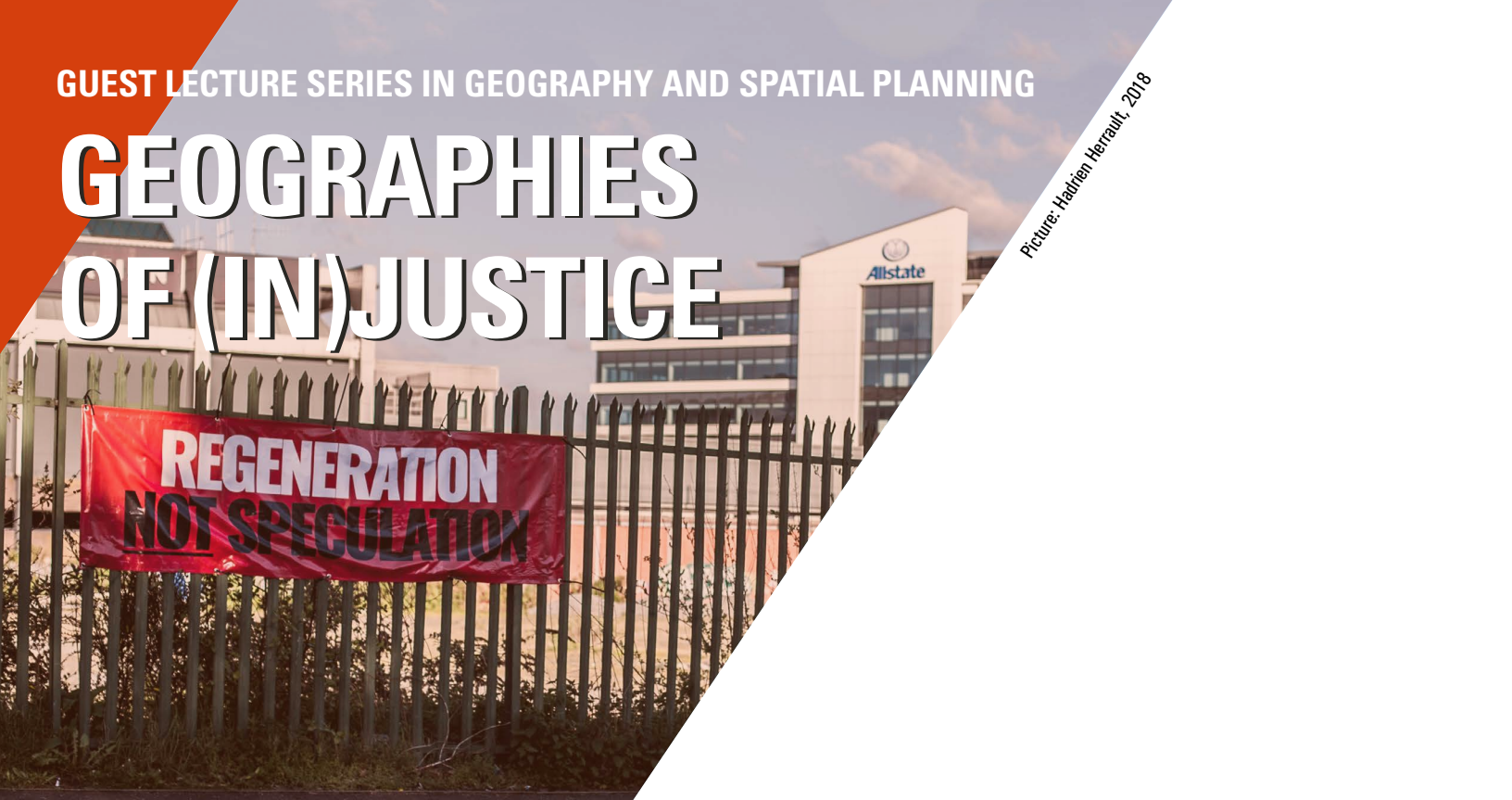


# GEOGRAPHIES OF (IN)JUSTICE

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## PROGRAMME

**Thursday, April 11th**

12.30-14.00 | MSH Blackbox

**Sylvie Tissot**

Does spatial proximity erase social inequalities? “Social mix” and gay-friendliness in gentrified areas (France and the USA)

**Abstract**

While “diversity” has become a crucial goal for city planners, many scholars have raised doubts about the local benefits of a “social mix”. Does spatial proximity necessarily erase social inequalities? Sylvie Tissot will use her fieldwork in gentrified neighbourhoods to bring to light persisting boundaries between wealthy and low-income residents, as well as between straight residents and their gay and lesbian neighbours.

