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1.0 Message to the members

Dear Colleagues,

It's time to reflect upon our RC21 activities at the end of the year. Your participation in the Vancouver conference made it a great success. The conference hosted 180 papers and almost 200 participants from all parts of the world. You made tremendous efforts to accommodate and challenge a difficult conference theme, combining urban justice and sustainability. I appreciate your efforts to explore this emerging field very much. And of course I appreciate our regular sessions that members have been long committed to.

In 2008, we'll have two RC21 conferences. You will find more about them in this Newsletter. One is an ISA midterm conference called the First World Forum of Sociology, in Barcelona in early September. The other is a Tokyo conference in mid December. Both offer exciting and thought-provoking urban and regional topics. I want to encourage you to participate in these meetings and contribute your research to the current urban debate. I'd like to see you there!

As you know, we have created *More News and Events*, a public space for members on the RC21 web site. This is the place where you can share your cur-

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rent activities and thoughts with the rest of our members. This space also can be used to develop a dialogue about critical issues. I hope you can make good use of it in between our biannual Newsletter.

Happy holidays!

Kuniko Fujita
ISA-RC21 President
December 20, 2007

2.0 RC21 Conferences 2008

The Call for Papers

ISA World Forum of Sociology, Barcelona, September 5-8, 2008

ISA Themes: Sociological Research and Public Debate
RC21 Theme: Rethinking Cities and Regions in the Troubled World

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This information is also available at the ISA web site (http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/); ISA-RC21 website (<http://www.shakti.uniurb/rc21>); and RC21 2008 Conferences (<http://www.msu.edu/user/fujitak/2008Conferences.htm>)

Please send an abstract (less than 200 words) of your proposed paper to organizers of a session you are interested in by December 31, 2007.

1. Transformation in Urban Politics

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'Classic' neoliberal strategies in urban development -- as captured in the concept of the entrepreneurial city and manifest in the competitive politics of upgrading downtowns and subsidizing growth hot spots while privatizing formerly public infrastructure, space, and housing -- are increasingly superseded by new 'soft' strategies of building social cohesion, incorporating (sub)local cultural as well as political milieus, and invoking urban civil society as more effective ways to enhance a sustainable competitiveness of the city. This session focuses on such contemporary forms of governance and hopes to compare different, locally contingent, path-specific transformations in the politics and politics of cities around the globe. As these

shifts in urban governance have been accompanied by transformations in the field of oppositional challengers (particularly a proliferation of advocacy NGOs and demands for a 'just city'), this session also invites empirical and theoretical investigations of the emerging relationships between these actors/demands and assessments of their risks and opportunities.

2. State-Led Gentrification and Mixing Policies: Implications for the Urban Middle Class and the (Ethnic) Poor

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In the current theoretical framework, gentrification has been widely discussed in relation to neo-liberalism as most researchers emphasize the role of the private sector (or coalition of local governments and developers). However, urban restructuring has increasingly been led by the state in many countries. One way the state has become a major actor is by implementing investments in physical and cultural infrastructures. But there are other modalities. State-led gentrification certainly raises many questions. What is the logic and motive of state-led gentrification? What explanations can we develop beyond the allegedly neo-liberalized state? What are logical connections between state and urban restructuring? Are there different national patterns of state-led gentrification?

State-led gentrification has serious implications for the working middle class, the



poor and the ethnic minority groups, leading to debates on citizenship and social justice in the city.

We need to investigate the logic, the nature, and the patterns of state-led gentrification in comparative perspective and to develop new theories that bring the state into gentrification research. We thus particularly seek papers that discuss state-led gentrification from class and ethnic perspectives.

