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OUTLOOK

TITLE:

Accessibility and mobility in urban systems as innovative good practices of territorialisation.

LOCATION:

University of Roma Tre – Argiletum,
Aula De Vecchi. Second floor
Via Madonna dei Monti 40 –ROME, IT

TIMING:

One day - 23rd November 2018

EVENT-TYPE:

Workshop (40 participants: invited guests and scholars/practitioners selected by a call for abstracts)

Other info:

1000 words (max) abstracts will be expected by October 10.

The acceptance of proposals will be communicated by Oct. 20, 2018.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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It is our pleasure to invite you to the Seminar *Accessibility and mobility in urban systems as innovative good practices of territorialisation*, which, as part of Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA) activities, will be held at Roma Tre University of Rome (Italy), the 23rd of November 2018.

This Seminar will frame **practices of mobility and accessibility around the concept of 'territorialisation'** (Dessein, Battaglini and Horlings, 2016) to address how mobility and accessibility are constructed by practices resulting from the interaction of structuring processes and agency of social relations, and cultural representation. If we agree that mobility is the mean, while accessibility is the goal (Ferreira, Beukers, & Te Brömmelstroet, 2012), the workshop proposes to discuss upon mobility patterns as a dimension of territorialisation.

The word territory has, in fact, an etymological link to "terrain", through the Latin terrēnum (ground) and terra (earth). Offering a direct reference to the natural and build environment features of the urban contexts, it allows studying:

- how local communities use and construct space through mobility;
- how social actors are interfacing build environment affordances (Gibson 1986);
- how built environment affords access to services, activities, locations by time/costs efficient transport patterns.

Understanding accessibility as a dimension of territorialisation, the workshop will discuss upon how accessibility could enhance or at least support citizen's "capabilities" (Sen, 1992). Accessibility, as a matter of fact, significantly offsets the dimension of the freedom to choose the type of life that social actors intend to lead, in other words the extent of "their opportunity set" (Stiglitz, Sen and Fitoussi: 15) related to: health, well-being, education, personal activities and environmental conditions implementing robust, reliable measures of social connections and political voice.

In this perspective, the workshop will discuss upon the concept of accessibility framed as a set of "latent" opportunities that built environment affords to local actors.

As a matter of fact, such reasoning goes through theoretical and practical orientation, along with territorialisation policies and practices.

From the demand side, the debate is increasingly incorporating the perceived dimension of accessibility by different categories of users, even resulting in innovative patterns. From the supply side, accessibility discourses within our living environments are increasingly based on certain objectives embedded in guidelines and/or standards depending on the legislative frame, related to tangible and intangible assets to be provided in space and over time (public interest equipments and facilities) allowing for performance indicators ever more place-specific.

Therefore, the main aims of the workshop are the following:

- to contribute to a conceptual framework in which the relation between territorialisation, mobility patterns and accessibility is analysed within the approach of place-based development, where standards and provisions' conformance and performance specifications are handled.
- to enhance the scientific discussion about mobility and accessibility by relating current research on quality of life and social inclusion.

Questions to be addressed:

- To what extent built-environment affords accessibility to citizens especially those related to high-risk categories of social exclusion?
- How culture bias accessibility's capabilities along their local communities' territorialisation patterns?
- To what extent and how policies improve citizens' capabilities and therefore their social inclusion within their territorialisation patterns?
- How do the different local contexts (and related policies) respond today mobility and accessibility challenges, taking into account, at the same time, the needs of territorial and identity rooting of the communities?
- How do local policies respond to the challenges posed by accessibility in terms of territorial rooting and population inclusion?

We appreciate a 1000-word (max) abstracts by Oct. 10, 2018, as a Word or Rich Text document to be sent to:

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