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Anfiteatro 2 | Lecture Hall 2

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Day 1 of Conference October 11th

8:45 | Check-in

9:15 - 09:45 | Welcome and Opening Remarks

Fernanda Ribeiro – Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto
Paula Oliveira e Silva – Director of Institute of Philosophy (UI&D)
Shane Epting – President of the Philosophy of the City Research Group
Paula Pereira – Coordinator of the Philosophy and Public Space Research Group

09:45 - 11:15 | Session 1

**Session 1a - We, the City: People, Power and Justice**

Moderator: David Woods

Sharon M. Meagher (Marymount Manhattan College)
- How Might Creative Placemaking Lead to More Just Cities?

Hernандo A. Estévez (Universidad de La Salle)
- Being, Territory and Collective Identity: Cultural and Political Re-dimensions in the City

Judith Green (Fordham University)
- Urban Ontology: Who Is the Subject of the City?

**Session 1b - Public Space and the Common Good**

Moderator: José Luís Gonçalves

Maria J. Figueiroa-Rego (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Heritage, Experience, and Conduct

Udo Pesch (Delft University of Technology)
- From Liberalism to Experimentation: Reconstructing the Dimensions of Public Space

Sofia Miguens (Universidade do Porto/Instituto de Filosofia)
- Is there really a Single Way for all Humans to be Human? Questions Regarding the ‘Common Good’

**Session 1c - The City and Pre-Modern Western Philosophy**

Moderator: Benjamin Boudou

Ada Bronowski (University of Oxford)
- Beauty and the Bridge

Luís Soto (Universidad de Santiago Compostela)
- Another View on the Classic City: Two Forgotten Politics

Ángel Rivero (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
- The City as the Space of the most Perfect Human Conversation: Alonso de Castrillo’s Philosophy of the City and his *Treaty of the Republic* (1521)
11:15 - 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 | Session 2

**Session 2a - The Community in Focus**

*Moderator: Judith Green*

**José Luís Gonçalves** (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- The Struggle for Recognition Inside the City

**Lior Glick** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- The Responsibilities of the Monopolistic City and its Right for Class Based Exclusion

**David Woods** (New York University, City of Stamford, CT, USA)
- George Herbert Mead, Public Philosopher of the City: Fostering the Transformative Potential for Building Democratic Cities

**Session 2b - Philosophy, Political Space, and the Common**

*Meeting Room 1 Sala de Reuniões 1*

Panel: **Paula Pereira, Maria João Couto, Joaquim Escola** (Universidade do Porto/Instituto de Filosofia)

**Session 2c - Considerations in Urban Aesthetics**

*Meeting Room 2 Sala de Reuniões 2*

*Moderator: Raine Vasquez*

**Arto Haapala** (University of Helsinki)
- Re-fin ing Urban Aesthetics

**Vesa Vihanninjoki** (University of Helsinki)
- Urban Places as Aesthetic Phenomena, Re-fin ing Urban Aesthetics

**Sanna Lehtinen** (University of Helsinki)
- Creating Aesthetic Sustainability in Urban Environments

13.00 - 14:30 | Lunch

| 14:30 - 15:30 |

*Lecture Hall 2 Anfiteatro 2*

_Philosophy of the City Research Group – Keynote / Presidential Address_

**Shane Epting** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

*Moral Prioritization in Urban Affairs*
15:30 - 17:00 | Session 3

Session 3a - Urban Memory, Social Representations and the Politics of Space

Moderator: Domingo Vicente García Marzá

Anita Gramigna/Giorgio Poletti (Università di Ferrara)
- Agora: Between Myth and Symbol

Francisco Colom González (Instituto de Filosofía, CSIC)
- Public Squares as Agonistic Spaces of Democracy

Carlos de la Torre (University of Kentucky)
- The Populist Uses of Space

Meeting Room 1
Sala de Reuniões 1

Session 3b - Urban Mobility in Focus

Moderator: Michael Nagenborg

Taylor Stone (Delft University of Technology)
- Driving in the dark: Reducing night time lighting through the design of automated driving systems

Milos Mladenovic (Aalto University)
- Beyond the Self-Driving Trolley: Moral Dilemmas of Self-Driving Vehicle Technology

Monika Pękalska (University of Warsaw)
- Changes in the functioning of rail transport and the rationalization of the urban spatial structure

Meeting Room 2
Sala de Reuniões 2

Session 3c - City and the Anthropocene

Moderator: Dirk Schmidt

Lauri Lahikainen (University of Tampere)
- Climate Change, Universalism and Militant Particularism: Climate Activism as a Search for the Moral Grammars of Social Struggles

Roberto Goycoolea Prado (Universidad de Alcalá)
- Tourism and Memory Spaces. From Exaltation to Trivialization of Urban Memory

Jorge Leandro Rosa (Instituto de Filosofía/UP)
- Anthropocene Cities

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17:00 | Porto Wine Reception / Porto de Honra

