

CALL FOR PAPERS

ISA-RC21 Annual Conference "In and Beyond the City"

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SESSION:

Provincializing European Cities: Theoretical and Empirical Interventions

Dipesh Chakrabarty's seminal *Provincializing Europe* (2000) fundamentally exposed the limits of European enlightenment in fully understanding global transformations of power imbalances, and the book has been highly influential across the humanities and social sciences. Relatedly, debates in Urban Studies over the last fifteen years have highlighted the necessity of moving away from West-centric urban theory, and engaging with typically "off-the-map" cities, primarily cities in the Global South. However, neither Chakrabarty's claim, nor recent theoretical shifts in urban studies have to date had a significant impact on established theories of European cities that still primarily rely on Weber's *The City*, and typically leave not only colonialism and the construction of race but also postsocialist contexts, such as Eastern Europe, off the map.

Largely inspired by the postcolonial location of the 2019 RC21 conference and the theme of "Emerging Ontologies", this stream aims to bring together emerging postcolonial, decolonial, critical race and other global perspectives on any aspect of Eastern and/or Western European cities, including, among others, urban governance, segregation, migration, urban political economy, geography, history and culture. We welcome theoretical and empirical studies addressing the following and related questions: To what extent are contemporary theories of and approaches to cities in Europe valuable for understanding urban transformations in the continent from global perspectives? What can postcolonial, decolonial and more generally critical race approaches contribute to a more global and comparative understanding of European urbanities today? How could concepts such as internal colonialism and settler colonialism contribute to understanding cities in Europe today? How are ideas of European Cities translated into other non-European contexts?

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The deadline is **January 20, 2019**. Please follow the instructions at this link:

<https://rc21delhi2019.com/index.php/call-for-abstracts/>. Session convenors:

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