

Gentrification 2.0

Inner-city neighbourhoods are often charged a double task; firstly nurturing creative socio-economic places yielding new practices of wealth creation and secondly, lessening social polarisation by constituting places of social and ethnic integration. Building on assemblage theory, Gentrification 2.0 adopts a thoroughly interdisciplinary approach to understanding how different social, economic and spatial processes (problems and potentials) come together in shaping neighbourhoods.

A core thesis is, that despite the many critiques, gentrification remains an important strategic concept to understand and contribute to neighbourhood development facing capital influx. If well elaborated and supported, the concept of gentrification can actually serve to develop strategies and practices for improving vital social, economic and spatial qualities.



Aim/objective

- Examining processes of gentrification in four European neighbourhoods
- Analysing the specific practices that drive processes of gentrification
- Exploring practices that hold significant promise for neighbourhood change

Approaches/methods

- In-depth case studies to provide a detailed image of the varied and diverse practices of key actors (residents, entrepreneurs, investors, policy makers) in the neighbourhoods
- Creating an innovative GIS-based website to visualize our research findings

Expected results and impacts

- To discover specific potentials and capacities for neighborhood improvement
- Assisting policy makers and other practitioners by providing potential scenarios for neighbourhood improvement
- To develop a GIS-based website to make our results available to a wider audience

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