



PARIS 2014 BECOMING LOCAL

TRANSFORMING SPACES, REDEFINING LOCALITIES

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 23-24-25, 2014

PARIS, FRANCE - LA VILLETTE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
144 Avenue de Flandres / 118-130 Avenue Jean Jaurès 75019 Paris, France

DAY 1 - TALK Thursday, October 23th / 9h00-19h00

- **TRANSFORMING SPACES, REDEFINING LOCALITIES:
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Introduction, Keynote speech and conclusions by **Ali Madanipour**.

PANEL 1. *Urban scales translations: how to readdress the global-local dichotomy through urban transformation*

Moderator: **Ferdinando Fava**

PANEL 2. *Acting Locally? Practices as fieldwork*

Moderator: **Carlo Cellamare**

PANEL 3. *Locality as urban discourse: when local policies shape the urban transformation process*

Moderator: **Silvye Tissot**

PANEL 4. *Contested urban areas: what happens when urban transformation becomes the battlefield between local and global dynamics?* Moderator: **Massimo Bricocoli**

DAY 2 - WALK and TALK Friday, October 24th / 9h00-14h30 / 15h00-17h00

- **EXPLORING LOCALITIES IN THE FIELD:
WALKING IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PARISIAN SUBURBS**
- **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON URBAN STUDIES AND PARTICIPATORY ACTION
RESEARCH. AESOP MEETS DPEA (POST-MASTER RESEARCH IN ARCHITECTURE)**

Sabine knierbein: «Urban Studies Revisited - Taking public space epistemology seriously»

Tihomir Viderman: «Participatory action research: locally-embedded learning aiming towards meaningful change»

DAY 3 - WORK Saturday, October 25th / 9h00-16h00

- **REDEFINING CATEGORIES: AESOP WORKSHOP**

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- Participation in the international conference is free and open to all, with REGISTRATION ahead of time. Please confirm your attendance by sending an e-mail to : blp2014inscriptions@gmail.com with your name, institution, and position.
- Subscriptions to the walking tours and the workshop will take place during the first day of the conference, subject to availability.

Urban public space is an arena of social conflict, where collective strategies often develop. What happens when these spaces undergo transformation and conflicts in how they are used, represented, and legitimized emerge?

Questioning what a locality is and who the locals are, is a way of investigating and challenging the notion of «commons» we might otherwise take for granted in contemporary cities. Which local identities are we talking about? What is the scale of locality? How should we name the inhabitants of a street or neighborhood or city? To what extent are the designations used in defining urban project «target groups» problematic? With whom do politicians and urban experts «negotiate» their visions of the future? For whom are public spaces designed? Which names are given to the future users of a space? Who is excluded through this process?

To answer these questions, the use of seemingly neutral categories, such as inhabitants, dwellers, users, citizens, requires reassessment, while the role public spaces play in the continual redefinition of identity and belonging demands further investigation.

This workshop will be a moment of shared reflection between planners, designers, researchers, and the civil community, taking place at the intersection of different disciplines, where theory and practice meet.