3. New Urban Cultures: Public Space, Public Art, Performance and Popular Cultures.

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The dynamism of cities constantly produces new forms of urban culture. In many of the world's major cities (New York, Tokyo, Berlin, Paris, etc.) a large part of the urban economy is now cultural production. This session intends to examine some manifestations of contemporary and emerging urban cultures with a focus on alternative uses and interpretations of public spaces (parks, squares, plazas, etc), the emergence of public art and performance within these spaces, the blurring of urban "genres" in spaces such as markets as in London's Camden Town where consumerism, art, performance, tourism, gazing and micro-economies all intersect and the identification of new urban cultures along

lines of ethnicity, gender and youth. The session hopes to be comparative in nature and to provide potentially fresh ways of theorizing the relationship between sociology and civic spaces.

4. Urban Ethnic Conflicts in Comparative Perspective

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This panel seeks papers that examine the origins, nature, and impact of ethnic, religious, or ethno-nationalist conflicts on cities around the world. In the contemporary era of globalization, which has challenged nation-states and national identities as a legitimating source of authority, struggles over sovereignty and for recognition often unfold among subnational groups -- and in cities, precisely because in a world of relatively fluid borders and transnational labor flows, cities are ever more likely to draw and host populations of difference. This, in turn, has meant that ethnic and ethno-national identity conflicts are increasingly transferred to the built environment and local governing practices, and much more likely to manifest themselves in urban conflicts over the allocation of space, resources, and rights rather than over the grand projects of nation-state building.

This panel seeks papers that explore the impact of these developments on cities, as well as the impact of cities and urban dynamics on ethnic or ethno-national



identities and conflicts. Does the historic cosmopolitanism of cities dilute or exacerbate ethnic or ethno-national tensions? Does ethnic identity trump class or other forms of identity in the social production of urban space or the urban experience, why or why not? Does national or regional context mediate the urban-ethnic nexus (i.e. are there significant differences in the ways ethnic or ethno-national conflicts unfold in cities of the global south as opposed to the global north, or in Africa as opposed to Europe, Asia, and the Middle East)? Finally, how might theories of the built environment, city form, urban political participation, and/or urban governance accommodate the importance of ethnicity, and will we need new tools, frameworks, or methodologies to understand the urban-ethnic nexus in an increasingly globalized world?

5. The Creative City and Social Innovation

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Creative cities are today's engines of regional and national development that depend on innovation and creativity. To be creative, cities must offer a vibrant environment, cultural amenities and career choices sufficient to attract groups with talent to build creative industries. In so doing, creative cities secure comparative advantages over other cities. According to this creative city view, there is a need for a new urban agenda that

focuses on both innovation and cultural revitalization.

But the new urban agenda inevitably creates a tension between the goal of competitiveness and the search for greater equality and social integration.

This session, therefore, intends to go beyond the current creative city view and explore processes and policies that can simultaneously bring about urban creativity and counteract the negative effects of marginalization and deprivation of basic needs and rights.

The session seeks papers that address a wide range of topics such as: 1) The importance of soft factors in the competitiveness of the cities; 2) Geographical approaches to creativity and innovation; 3) cultural industries; 4) Are Social marginalization and urban competitiveness two opposite poles?; and finally 5) Papers addressing the role of one or more of the following in generating urban creativity are welcome: Strategic planning, labor market opportunities, community and social capital, voluntary and non-profit sectors, and cultural production.

6. Urban Sustainability: Process and Form

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Urban sustainability research seems to often bifurcate into two (sometimes) diverging perspectives. One deals with the processes needed to make urban re-



gions more sustainable. This includes questions about planning democracy, environmental justice, and participation. The other is concerned with urban form and design, technological change and infrastructures. Both deal with change geared towards the redirection of urban metabolisms. While theoretically not incompatible, the two perspectives have often been at odds conceptually and in terms of the practices associated with the politics that bring them to life. The former has been often strangely non-material in its technological and ecological sense; the latter has been characterized by fetishizing things (such as green roofs, compact architecture, or transit) at the expense of questions of distribution and democracy. This panel will explore ways in which the material and procedural dimensions of urban sustainability can be brought back into a more constructive dialogue. The session aims at critically examining conceptual and real ways through which such connections can be made.

