

Estimados/as colegas,

Quisiera extenderles la invitación a participar de la presente convocatoria de ponencias sobre nuevo municipalismo, para una sesión que estoy co-organizando, y que tendrá lugar en la próxima conferencia RC21 en Santiago de Chile, del 24 al 26 de julio de 2024. Para quiénes estén interesados/as también podrán ver el enlace del llamado (<https://rc21conference2024.coes.cl/panel-47/>). Esperamos sea de vuestro interés, estaremos muy agradecidos si pueden también ayudarnos a difundirla entre sus contactos.

Saludos cordiales,

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New Municipalisms North and South: examining the possibilities for radical urban politics

New municipalism emerged as an effort to give a global collective identity to local initiatives generally born out of traditional institutions to promote a radical urban political imagination in the face of political distrust, rising social inequalities, and cuts to public spending (Russell, 2019; Thompson, 2021). The electoral challenge to gain executive and legislative power in city halls was, in many cases, a sequence to the struggle of collective mobilisation that occupied streets and squares around the world, particularly in cities in Europe and Latin America.

Nevertheless, the context of new municipalism politics in the North can differ from the South (Arpini et al, 2023) beyond shared principles such as citizen-based deliberation, inclusive spaces for marginalised subjectivities, or the feminization of politics. While in European cities it was contextualised against postpolitics and the deepening of neoliberal policies following the 2008 financial crisis, in Latin America it has been linked with long-term structural deprivations, territorial disputes and struggles for radical democracy that has delivered important progressive policies, such as Porto Alegre's Participatory Budgeting (Minuchin & Maino, 2023; Toro & Orozco, 2023).

In a context of ongoing and evolving neoliberal extractive practices, it has been argued that the new municipalism movement have either entered a period of crisis (Roth et al, 2023), particularly after Spanish experiences, or expanded the possibilities for progressive politics, as seen in Latin American cases that are enduring the test of time, such as the Recoleta municipality in Santiago and Valparaíso in Chile, as well as Rosario in Argentina (Caimanque & López-Morales, 2023; Silvestre & López-Fittipaldi, 2023).

We invite papers that examine different forms of municipalism both in the Global North and South, reflecting on their theoretical, practical and potential contributions, as well as the challenges and limitations that they faced. We welcome contributions from diverse

perspectives on themes and questions including, but not limited to:

- What's next for new municipalism as a global movement? How can it respond to the rising far-right?
- How do activists negotiate the tension between community organisation and institutional representation? What practices can be employed to manage and leverage this situation?
- How do new municipalism representatives deal with internal bureaucracies to transform institutions?
- How new is new municipalism? How does it relate to previous/ongoing processes of democratising the local state?
- What are some of the possibilities and limits that new municipalism finds in relation to degrees of power and autonomy to the local state? What are some of the strategies to navigate these?

Please submit your 300-word abstract by 31 December 2023 through the platform <https://rc21conference2024.coes.cl/abstracts-proposals/>

We would also be grateful if you could let us know about your submission via the email addresses below

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