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THE 2ND URBANA ARENA IN BARCELONA: 'JUSTICE CHALLENGES IN URBAN SUSTAINABILITY'

5-6 JUNE 2020, PALAU MACAYA, PASSEIG DE SANT JOAN 108, BARCELONA

The second Arena event aims at fostering a transversal dialogue on what we mean by 'justice' in urban sustainability. Participants will begin this dialogue by reflecting on the initial results of an UrbanA study that summarizes the manifestations and drivers of urban injustice in different countries according to recent EU research.

The purpose of this Arena is twofold: to engage invited participants and the existing UrbanA Community of Practice in producing a **clear, powerful and comprehensive statement on the justice challenges in urban sustainability**, and to further contribute to the overall UrbanA objective of **consolidating and communicating knowledge and experience on how to make cities more just and sustainable**.

Building transformative alternatives together, with and for communities: The spirit of this Arena revolves around the idea of stepping outside our "comfort zones" (often entrenched in some sort of privilege) in order to recognize, listen and give visibility to the needs and demands of vulnerable and/or marginalized individuals, social groups and communities. This will be achieved through the thematic content of this Arena event, which is focusing on justice challenges, and input from a variety of participant viewpoints and session formats.

DAY 1

9.00 - 10.00 Welcome & introduction

10.00 - 10.45 World café session - round I

What are the drivers and manifestations of urban injustice and how do they challenge sustainability?

1. Exclusive access to the benefits of urban sustainability infrastructure
2. Material and livelihood inequalities
3. Racialized or ethnically exclusionary urbanization





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4. Uneven and excluding urban intensification and regeneration
5. Uneven environmental health and pollution patterns
6. Unfit organizational structures
7. No or tokenistic participation in/engagement with urban governance
8. Lack of effective knowledge brokerage
9. Unquestioned neoclassical economics and neoliberal growth/austerity
10. Weak(ened) civil society

10.45 - 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 - 11.45 **Wiki hands-on workshop**

How to co-create a knowledge commons

11.45 - 12.30 **World café session - round II**

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12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 - 14.00 **Energizer: 'Finding common grounds'**

14.00 - 15.30 **Parallel sessions**

Contentious issues of urban justice and sustainability

- I. Nature-Based Solutions: transformative or growth-oriented?
- II. Gentrification: intended or unintended consequence?
- III. Local food or vegetarianism?

15.30- 16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00 - 17.00 **Plenary: fishbowl on fighting injustice**

20.00 **Dinner (optional)**

DAY 2

9.00 - 9.30 **Introduction to Day 2**





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9.30 - 11.15 Roundtable discussions - round I

How to tackle justice in specific territorial scenarios

- a. Regeneration of historic city centers
- b. Hazardous toxic environments in peri-urban spaces
- c. Post-industrial urban sites
- d. Heavily "touristified" neighborhoods
- e. Urban belts and expansion of city limits
- f. Empty lots/spaces
- g. Dense, multi-function, heavily-trafficked neighborhoods
- h. Energy inefficient housing and energy poverty

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 - 12.30 Roundtable discussions - round II

How to tackle justice in specific urban challenges

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch & networking walk

14.15 - 15.45 'Let's imagine'

Building projects for urban justice and sustainability - a collective exercise

15.45 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00 Closing & Next steps

18.00 Field trips (optional)

