

# NEW METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES 2018

THEMATIC SESSIONS - TS

## TS-02

PLACE-BASED URBAN REGENERATION FOR IMPROVING SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: CULTURAL HERITAGE, SOCIAL INNOVATION, CIVIC ECONOMICS, INCLUSIVE CITIES

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According to the austerity scenario and the climate change challenges, small and medium cities as well as metropolitan areas need to rethink their development strategies. Cultural heritage and environmental resources are supposed to be the catalysts of a local development consistent with the needs of inhabitants and city-users. The shrinkage of public investment and the remodeling of the private sector in crisis times, on the one hand, and the societal challenges such as cultural conflicts, poverty and environmental issues, on the other, encourage to feed cities with urban regeneration and social innovation processes.

This session brings together, under the umbrella of place-based regeneration processes, the themes of new frontiers of civic economics, inclusive public space design, social innovation, as well as cultural heritage and landscape valorization. Theoretical, methodological and empirical papers are invited to discuss any aspect of this interface between the plurality of urban cultures and gender perspectives, the energy of the bottom-up economic initiatives such as cultural and social enterprises, and the variety and territorial distribution of cultural and landscape heritage, as pivot of a regeneration process aimed at interpreting local needs, instances and resources.

Papers are invited to explore the nature and the relationship between these themes, and any of their subthemes. The processes of shaping, managing, and inhabiting the urban space have a direct relationship with the political, economic and cultural conditions of cities.

What are the boundaries of a place-based regeneration process?

In what ways are the regeneration processes responding to the conditions of globalization, economic austerity, social inequality, cultural diversity, and climate change?

How can they be theoretically, methodologically and empirically enhanced to address these challenges?

What are the current approaches to the regeneration in Europe and in what ways can these approaches be assessed?

How can spatial design and development, and the articulation of urban spaces, reconcile the rich cultural heritage of European cities with their rapidly changing circumstances?

How can the research in the field meet the needs of the EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 in terms of smart, sustainable and inclusive cities?

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