

International workshop / Atelier international

Urban Cosmopolitanisms:
Methodological and Theoretical Issues

Cosmopolitismes urbains :
questions méthodologiques et théoriques



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This one-day international workshop, part of the MAGMET seminar funded by Sociétés Plurielles (Université Sorbonne Paris Cité), is convened by Catherine Lejeune (Paris Diderot), Delphine Pagès-El Karoui (INALCO), Camille Schmoll (Paris Diderot/IUF), H el ene Thiollet (CNRS/Sciences Po).

This workshop seeks to investigate cosmopolitanism through an urban lens. Cosmopolitanism as a notion arose from philosophical and sociological traditions, where it involves both normative concerns and pragmatic accounts of social interactions. Its political dimension enshrining rights and duties for cosmopolitan subjects is also crucial. This workshop aims to provide a situated approach to cosmopolitanism, using the analytical framework of urban and social theory alongside social geography and building upon empirical research. Our purpose is to frame a grounded theory of urban cosmopolitanism that would take the paradigms and empirical findings of various social sciences into account. Our interest lies in a cosmopolitanism of encounters incarnated in contacts, mobilities and cultural consumption and the spatial dimension of the social and power relations that are at stake in cosmopolitan encounters. We shall focus on cities as sites, but also actors in processes of cosmopolitanisation.

Avenues of research:

1. Which theories should we mobilize to think empirically about urban cosmopolitanism?
2. How can we empirically observe cosmopolitanism? Which methods should we use? At what levels? That of the group or the individual? And which social groups should we focus on?
3. Which sites and scales should we favour to produce innovative research on urban cosmopolitanisms? Public spaces? "Contact zones"? "Cosmopolitan canopy" ?
4. How is cosmopolitanism shaped by wider processes (national legal contexts, local migration policies)? How do the latter impact cosmopolitan practices? How do different cultural/geographical areas impact cosmopolitanism?
5. How is cosmopolitanism be integrated into commercial or political projects (as a marketing strategy used by cities or firms)?
6. Compared with hybridity, integration, multiculturalism and super-diversity, what else does the concept of cosmopolitanism bring to understanding of the city? How do such concepts relate to one another?
7. How should we proceed to critically evaluate the concept of cosmopolitanism? What heuristic value does it have?

9h-9h30 Welcoming address / Introduction

Delphine Pagès-El Karoui (INALCO), Catherine Lejeune (Paris Diderot)

9h30-11h15 Cosmopolitan Spaces and Places

Lieux et espaces cosmopolites

Jan Willem Duyvendak (University of Amsterdam),

At Home in Generic Places: Personalizing Strategies of the Mobile Rich

Virginie Baby-Collin (University of Aix-Marseille/IUF),

Vernacular Cosmopolitanisms: Questioning Scales and Places

Vincenzo Cicchelli (Paris Descartes),

Investigating the Cosmopolitan Canopy: Heuristics and Limits

Discussant: Serge Weber (UPEM)

11h15-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h50 Cosmopolitan Practices across the World

Pratiques cosmopolites à travers le monde

Catherine Fournet-Guérin (University of Reims),

Everyday Cosmopolitanism in African Cities and Urban Sociability Places

Philip Kasinitz (CUNY Graduate Center),

Everyday Cosmopolitanism and its discontents in New York City

Discussant: Caroline Rozenholc (ENSA Paris Val de Seine)

13h00-14h30 Lunch

14h30-16h Cosmopolitan Subjectivities in Urban Spaces: Citizens and

Migrants

Subjectivités cosmopolites dans les espaces urbains : citoyens et migrants

Michel Agier (INED-EHESS),

Revoir Babel. La frontière comme situation cosmopolite

Giovanni Semi (University of Turin),

La fabrique des lieux cosmopolites : aménagement, idéologie et pouvoir

Discussant: Hélène Thiollet (Sciences Po)

& Astrid von Busekist (sous réserve) (Sciences Po)

16h00-16h15 Tea/coffee break

16h15-17h35 Managing and Branding Diversity

Gérer et promouvoir la diversité

Antoine Pécoud (Paris 13), Managing Cosmopolitanism ?

The Emergence of Normative Patterns of Diversity in Cities

Marie-Laure Poulot (Université de Cergy-Pontoise),

Branding Cosmopolitanism and Place Making: the example of Saint Lawrence boulevard (Québec, Canada)

Discussant: Camille Schmoll (Paris Diderot/IUF)

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