Jazz Moment: Douie Duet
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09:00 - 10:30 | Session 4

Session 4a - Streets and Neighbourhoods: The other Side of the City. Dynamics of Appropriation of Peripheral Residential Spaces

Meeting Room 2
Sala de Reuniões 2

Panel: Marta Rodrigues, Paula Guerra, Rui Saraiva, Sofia Sousa (Universidade do Porto)

Session 4b - The City and Pre-Modern Western Philosophy

Lecture Hall 2
Anfiteatro 2

Moderator: Etienne Helmer

Ferenc Hörcher (Institute of Philosophy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- Philosophers as City Magistrates in Early Modern Europe

António Mabota (Universidade Pedagógica, Moçambique)
- Migrations, Cosmopolitanism and Ethical Dilemmas

Yuiza T. Martínez Rivera (Universidad de Salamanca)
- “To create citizens of poor spirit:” Aristotle's Tyrannical Regime in Modern Cities

Session 4c - Urban Technologies and Housing

Meeting Room 1
Sala de Reuniões 1

Moderator: Taylor Stone

Bart van Leeuwen (Radboud University Nijmegen) and Michael S. Merry (University of Amsterdam)
- Should the Homeless be Forcibly Helped?

Marcel Müller (Technische Universität Darmstadt)
- The Urban Disposition

Michael Nagenborg (University of Twente)
- Philosophy of Technology and the City: The Brave Attempt of a Brief Historical Informed Overview

10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 | Session 5

Session 5a - Migration and Cities

Meeting Room 1
Sala de Reuniões 1

Moderator: Ronald R. Sundtrom

Avner De-Shalit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- Three Models of Urban Integration

Jules Simon (University of Texas at El Paso)
- An Ethical Challenge of Exile and the City for a Philosophy of the City

Benjamin Boudou (Max Planck Institute - Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity)
- From the City of Refuge to #citieswelcomerefugees: Local Hospitality in the Global City
Session 5b - Cities in a Global Context

Moderator: João Rebalde

Hurzh Kseniia (Donetsk National University)
- European City as a Modus of Social Reality and the Category of Culture (Case of Ukraine)

Marcia Morgan (Muhlenberg College)
- Beyond the Good and Evil of Humanitarianism: A Comparative Study of Refugee Crisis in Budapest and Berlin

Mike Douglass (National University of Singapore)
- The Rise of Progressive Cities for Human Flourishing: Globopolis Versus Cosmopolis as Alternative Urban Futures in Asia

Session 5c - The City is Me! Essays on a Cartography of Affections and Resistance in/of the City

Panel: Ana Oliveira (Universidade de Lisboa), Célia Ferreira, Paula Guerra, Patrícia Ferreira (Universidade do Porto)

12:45 - 14:15 | Lunch

| 14:15 - 15:15 |

Keynote Address: Ronald R. Sundstrom
(University of San Francisco)
The Concept and Harms of Gentrification

15:15 - 16:45 | Session 6

Session 6a - Urban Housing

Moderator: Paula Guerra

Merav Kaddar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- Gentrification and the Dirty Hands Problem

Pieter Vermaas (Delft University of Technology), Sara Eloy (ISCTE, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa)
- Design for Values in the City: Exploring Shape Grammar Systems

Raine Vasquez (University of Helsinki)
- Tactics, Deterritorializations, and the Remainder: Urban Aesthetics and the Everyday
Session 6b - Food is Power: Communities and Agriculture in Context

Moderator: Ana Carina Vilares

João Rebalde (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Urban Agriculture as a Paradigm Shift

Irina Duarte (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Responsible Forms of Consumption: Local Practices of Sustainable Agriculture

Dirk Schmidt (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Urban Community Gardening and Resilience

Session 6c - Topics of Public Space

Moderator: Terezinha Oliveira

Luís Manuel A. V. Bernardo (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- Secularity and Public Space

Maria Santos and Maria Correia (Universidade de Évora)
- Educating City Identity: Living together and the Common Good

Giuseppa Spenillo (Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco)
- Perception and Acceptance of Social Struggles in Brazilian Public Opinion on Public Digital Spaces

16:45 – 17:00 | Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30 | Session 7

Session 7a - Rights and Communities

Moderator: Jules Simon

Chen Zhong (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)
- City Rights: Global Horizon and Chinese Issue: From the Perspective of the City’s Philosophy and Critical History

John Kaiser Ortiz (Millersville University)
- Notes on Edward Abbey’s Philosophy of the City

David Garrard (Oxford Brookes University)
- ‘A Potential Earthly Immortality’: Conservation and Civic Permanence

Session 7b - Mental Life and The City

Moderator: Sofia Miguens

Abel B. Franco (California State University, Northridge)
- Our Emotional Attachment to Cities: Looks, Character or Shared Experience?

