

Agenda

EUROPEAN
FeltrinelliCamp

BROKEN CITIES

8th–9th OCTOBER 2021

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Re-composing eco-social
cleavages for a new urban agenda

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Concept

After more than a year of the pandemic, European cities appear broken. Over recent decades, exasperated by the recent pandemic, cities across the world have become more vulnerable, their deficiencies in being able to guarantee a fair **social and economic development** increasingly palpable.

The cities are broken under many aspects: a lack of adequate services, a lack of access to housing, the physical isolation that, from being a measure of containment of the virus has now consolidated into a lifestyle, loss of work, areas of cities that are ailing, degraded and abandoned. We know that broken cities are not fertile lands for a collective well-being, creating hubs of social injustice, replications of ineffective models of governance and an unhealthy approach to the environment. In Europe, cities are being challenged with the impact of climate change alongside an exacerbation of social inequalities: it is in cities that social, environmental and economic emergencies become increasingly visible, but it is also in cities that new solutions emerge. Fundamental rights are now at risk of being relegated to the second, if not the last row in the classroom of priorities in urban contexts. Many historic cities are collapsing under the weight of their immobility: both for lack of funds and for an inability or unwillingness of those who govern the cities to implement transformations. At the same time, non-urban areas are suffering from widespread abandonment resulting from a lack of social infrastructure and services that challenge the ability of territories to maintain their attraction. It's clear that our broken cities need to be **repaired, re-designed and healed** in their spatial, social and economic spheres. We need a transformation, in our approach and practices, that invests cities from many points of view in order to develop the territories as places of opportunities: more participation in urban planning, more health environments, more project management skills to guide the cities' development, more and better-designed services and more connection between and for people. We need to tackle socio-economic and environmental injustices and start to reconcile the social, economic and environmental gaps. In order to figure out how to fill these social and environmental gaps, we need to focus on strategic questions. What does the right to the city mean today? How can we put this right in practice in our cities? How can we turn cities into tangible places of opportunity for all? How can we promote participatory processes both in urban and non-urban territories? How can we guarantee principles of inclusivity and democracy in the socio-ecological transition, to make it real and tangible instead of empty and ephemeral?

The Feltrinelli Camp intends to contribute to rethinking models and practices that can play a key role in the creation of a shared space, no longer fragmented, that includes heterogeneous identities and promotes sustainable lifestyles and healthy communities.

The Broken Cities Camp is inspired by the awareness that **cities are facing social and environmental challenges that need long term, well planned and responsibly-managed solutions:** a complex and multifaceted rethinking of cities and territories for a new alternate proposal has become an unavoidable imperative, and we count on participants to the Broken Cities Camp to share this urge of civic commitment.

This approach needs to consider a transition to new socio-economic models that on the one hand promote sustainable and democratic economies and on the other hand contribute to the health and wellbeing of people and territories, enhancing participatory strategies. Furthermore, we need to interrogate ourselves as to what the kind of cities and territories we want, and how to develop cities and territories as desirable places to be lived in.

At the Feltrinelli Camp, researchers, activists and practitioners in the relevant sectors will discuss a set of practical actions that make it possible to **develop just, health and participatory territories, designed through a co-project management between Public Administrations and stakeholders.** Exploring challenges and possible solutions for territorial development, the Feltrinelli Camp seeks to outline the form and substance of a new model of planning and living systems, creating social inclusion and healthy communities.

Research Questions:

- How to repair the social and environmental fractures of cities and territories?
- What measures can be taken to guarantee the right to housing for all? Which case studies, models and practices should we consider?
- How can urban development be promoted with reference to territorial cohesion? Which case studies, models and practices should we consider?
- How do we guarantee social infrastructures in order to contrast social and ecological inequalities? Which case studies, models and practices should we consider?
- How do we practically engage stakeholders in urban and territorial planning and design, looking in particular at digital innovation methodologies and tools? Which case studies, models and practices should we consider?
- In the light of the socio-ecological transition, how do we regenerate territories both from both an energy and a socio-cultural point of view? Which case studies, models and practices should we consider?
- How do we build, support and improve the quality of life of communities in cities and in remote areas? Which case studies, models and practices should we consider?

