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Cities and universities

Socio-spatial dynamics of a complex relations and their implications for urban policies

Workshop

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The phrase “town and gown” once used to describe the relationship between universities and the urban context in which they are located implies an understanding of the two as separate spheres. However, it is increasingly evident that complex, indirect, and hidden entanglements characterise the city-university nexus within the global paradigm of the knowledge economy. Universities may be seen as urban developers whose action impacts substantially on the built environment. Their capacity to implement an attractive and competitive educational offer and research environment triggers the arrival of students and academics from other regions and countries, thus transforming the demographic profile of a city. Through the attraction of highly mobile, cosmopolitan, and skilled populations, universities indirectly contribute to activate new urban economies that span from a new retail offer to the transformation of the housing market.

Through the contribution of various international experts, the workshop will offer a wide range of perspectives on the complex university-city nexus, acknowledging that processes of urban transformation linked to the heterogeneous roles played by universities may reveal another side of the coin, constituted by spatial, socio-economic and cultural inequalities.



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