**Biography**

Sylvie Tissot is a French sociologist, she is a Professor of Political Science at University of Paris-8 and a founder of the collective “Les Mots Sont Importants”. She directed two movies about a French feminist. She is the author of *Gayfriendly – Acceptation et contrôle de l’homosexualité à Paris et à New York*, Raison D’agir, Paris, 2018.



**Wednesday, May 15th**

12.30-14.00 | MSH Blackbox

**Madina Tlostanova**

(De)coloniality of knowledge: questioning vantage points, delinking from rules, troubling institutions

**Abstract**

Decolonial thought – in contrast to the better-known postcolonial theory which still interprets the other in the language of the same – questions the very epistemic mechanisms of modernity with its indispensable darker side: coloniality as a larger ontological design of the world focusing not on historical questions of colonialism but on the shaping and normalisation of particular subjectivities, cognitive models, aesthetics, gender and sexual patterns, etc. In the last three decades we have witnessed a shift from colonialism to coloniality, and from decolonisation to Decoloniality, and hence from politics to epistemology and the process of knowledge production, circulation and control in the two main modern/colonial institutions – university and museum. The lecture will trace Decoloniality as an optional relational positive ontological design of the world and focus on how these issues may be important for the increasingly plural Europe, which needs a more updated understanding of its shared identity, its past (including the darker aspects of violence, colonialism, totalitarianism, ethnic conflicts), and its common future, if there is one.

**Biography**

Madina Tlostanova is a decolonial thinker and fiction writer, professor of postcolonial feminisms at Linköping University (Sweden). She focuses on decolonial thought, feminisms of the Global South, post-socialist sensibilities, fiction and art. Her most recent books include *Postcolonialism and Postsocialism in Fiction and Art: Resistance and Re-existence* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017) and *What Does it Mean to be Post-Soviet? Decolonial Art from the Ruins of the Soviet Empire* (Duke University Press, 2018).



**Tuesday, May 21th**

12.30-14.00 | MSH Blackbox

**Aurélien Delpirou**

The “yellow vest” movement in the light of the socio-spatial inequalities in France

**Abstract**

Jacquerie, revolt of the peripheries, or revenge of the poor working class? The analysis of the “yellow vest” (gilet jaune) movement has unleashed many geographical and sociological concepts. Yet this movement reflects not so much a France split in two as a multiplicity of territorial interdependencies. Though a stable analytical framework has yet to be formulated, having some perspective on some caricatural ideas is a first step towards a better understanding of the dynamics and stakes of the current uprising.

**Biography**

Aurélien Delpirou is a lecturer at the École d’Urbanisme de Paris (Paris School of Urban Planning, part of Université Paris-Est Créteil) and a researcher within the Lab’Urba laboratory (also based at Université Paris-Est). His work deals with the territorialisation of sustainable urban mobility policies in Europe, especially in Rome and Paris. His recent publications include the “Atlas historique de Rome” (2013, Paris: Autrement).



**Wednesday, June 12th**

12.30-14.00 | MSH Blackbox

**Brendan Murtagh**

Solidarity economics and local development: the case of ‘post-conflict’ Belfast

**Abstract**

This presentation explores the impact and potential of the social economy as a site of urban struggle, political mobilisation and community organisation. It offers a critical account of the social economy and its place in urban and state restructuring and the remaking of the local in urban politics and resistive practices. Taking Belfast, in the north of Ireland, as an empirical focus, it examines the nature of post-conflict transition, the attraction of neoliberal (forms of) development and the options open to disadvantaged and divided communities. The presentation concludes by highlighting the inevitable entanglements and contradictions implicit in social economics and the scope of local alterity in the context of multiple urban crises.

**Biography**

Brendan Murtagh is a Reader in urban planning at the Queen’s University Belfast. He has researched and written widely on social economics, community development and urban regeneration, including a recent book on *Social Economics and the Solidarity City* (Routledge, 2019).

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**Tuesday, June 18th**

12.30-14.00 | MSA 2.230

**Judit Timár**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Hungary)

The challenges of researching and teaching spatial (in)justice: a Central and Eastern European perspective

**Abstract**

The seminar lecture deals with the following issues:  
 - the uneven development of knowledge production from the perspective of Central and Eastern Europe (Anglo-American hegemony, injustices of the publication industry);  
 - the relevance of research topics such as socio-spatial marginalisation and peripheralisation;  
 - the usefulness of critical theories such as uneven development and the right to the city;  
 - teaching spatial (in)justice as a ‘critical’ practice of geography and a political tool in today’s Hungary.

**Biography**

Judit Timár currently works at the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Judit does research in Urban/Rural Geography, Feminist Geography, Science Studies. Their current project is ‘Socio-economic and Political Responses to Regional Polarisation in Central and Eastern Europe - RegPol’.

