



Seminar Cities are back in town

New Municipalism in Crisis Europe: Comparisons, Opportunities and Tensions

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'Municipalism' denotes a radical policy agenda that, broadly speaking, looks to build a transformative 'solidarity economy' through experimental modes of asset ownership and social value capture within a given locality. In post-crash and austere urban Europe, new municipalist projects and agendas have been galvanised and emerged in a variety of national, regional and urban contexts but with a notable concentration in Southern Europe, particularly Spain. In this paper, Andrew Wallace comparatively surveys this emergence and look to trace some of its roots, trajectories and overlaps. Then, taking the North of England as a case, he thinks through the extent to which new municipalism can offer an alternative direction for towns and small cities for which orthodox 'jobs and growth' models of regeneration have not offset the impacts of long-run deindustrialisation and where relations of class, race and place are increasingly febrile. He will refer explicitly to an ongoing project 'Northern Exposure' based at the University of Leeds which is investigating the condition and future of four small English Northern cities all of which were majority Leave voting in the EU referendum.



Speaker

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Andrew Wallace's research focuses on the post-industrial city and the inequalities, contestations and struggles that occur in urban space. His work cuts across sociology, geography and social policy. After his PhD at Leeds, he spent five years at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine working on public health policy in deprived areas. Since 2015, Andrew Wallace is a University Academic Fellow in urban sociology at the University of Leeds. He is involved in research projects on gentrification, post-industrial canals and 'left-behind' spaces.

Discussant

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