7. Segregation in Atypical Context

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Segregation studies have been heavily influenced by the context in which they have been initially developed. It began with the booming mid-western American

metropolis of the inter-war period and its intense racial divisions with market shifting and sorting trailing behind overt discrimination and racism as a mechanism of sociospatial separation, even when institutionalized discrimination was abolished for several decades. A different focus for segregation studies emerged in the post-war period of reconstruction and welfare state building in Europe, with emphasis on social, rather than ethno-racial, division and on state regulation of the segregating impact of market mechanisms. Later, when the leading cities of the western world started experiencing de-industrialization, a new focus on gentrification emerged as a consequence of new forms of urban renewal and their social impact. Research agendas and conceptualizations are always set in respect to contextual conditions at core regions (which coincide with the core regions in the academic division of labour as well) and, often implicitly, become general directives irrespective to their initial contextual limitations.

At the same time, however, the vast majority of the world's urban population partakes in sociospatial processes for which the dominant research agendas and conceptualizations may sometimes be mystifying and/or misleading.

This session welcomes contributions from atypical contexts for segregation studies, like southern Europe or Latin America or Asia, where the timing and structure of industrial development, the family centered welfare regimes and the clientelist political systems have heavily influenced the forms of urban development and renewal and, eventually, the



patterns and the social impact of segregation. The aim of this session is not to pinpoint at the specificity of a-typical contexts, but to stress the context dependence of any serious analysis of sociospatial issues, which does not necessarily diminish with globalization.

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 Barcelona, Spain
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Grants available

1. Travel/accommodation grants for individual members of ISA in good standing who come from category B or C countries, according to countries classification established by the ISA, and who play an active role in the Forum program, either as a session chair or a paper giver.

2. Registration grants, allocated to Research Committees (RC), Working Groups (WG), Thematic Groups (TG) to subsidize the participation of featured speakers and/or paper givers, individual members of ISA in good standing, chosen by them.

Considering that the allocated amount cannot meet every need, requests may have to be arbitrated.

How to apply

1. Travel/accommodation grants

Who is eligible?
 Individual members of the ISA in good standing (i.e. having paid their individual membership dues), coming from countries listed in categories B and C, according to countries classification established by the ISA, and who play an active role in the Forum program either as a session chair or paper giver.

What can the grants cover?
 - Airfare (in full or in part) and/or
 - Accommodation (in full or in part at students' residence cost)

How to apply?
 The individual member sends an application simul-

taneously to the ISA Secretariat <isa@isa-sociology.org> and to the Programme Coordinator of the RC/WG/TG(s) in which s/he will be a paper presenter and/or a session chair.

The application must include:

- a statement of the cost of travel/accommodation that is being applied for (in US dollars or euro);
- the role(s) to be played at the Forum, including the name(s) of the RC/WG/TG and the title of the session(s);
- in the case of a paper presenter, the title(s) and abstract(s) of the paper(s), and a copy of the letter (s)/e-mail(s) of acceptance

Deadline for receipt of applications: January 31, 2008

The RC/WG/TG will be requested by the ISA Secretariat to comment on all the applications sent by participants in their sessions, confirming the individual's participation and stating their priorities as to whom a grant shall be given.

2. Registration Grants

How to apply?

The individual member of ISA sends an application to the Programme Coordinator of the RC/WG/TG(s) in which s/he will be a paper presenter.

Who makes recommendations?

RCs/WGs/TGs send recommendations to the ISA Secretariat <isa@isa-sociology.org>

Who may be recommended?

Featured speakers and/or paper givers, individual members of ISA in good standing, chosen by the RC/WG/TG.

How to make recommendations and how many?
 Each RC/WG/TG may recommend candidates (regular and/or student members) for registration grants. The maximum total amount will not exceed the cost of early registration fees for:

- 1 category A ISA regular member (total euro 200) or
- 2 category B ISA regular members (total euro 180) or
- 3 category C ISA regular members (total euro 210).

Deadline for receipt of recommendations from the RCs/WGs/TGs: February 15, 2008.