Witold Wachowski (University of Warsaw)
- City and Thieves. The Socio-Cognitive Engineering of the Pickpocket Craft
Day 3 of Conference October 13th

09:30 - 11:00 | Session 8

**Session 8a - Ethics and Politics: The Construction of New Public Spaces in the City**

*Meeting Room 1 Sala de Reuniões 1*

Panel: **Domingo García-Marzá, Elsa González-Esteban, Ramón A. Feenstra** (Universitat Jaume I, España)

**Session 8b - Issues in Planning and Engineering**

*Meeting Room 2 Sala de Reuniões 2*

Moderator: Shane Epting

**Daniel Durrant** (University College London)
- Planning and the Ethics of Traditional and Non-traditional Infrastructure

**Abdulmohsen Alshebli** (University of Birmingham)
- The Influence of the Spatial Planning Practice on Urban Growth in Riyadh

**Sarah Hitt and Toni Lefton** (Colorado School of Mines)
- City Identity as an Ethical Measure for Successful Engineering Design

**Session 8c - Urban Transformations**

*Lecture Hall 2 Anfiteatro 2*

Moderator: Giuseppa Spenillo

**Leticia Leda Sabino** (Cidade Humana)
- Empathic Streets - An Urban Design Strategy to Improve the Social Experience of Everyday Life

**Evelin Santander Daza** (Independent Researcher)
- The Street as a Space of Exploration and Recognition of Mexico City through its Urban Practices

**José Alberto Pinheiro** (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Avatars: Sacred Games and the Thanatology of the Real

11:00 - 11.15 | Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 | Session 9

**Session 9a - Aesthetics and Transdisciplinary Research**

*Meeting Room 2 Sala de Reuniões 2*

Moderator: Joaquim Escola

**Etienne Helmer** (Universidad de Puerto Rico)
- “Know Thyself”, “Imagine Thyself”: Photography and the City Identity

**Diana Gianola** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
- Max Weber: The City as «revolutionary usurpation» and «non-legitimate power»

**Fernando Evangelista Bastos** (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Feudal Atavisms of Western Representative Democracies
**Session 9b - Confronting Urban Thought**

*Lecture Hall 2  
Anfiteatro 2*

**Moderator:** John Kaiser Ortiz

**Claire Revol** (Université Grenoble-Alpes)
- Henri Lefebvre’s Rhythmanalysis as a form of Urban Poetics

**Elissa Rosenberg** (University of Virginia)
- Public and Private: A Feminist Re-reading of the City

**Henrique Jales Ribeiro** (Universidade de Coimbra)
- The Idea of the City in the Postmodern Cosmopolitanism

**Session 9c - Topics in Public Space**

*Meeting Room 1  
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**Moderator:** Maria José Rego

**Ana Carina Vilares** (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Refugees and Public Space: About the Experience of Recognition

**Maria Assumpta Coimbra** (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
- Meanings and Appropriations of Public Space in the Digital Age

**Benjamin D. Ross** (University of North Texas)
- The Feed: Algorithmic Mediation of Self and City

12:45 - 14:15 | Lunch

| 14:15-15:15 | Meeting Room 1  
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**Keynote 2:** Magali Bessone  
(Université Paris 1)  
*What is wrong with integration?*

15:15 - 16:45 | **Session 10**

**Session 10a - Cities and Scale**

*Lecture Hall 2  
Anfiteatro 2*

**Moderator:** Luís Manuel Bernardo

**Vladan Klement** (University in Brno)
- City First – A New Political Theory Making the Polis the Centerpiece Again

**Elisa Bertò** (Università di Pisa)
- Cities Build a New Map of the World: Identity of Megacities and Migrations

**Marta Wojciechowska** (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Emancipatory Democracy
Session 10b - Urban Thought and Public Space

Moderator: Hernando A. Estévez

Ann Levey (University of Calgary)
• Public Space and Value

Terezinha Oliveira (Universidade de Maringá, Brasil)
• Cities and universities in the thirteenth century: spaces of freedom and civility

Jorge León (Universidad San Jorge) and Julia Urabayen (Universidad de Navarra)
• The Post-Metropolis is God: Notes for a Phenomenology of the Urban Spirit

16:45 - 17:00 | Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30 | Session 11

Session 11a – Art and Urban Agriculture

Panel: Dominique Lämmli, Annemarie Bucher & Benny Chane Yin-Kai (Zurich University of the Arts and FOA-FLUX)

Session 11b - Culture, Heritage and Urban Renewal

Moderator: Benjamin Ross

Graça Silva (Instituto de Filosofia/UP)
• Public Space and Common Good

Pedro Martins de Menezes (Universidade do Porto)
• Brasilia as Word Heritage Landmake: Tensions between Tradition and Modernity

Pedro Limon Lopez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
• Heritage and Urban Renewal

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Closing of the Conference

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