DAY 1

Friday 8th October

8.45–9.30 Welcome desk and registration

9.30–9.45 PUBLIC SESSION / Opening Remarks

MASSIMO BRICOCOLI DASTU, Polytechnic University of Milan

JOAN SUBIRATS Autonomous University of Barcelona (connection)

9.45–10.45 PUBLIC SESSION / Plenary - **Heal the broken city by reconciling socio-economic cleavages**

TUNA TASAN-KOK University of Amsterdam (connection)

FRANCESCA GELLI IUAV University of Venice

LAURA SAIJA University of Catania

LORENZO KIH LGREN GRANDI Sciences Po Paris

10.45–11.00 Introduction to the **6 working groups: Social housing policies and new forms of living /**

Territorial cohesion, governance and cooperation among territories / **Urban and suburban regeneration**

and requalification / Infrastructures and services for a socio-ecological transition / Participation, digital

innovation and co-design of territories / Schools, territories and new educational alliances

11.00–13.00 Working groups - 1st session

13.00–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.45 Working groups - 2nd session

15.45–16.10 Coffee break

16.10–16.30 Dialogue / **Social infrastructures for the city to come**

ERIK KLINENBERG, New York University (connection)

GABRIELE PASQUI, DASTU, Polytechnic University of Milan

16.30–17.45 Working groups - 2nd session

18.00–18.15 PUBLIC SESSION / Opening Ceremony – **Official welcome Institutional session**

CARLO FELTRINELLI President of Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli

MASSIMILIANO TARANTINO Director of Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli

FRANCESCO PASSERINI Mayor of Codogno

RAFAEL TUTS Director, Global Solutions Division UN-Habitat (video-message)

18.15–18.30 PUBLIC SESSION

How to rethink economic models and governance practices for a real urban transition?

SIMONE DRAGONE President MM

MASSIMILIANO DI SILVESTRE President and Ceo BMW Italia

LORENZO GIUSSANI Direttore Generazione & Trading A2A Group

18.30–19.30 PUBLIC SESSION / Opening Keynote Lecture

How to recompose cities as places of opportunities for citizens, communities, territories?

ANANYA ROY Professor of Urban Planning, Social Welfare, and Geography at UCLA

In dialogue with:

ALESSANDRO BALDUCCI Polytechnic University of Milan

CARLA TEDESCO IUAV University of Venice

Moderator

ALESSANDRA MUGLIA, *Corriere della Sera*

DAY 2

Saturday 9th October

9.00–9.30 Welcome desk

9.30–9.50 Introduction

9.50–10.50 **PUBLIC SESSION / Plenary - Heal the broken city by reconciling socio-ecological cleavages**
FILIPE ARAUJO Vice Mayor of Porto and City Councillor for Innovation and Environment and Chair of EUROCITIES Environment Forum (connection)
ISABELLE ANGUELOVSKI Barcelona Laboratory Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (connection)
NADINA GALLE Internet of Nature
MARCO RANZATO University Roma Tre

10.50–11.00 Introduction to the working groups

11.00–13.00 **Working groups - 3rd session**

13.00–14.00 Lunch

14.15–14.25 **Sustainable mobility in future cities**
MONIKA DERNAI BMW Group Corporate Strategy

Moderator

ALESSIA LIPAROTI journalist True News

14.25–16.45 **Working groups - 4th session**

16.45–17.00 Coffee Break

17.00–18.30 **PUBLIC SESSION / Final Roundtable Proposals for the City to come**
RICHARD SENNETT University College London (connection)
SASKIA SASSEN Columbia University (connection)
RICKY BURDETT London School of Economics (connection)
STEFANO BOERI Architect and Urbanist
ALESSANDRO BALDUCCI Polytechnic University of Milan
LAURA SAIJA University of Catania

18.30–18.45 **PUBLIC SESSION / Closing Remarks**

Moderator

ALESSANDRA MUGLIA Corriere della Sera

Meetings will be held in English. The public sessions of the two-day workshop can also be followed in real time by streaming on [Facebook](#) and on the Foundation's website www.fondazionefeltrinelli.it/live

The event is included in the UN-Habitat [Urban October](#): a month of meetings, discussions and events focusing the world's attention on urban issues and sustainable development.
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