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HOUSING IN THE MARGINS

A conversation about precarity, formality and Southern Theory

Critical shortages of affordable housing force people into housing precarity across the globe. This seminar starts from my recent book *Housing in the Margins*, which was published by Wiley in 2021, to explore unruly housing practices and their regulation in the context of the German housing crisis. Through ethnographic research on the ways in which Berliners dwell in allotment gardens (despite a law that prohibits housing at these sites) I discuss how these gardeners negotiate the possibilities of residency with the local bureaucracy, gardening associations and amongst themselves. This analysis highlights the contested terrain of enacting regulations and the exclusions that these negotiations entail. Building on postcolonial theory, anthropology of the state and critical legal geography, the book draws attention to the power of negotiations in the governance of urban space. On this basis the seminar seeks to discuss novel approach to theorizing the nexus of informality and the state in ways that bridge analytical divides between debates about Northern and Southern states.

Hanna Hilbrandt is professor of social and cultural geography at the Department of Geography, University of Zurich. At the junction of social and cultural geography, and with a particular focus on the urban experience, her research focuses on the everyday politics of struggles, negotiations, and regulations through which global inequalities manifest themselves in cities. She has recently published "Negotiating Formalities. Housing, Governance and the State in Berlin's Allotments" (Wiley, 2021)

The lecture series is organised by professors Camillo Boano, Francesco Chiodelli and Michele Lancione.

In person
No registration is needed. We will meet in:
Sala Vigliano, DIST - Castello del Valentino
Viale Mattioli 39,
Torino

Online
You need to register at the following link:
https://polito-it.zoom.us/j/86498483362?pwd=eDZyekk3Zlg0UE90QkVEYkxJdE_VFQ09



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