Decisions

The Grants Committee, composed of members of the Local Organizing Committee and of the ISA Executive Committee will review all applications and distribute available funds accordingly by April 15, 2008, so that all successful applicants can pre-register to the Forum before May 31, 2008.

Application Form – RC21-FURS Travel Grant

ISA Barcelona Conference, September 5-8, 2008

Preference will be given to applicants younger than 35 years old from countries in Groups B and C of the World Bank classification. For details see http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/table_c.htm

Submissions Deadline: May 31, 2008

Date of Application:

Family Name:

Given Name:

Nationality:

Birth Date:

Email:

Home Address:

Corresponding Address:

Affiliation:

Affiliation Address:

The Name of Your Session Organizer in the Barcelona Conference:

The Title of Your Paper:

The Status of Your Paper (Accepted? Completed?):

Amount of Your Request:

Is This the First Time to Apply for RC21-FURS Travel Grant?

If not the 1st Time, When Did you Receive it?

RC21-FURS TRAVEL GRANTS

RC2-FURS travel grants are funded by Rc21 and the Fund for Urban and Regional Studies (FURS).

Please see rules and qualifications below about RC21-FURRS travel grants.

Qualified individuals can apply for grants to the RRC21-FURRS grant committee {Ranvinder Singh Sandhu ranvinder@yahoo.com) and Thomas Maloutas (maloutas@ath.forthnet.gr)}. The application deadline is May 31, 2008.

Rules and Qualifications

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible to travel grants candidates should:

- 1) be RC21 members in good standing for a period longer than 12 months prior the funding request;
- 2) be younger than 35 years of age (or above if criteria "c" applies) at the moment of the funding request;
- 3) be a member of a nation state classified in category C of the ISA membership classification; (also candidates from "B" countries may apply, but they will be given a lower priority. The list of countries can be found at http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/table_c.htm)
- 4) be presenting a paper in one of the sessions in the Barcelona conference, September 5-8,, 2008. The paper has to be accepted by the conveners of the session.

Amount of the grants

As a general rule grants may cover:

- 1) conference fees;
 - 2) accommodation at the conference site;
- and



3) travel costs..

The amount of a single grant is about US\$400 at a maximum.

The selection committee may make exceptions on rules and qualifications.

Requesting a travel grant

All RC21 members who are eligible according to the above rules can submit the request for a travel grant by filling in the downloadable form within one month after the date they received the confirmation that their abstract has been accepted. Besides the form, the documents they should submit are:

- 1) CV plus publication records
- 2) Abstract with 1800 words and a letter stating that the abstract has been accepted

Reimbursement procedures

In general two months after the acceptance of the abstract a committee will shortlist the travel grant requests. Candidates will be informed about their travel grant about two months before the conference.

Successful candidates have to pay their expenses and keep the bills. They will receive at the conference a cheque for reimbursement upon presentation of the original documents (bill of the hotel, conference registration receipt, and travel ticket).

Conference Call for Landscapes of Global Urbanism: Power, Marginality, and Creativity

When: December 17–20, 2008

Schedules:

Wednesday, Dec 17: Registration and evening plenary session

Thursday, Dec 18: Morning plenary session and afternoon sessions

Friday, Dec 19: Morning and afternoon sessions, closing session

Saturday, Dec 20: Urban tours in the morning

Where: *International House of Japan, Tokyo, Japan*

Organized by: Takashi Machimura, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University

Hosted by: ISA-RC21 Tokyo Conference Organizing Committee and International Sociological Association Research Committee on Urban & Regional Development (ISA-RC21)

Supported by: Japan Association of Regional and Community Studies, Japan Association for Urban Sociology, and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Rationale:

After decades under the influence of globalization, neo-liberalism, and the rapid expansion of informational technology, where do we stand today? This conference will focus on the consequences, both critical and creative, of such dominant and ascendant social trends on urban and regional life and space. First, we will consider hidden



frames of global urban landscapes in their social, spatial, political and imaginary forms. What is manifested and what is unseen under vibrant and conflicting urban scene? Diverse questions such as hegemony, inequality, violence, governance, tolerance, and creativity can be asked of any place and space. Second, we want to ask about possible futures of current global urbanism. Now, in globalizing cities over the world, are we experiencing different paths toward more convergent forms of the city, or are we facing with parallel changes into more divergent urban worlds? This question concerns identity, goals, theory, and methodology of urban and regional studies. The meeting will push towards new theoretical agenda for the future studies. Located at dynamic Asian contexts, Tokyo, which has experienced a profound change in the past two decades, will offer a rich body of sights and stories to inform and inspire our conversations.

Session Themes:

Session themes include followings but are not limited to them. More related themes are welcome. Please contact with

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Changing Landscapes of Power
Social Exclusion, Gentrification and the Urban Poor
Urban Democracy and Governance
Community Solidarity and Urban Social Movements
Mobility, Migration and Border Crossing
Gendered Space and the City

Local Subcultures and Global Urban Space
Landscapes of Urban Tourism, Projects and Events
Reframing Informational City
Urban Experiences and Built Environment
Urban and Regional Consequences of Natural/Manmade Disasters
The Future of Asian Mega Cities (and Japan's Urban Experience)

Session proposals:

Send your session proposal with the title and its short description (within 150 words) to

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February 10, 2008

Please note that session organizers can't present their papers in their own sessions.

Individual papers:

All sessions will be announced on the RC21 web page by the end of February. Please send the title and abstract (within 100 words) of your proposed paper to individual session organizers after that by

April 30, 2008

The program will be completed by the end of June, 2008

About the International House of Japan (I-House) :

The International House of Japan is a non-profit independent organization, incorporated with support from various pri-



vate institution and individuals in 1952, for the purpose of promoting international cultural exchange and intellectual cooperation. It is located at the city center of Tokyo, near bustling Roppongi district. Yet I-House offers an oasis for guests and visitors, with a beautiful Japanese garden and quiet atmosphere. You can walk to new built environments of mega-projects such as Roppongi Hills, Tokyo Midtown, and New National Center for Arts, visit livable traditional commercial area (Azabu-Juban) for lunch, and enjoy night life at the most dynamic quarters in the city after creative dialogue and debates. So, International House of Japan is an appropriate place in which to hold a conference on landscapes of global urbanism. (Visit the I-House website: <http://www.i-house.or.jp/en/index.html>).

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3.0 From the board

Recent evolution of RC21 membership

Durban 2006 – Vancouver 2007

- RC21 members in good standing:

August 2006: 277

August 2007: 304

**- RC21 members in good standing
with ISA:**

August 2006: 117

August 2007: 112

- August 2006 – August 2007:

New members: 74

Countries	New members
U.S.A.	20
Canada	9
Brazil	5
U.K.	4
Japan	4
Italy	4
Mexico	3
Nigeria	3
India	3
Finland	2
France	2
Germany	2
Greece	2
Netherlands	2
Spain	2
Uganda	1
Switzerland	1
Iran	1
Pakistan	1
Singapore	1
Poland	1
TOTAL	74

**RC21 Financial report 2006 - 2007**

Item	Date	Revenues	Expenditure	Balance
Balance @ Durban 2006	30/06/2006			7.590,58
Durban conference costs/lcd projector	21/07/2006		525,27	7.065,31
Durban travel grants*			5.740,00	1.325,31
Membership fees June - December 2006	31/12/2006	173,68		1.498,99
Banking costs/online/Sella Bank	31/12/2006		111,60	1.387,39
RC21 old account transfer from UK	18/04/2007	5.108,74		6.496,13
Durban - FURS - Travel grants contribution	02/02/2007	5.740,00		12.236,13
Banking costs/account & taxes	30/06/2007		120,03	12.116,10
Vancouver conference registration	18/08/2007	11.760,00		23.876,10
Vancouver conference co - funding provisional			10.000,00	13.876,10
Vancouver travel grants** provisional			4.606,00	9.270,10
Vancouver accomodation grants provisional			1.001,00	8.269,10
Online database registration management	31/08/2007		500,00	7.769,10
Vancouver travel grants - FURS contribution not defined				7.769,10
Total @ Vancouver conference provisional				7.769,10

