



THE 2ND URBANA ARENA – ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

‘JUSTICE CHALLENGES IN URBAN SUSTAINABILITY’ 4-5 JUNE 2020

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 based on 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 drivers of urban injustice as challenges for 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 or expert and very specific field of practice) 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.

Responding to current public health emergencies: an online format and platform

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this event has moved from a physical gathering in Barcelona to a series of online conversations designed to take place between UrbanA fellows, team researchers, new participants, and the wider community of practice interested in Just and Sustainable cities, around the theme of “Justice Challenges in Urban Sustainability”. The event will be held online using Zoom and combining virtual ‘plenaries’, small breakout rooms for discussions of specific themes, as well as short introductions and debriefs with all participants. We are currently developing the exact agenda of these conversations and will be updating this document frequently.





TENTATIVE AGENDA

JUNE 4TH: DRIVERS OF INJUSTICE IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS What are the drivers and manifestations of urban injustice and how do they challenge sustainability? Theoretical insights and case examples from around Europe

10.00 – 12.00 (Introduction and discussion in breakout groups)

- Exclusive access to the benefits of urban sustainability infrastructure
- Material and livelihood inequalities
- Racialized or ethnically exclusionary urbanization
- Uneven and excluding urban intensification and regeneration
- Uneven environmental health and pollution patterns

15.00 – 17.00 (Discussion in breakout groups and plenary briefing)

- Unfit organizational structures
- No or tokenistic participation in urban planning
- Lack of effective knowledge brokerage
- Unquestioned neoliberal growth and austerity urbanism
- Weak(ened) civil society

JUNE 5TH: CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AS INEQUALITY AND A BREAKING POINT IN HOW WE IMAGINE CITIES

- **10.00 – 12.00** Open webinar: plenary with Q&A **What does COVID-19 tell us about justice and sustainability in cities? Trends of exacerbated health inequalities and emergent questions around socio-environmental justice in times of disease risk and social confinement.**
- **15.00 – 17.00** Introduction and discussion in small groups **‘Let’s imagine’: What**





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lessons learnt and what possibilities have opened for building projects of urban justice and sustainability?

