



International Workshop: Spatialising justice: an anglo-french dialogue

JEDI Research Group (Justice, Espace, Discriminations et Inégalités) – Université Paris-Est

University College London

Thursday 30th June & Friday 1st July 2016

Campus de Champs-sur-Marne, Cité Descartes, Bâtiment Bienvenüe, Marne-la-Vallée

Workshop objectives:

Social justice remains an enduring, if at times muted, driver of social policy. At the city scale, this normative imperative is increasingly being encapsulated through the notion of spatial justice - an attempt to conceptualise, and render actionable, the complex interplay of relations between distribution, recognition, governance and territory. Spatial justice is a bold and vivid concept, inherently dynamic and political and, as such, warrants closer scrutiny.

This workshop represents a rare opportunity to unpack the concept through the lens of its linguistic and conceptual appropriation in Anglophone and Francophone literatures, as well as its varied translation(s) into urban policy. Supported by the Labex Urban Futurs (Université Paris-Est), the seminar will bring together colleagues from the Bartlett's Development Planning Unit and the Department of Geography at UCL and from Université de Paris Est (UPE), especially the JEDI research group (Justice Espace Discriminations et Inégalités).

Some key objectives of the workshop include:

- Reflecting on spatial justice from different disciplinary and theoretical vantage points (political theory, urban planning, geography) and different contexts in the global north/south.
- Questioning critically the divide between so-called 'French' and 'Anglo' perspectives on (spatial) justice and how they translate in urban policy (targeting groups vs. spaces for instance), as well as their international circulation.
- Presenting different methodologies to study theoretically and empirically the notion of spatial justice with an attention to actual mechanisms allowing for redistribution in urban contexts.

Thursday 30 June – 14h00 – 17h30 – Room A 219

14.00 **Greetings and introduction** to the workshop, Barbara Lipietz (UCL), Armelle Choplin (UPEM), Claire Hancock (UPEC), Martine Drozd (CNRS)

14.15 - 15.30: Session 1

Theme: Environment and Justice

Sophie Moreau (UPEM), Lydie Laigle (CSTB)

From justice background to environmental justice movement: Climate justice and Madagascar experiences

Vanessa Castan Broto (UCL) – **Urban political ecology and infrastructure landscapes: why technology matters for spatial justice**

Sophie Didier (UPEM) – **Accessing nature in the city**

Chair: Caren Levy (UCL)

15.30 – 15.45: Coffee break

16.00-17.30: Session 2

Theme: Gender and/in the city

Claire Hancock (UPEC), Sophie Blanchard (UPEC):

Gender and youth in the banlieue—a workshop in Aubervilliers

Julian Walker (UCL):

Gender, Diversity and neighbourhood-level planning

Chair: Nadia Taher (UCL)

Friday 1st July – 9h-16h – Room A 219

9.00-9.30: coffee/tea

9.30 - 10.45: Session 3

Theme: Community based organization, mobilization, and participative approach

Robin Brown (Just Space):

Je participe, nous participons, ils profitent - London of today?

Agnès Deboulet (Paris 8): **Co-production as the new ideal for a “just city”? French & international positions between research and social movements**

Debate with Jenny Robinson, Barbara Lipietz, Martine Drozd

10.45 – 11.00: coffee break

11.00 - 12.30: Session 4

Theme: Large scale urban projects and regeneration

Katia Attuyer (UCL): **Contesting Neoliberal Urbanism outside Participatory Structures in Inner-city Dublin**

Jenny Robinson (UCL): **Governing the Future City: A Comparative Analysis of Governance Innovations in Large Scale Urban Developments in Shanghai, London, Johannesburg -**

Lina Raad (UPEC): **Housing policy in communist-run municipalities in the suburbs of Paris : attracting middle-class newcomers while maintaining low-income population ?**

Chair/respondent: Martine Drozd, Barbara Lipietz

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 14.45 : **Session 5**

Theme: From spatial justice to the Right to the city and vice versa?

Marianne Morange (Paris 7), Francesca Pilo' (Paris 7), Amandine Spire (Paris 7):

The right to the City and City Dwellers' Experience in Accra, Cape Town and Rio de Janeiro

Pushpa Arabindoo (UCL):

When everyone claims a right to the city: Perspectives from Chennai

Alex Frediani (UCL):

Approaching the right to the city from a capability perspective: reflections from practices of informal settlement upgrading

Chair: Armelle Choplin (UPEM) / Sophie Didier (UPEM)

14.45-16.00 **Discussion** on the research network's future development

16.00: **end** of the workshop