(*) includes mailing of RC21 newsletter from India

(**) interbank exchange rates according to www.oanda.com

RC21-FURS TRAVEL GRANTEES 2007 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE**NAME**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Yuri Kazepov has been elected as the RC21 representative in the IJURR Board.

4.0 New Publications**Sophie Body-Gendrot**

- **Sortir des banlieues ! Mobilité contre enfermement**, (with Catherine Wihtol de Wenden), Paris, Autrement, 2007.

- **Violence in Europe. A historical and contemporary perspective**, (codir Pieter Spierenburg) New York, Springer, (under press).

H.V. Savitch

- **Cities in a Time of Terror: Space, Territory, and Local Resilience** (ME Sharpe Publishers)

Description: This book is about urban terror--its meaning, its ramifications, and its impact on city life. Written by a well-known expert in the field, *Cities in a Time of Terror* draws on data from more than a thousand cities across the globe and traces the evolution of urban terrorism between 1968 and 2006. It explains what kinds of cities have become prime targets, why terrorism has become increasingly lethal, and how its inspiration has changed from secular to religious.

The author describes urban terrorism as an attempt to use the city's own strength against itself, forcing it to implode, and delineates three basic logics of terrorist choices for targeting cities. The book also includes a discussion of local resilience--the city's capacity to bounce back from attack--and suggests how that can

be sustained. Examples from New York, London, Jerusalem, Istanbul, Moscow, Paris, and Madrid illustrate the book's central themes.

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- Villes internationales.**Entre tensions et reactions des habitants**

Sous la direction de Isabelle Berry-Chikhaoui, Agnes Deboulet et Laurence Roulleau-Berger

Globalisation économique et internationalisation marquent une nouvelle étape de transformation des grandes métropoles dans le monde. L'accélération des flux économiques et des apports migratoires travaille en profondeur l'urbanisation et reconfigure les marchés du travail. Cet ouvrage veut saisir certaines conséquences de la mondialisation économique et de l'internationalisation des villes à travers les exemples de Beyrouth, Jérusalem-Est et Tunis, Istanbul, Marseille, Barcelone, Naples et Lisbonne, Tôkyô, Shangaï, Mumbaï, Caracas...

Les tensions croissantes sur les marchés du travail et du logement modifient durablement les ancrages urbains et marquent le destin collectif des citoyens, y compris ceux issus des migrations récentes. Les plus disqualifiés d'entre eux sont placés dans des situations de risques accrus et sont confrontés à es



transformations non anticipées, souvent non concertées, de leurs espaces de vie. Les auteurs portent leur attention sur les réactions des habitants à ces recompositions économiques, urbaines et sociales et éclairent les dynamiques porteuses de changement. De l'observation de ces villes mondiales encore largement méconnues émerge ainsi la question de la lutte pour la reconnaissance des populations, de l'accès aux ressources et de la participation des citoyens à la production des normes sociales.

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5.0 PHD Studentships/grants

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fits of being part of a large, multi-disciplinary project. Their programme includes Graduate Workshops, visits to Belfast and Jerusalem, meetings with local experts and assistance from project partners in the relevant cities. Students can also attend annual Project Workshops and an International Conference in September 2011.

Deadline for Applications: 15 January 2008. For further details, see the project website:

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1. FURS is concerned to promote urban and regional research and within this broad field it is particularly keen to encourage an understanding of the interconnection between social, economic and political processes and of the broader causes and effects of these processes. Research which examines policies critically and focuses on their unintended as well as intended consequences is more likely to be supported than research which takes a 'technical' approach to urban and regional questions and does not place them within wider contexts of understanding.
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