

WORKSHOP
WORDING URBAN DIFFUSION
Call for Contributions



Kindly send your abstract (max 300 words - English and French accepted) at the latest on July 15th 2018, at the following address: dcun.activities@gmail.com

Workshop WORDING URBAN DIFFUSION

Date : 21 November 2018

Organised by: Diffuse cities and Urbanization Network (DCUN) &
Research group « Vocabularies of architectural and urban design across time » (CNRS /
UMR-AUSSER)

Venue : Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville (ENSA PB)
60, Boulevard de la Villette, 75019 Paris, FRANCE (Métro Belleville – Lignes 11 ou 2)

Scientific coordinators: Isabelle Chesneau (AUSSer); Adele Esposito (AUSSer); Joël Idt (Lab'Urba)

Call for contributions

Drawing on different historical and geographical contexts, academic literature has produced since the 1960s a rich lexicon in various languages to analyse the global phenomenon of the territorial diffusion of urbanization. Just to mention a few: périurbain, sprawl (Gottman, 1967), suburbia (Fishman, 1987), desakota (McGee, 1989), exurbia (Nelson, 1992), Città diffusa (Indovina, 1990), post-suburbs (Phelps and Wu, 2011), Zwischenstadt (Sieverts, 2004). The reason of this prolific and burgeoning literature in the field of urban studies is that the territorial diffusion of urbanization leads to reconsider the relationship between urbanism and territories. This workshop aims to examine this lexicon with the purpose of questioning the conceptual, disciplinary, and methodological frameworks that have oriented knowledge production on urbanization processes in different contexts and historical moments.

Contributions to this workshop can develop a range of issues, including, but not limited to:

- The theoretical background of words and concepts associated with the territorial diffusion of urbanization;
- Empirical research based on the use of meaningful words;
- Comparisons between two or more fieldworks based on the words that are used to analyse them;
- Historical and epistemological perspectives on concepts & words
- The regional and international circulation of words & concepts in academic literature, urban analyses, or policies;
- Cultural and political representations that are associated with the use of certain words.



References:

- Fishman, R. 1987. *Bourgeois Utopias: The Rise And Fall Of Suburbia*. New York: Basic Books. 241 p.
- Gottmann, J. 1967. *Urbanization and the American Landscape: The Concept of Megalopolis. Problems and Trends in American Geography*. Edited by Saul B. Cohen. New York: Basic Books, Inc.
- Indovina, F., (ed.). 1990. *La Città Diffusa*, vol. 1. Venezia: DAEST.
- McGee, T. 1989. "Urbanisasi or Kotadesasi Evolving Patterns of Urbanization in Asia," in *Urbanization in Asia: Spatial Dimensions and Policy Issues*, edited by F. J. Costa et al. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, pp. 93-108.
- Nelson, A. 1992. "Characterizing exurbia". *Journal of Planning Literature*. Vol.6 (4), pp.350-368
- Phelps, N.-A. and Wu, F. 2011. *International Perspectives on Suburbanization. A Post-Suburban World?* Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Sieverts, T. 2004. *Entre-Ville: une lecture de la Zwischenstadt*. Marseille: éditions Parenthèses. 188 p.
- Simon, D. 2008. "Urban Environments: Issues on the Peri-Urban Fringe." In *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*. Vol. 33. pp 167-185



Scientific committee:

Eric Chauvier (AAU); Leslie Belton-Chevallier (IFSTTAR); Delphine Callen (Lab'Urba); Isabelle Chesneau (AUSser); Valérie Dufoix (AUSser); Adele Esposito (AUSser); Charles Goldblum (AUSser), Joël Idt (Lab'Urba), Nathalie Lancret (AUSser); Clément Musil (AUSser), Vincent Négri (ISP)



All Interested Are Welcome

DCUN

For further details please contact DCUN's blog coordinator
(Clément Musil) (musil.clement@gmail.com)

Diffuse Cities & Urbanization Network <https://dcun.hypotheses.org/>