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THE URBAN FUTURES MONTHLY

Stay up to date with the latest news from the Urban Futures Platform

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

we are looking forward to a fresh start in this academic year 2023/24 and wish you a productive fall term. I am particularly happy to inform you on upcoming events at the platform.

In particular:

- 1. The <u>Brown Bag Lunch</u> series goes on with a pluridisciplinary fall program ranging from Anthropology of Urban Migration to Environmental Studies.
- 2. Urban Futures is hosting two <u>Incoming Scholars</u> for the months to come, as well as one Research Affiliate.
- 3. Congratulations to our Research Affiliate Adam Nemeth for receiving the prestigious post-doctoral Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship.

Before more detail follows, a quick retrospective: Before summer break, we could launch our brand new Brown Bag Lunch series with Eline de Jong and Ana Cukovic, and were glad to receive Alessandro Bogliolo for a Guest Talk in Vienna. In June, we closed our Hot Off The Press <u>Spring 2023 edition</u> with Loïc Wacquant's presentation of Bourdieu in the City. Remember that all the recordings of HOTP online seminars are available on <u>our YouTube channel</u>!

I hope to see you soon at our upcoming events and wish you well!

Kind regards, Yuri Kazepov

Brown Bag Lunch series goes on: October 17!

Of Adjustment and Placemaking: Ethnography of Migrant Journeys in India

Incoming Scholar **Ishita Dey** will share her research on urban labour migration. Based on co-traveling experience from Bhagalpur to Mumbai, she argues that in post-colonial times, railways are an essential part of Indian democratic politics and governance. Ultimately, this BBL asks how placemaking through objects, gestures, and movements informs migrant journeys.



Time: 12:15-13:30 CEST

Room: C0628a - NIG, Universitätsstraße 7 (1010 Vienna)

Register and bring your lunch box!

After its kick-off, the fall term edition continues in November with a combined BBL with visiting PhD students Lucía Cobos and Melis Günay.

Lastly, the three Urban Futures PhD students will present their work, together with Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow Adam Nemeth, in two combined BBLs at the beginning of 2024:

- Jana Brandl and Laura Lotteraner on their work in Environmental Studies
- Hannah Sommer and Adam Nemeth in Migration Studies.

More information coming up soon!

Other news at the platform

Our Interreg research project GEtCoheSive involving Yuri Kazepov and Core Member Yvonne Franz goes on social media: <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

The Platform is currently hosting the two following Incoming Scholars:

Ishita Dey is Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, South Asian University, Delhi.
Her research interests lie with migration, labor, food, and senses.

She is an editorial board member of the journal *Society and Culture in South Asia* (Sage). She has also published her work in journals such as *The Sense and Society, Gastronomica, Refugee Watch*, and *South Atlantic Quarterly*. Additionally, she has co-anchored an art research project on Smells of the city, focusing on Delhi supported by Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Delhi.



Ishita will present her ethnographic study in a <u>BBL</u> and dedicates her stay at Urban Futures to work on a publication related to her research project entitled "Journeys and Internal Migrant Workers: An Ethnographic Study of railway connectivity".

Lucía Cobos is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Political Science and Sociology of the Complutense University of Madrid.
Her main topic of interest is the dialogue between political theory and political geography, and in particular the emergence of the political subject in the urban field.

She has also worked in the city council of Madrid as a technician of citizen participation which informs her current research on participatory processes and social innovation in Madrid.



In our November BBL edition Lucía will present her PhD research which is part of a project called: "Economic, social and political innovation in Madrid in the context of the (post)pandemic: strategies and territorial dimensions". Stay up to date!

Arjin Tas is a sociologist and social anthropologist with a MA from Central European University, Vienna.

Her MA research explored the relationship between urban destruction, urban redevelopment, and counterinsurgency strategies through the case of Sur, Diyarbakir, Turkey.

Arjin's current research, "'Risky Areas' of Diyarbakir: Normalization of the Use of Counterinsurgency Strategies in Urban Restructuring" examines the normalization and generalization of counterinsurgency strategies in urban policies in other parts of Diyarbakir.



With her doctoral project, Arjin was awarded the sowi:docs Fellowship in 2022.

More suggestions!

We would like to recommand you the two following event series in Vienna:

- 1. Seyla Benhabib (Yale, US) is giving three in person presentations on October 5, 11 and 19. More information on this series entitled "The Changing Fortunes of Cosmopolitanism: Demos, Cosmos and Globus" on the IWM website. Please register for attendance!
- 2. German speaking colleagues are invited to take a look at the <u>program</u> of the colloquium organized at the Department of **European Ethnology**: "Urlaub am Land. Eine kulturwissenschaftliche Annäherung".

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