

EURA Conference 2016: City lights. Cities and citizen within/beyond/notwithstanding the crisis

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The global crisis and its complex interrelations in the economic, socio-cultural, environmental and political terms have produced adaptive responses and counterstrategies in cities across the world. The crisis has, in fact, impacted on cities and citizens in many different ways and its effects in short and medium terms can already be witnessed, while how cities will be different in the long term has still to be determined.

Thus, the aim of this conference is rather to reflect on present conditions of cities, the possibility that they have already undergone deep changes, the recognition that citizens are dealing with new forms of citizenship, new forms of representation and, in some cases, different perspectives for an innovative urban democracy. Besides, in many local contexts responses to the crisis were provided with a place-based approach, following a *modus operandi* often implemented in the past decade. The conference welcomes contributors reflecting on the global crisis from an urban point of view in order to highlight those ruptures that are permanently changing cities. To this extent the conference is open to scholars from different disciplines, practitioners, and policy- and decision-makers that can witness experiences of this general transition process.

This conference will feature seven tracks:

1. Shaping cities: socio-spatial restructuring in the light of environmental challenges and post/low-carbon transition in and after the crisis
2. Imageries of cities: the role of cultural policies and activism in self-representation of cities and citizens
3. Governing cities: stressed institutions and new shapes of urban democracy
4. Different perspectives on urbanisation and urbanism
5. Looking at cities: methodologies and approaches to study cities and (with) citizens
6. Digital cities: a comeback from Utopia
7. Planning the present: finding space for regulating future changes

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