studies and to redraw their theoretical landscape".

Time: 5 P.M.-7 P.M.GMT+1

**Registration will open in due time.**

[More here](#)

**We look forward to welcoming you to open this semester's edition with fruitful and engaging exchanges!**

**Remember to [register](#)!**

Zoom links will be provided in due time. Please note that the sessions will be recorded.

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**New research project: GEtCoheSive**

Breaking news: The project GEtCoheSive was approved and will receive three-year funding from the Interreg Central Europe programme, starting from April 2023.

This European project envisions "Governance Enhancement for Cohesive Societies" with the participation of 12 public and private actors under the lead of the Cà Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

[More here](#)

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## We are hosting two spring seminars in Vienna

### **March 22nd - "Dis/Articulating Urban Futures: Promises, Affect and Un/Wanted Bodies on Zurich's Land Reserves"**

**Sabrina Stallone** is a doctoral researcher at the Institute of Social Anthropology of the University of Bern, Switzerland.

She reflects on how urban futures and affective imaginaries of urban promises and threats are articulated in everyday lives in the city.

Time: 5 P.M. GMT+1

### **April 26th - "Municipal Experiments in Guaranteed Income: Reimagining Wage Work, Welfare, and Citizenship in American Society"**

**James Holston** is Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.

He will give a presentation on municipal initiatives that develop direct democracy through considerations of urban citizenship.

Time: 5 P.M. GMT+1

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## Recent publications (selection):

Ahn, B., Friesenecker, M., Kazepov, Y., Brandl, J. 2023\_ *How Context Matters: Challenges of Localizing Participatory Budgeting for Climate Change Adaptation in Vienna\_* , Urban Planning, 8, 1. Open access [here](#).

Mocca, E., Pasian, P., Ahn, B. 2022\_ *Labour and social inclusion paths for refugees. A comparison between Bologna and Vienna\_* , Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research. Available [here](#).

Franz, Y., Heintel, M. 2022\_ *Kooperative Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung\_* , Vienna: facultas. Available [here](#).

Kazepov, Y., Barberis, E., Cucca, R. Mocca, E. (eds). 2022\_ *The Handbook of urban social policies*.

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