



# Philosophy of the City

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# Madrid

October 2-4, 2024

Venue:  
Institute of Philosophy  
—  
Centre of Human and Social Sciences  
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## PROGRAM



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**IFS**

# October 2

## Panel 1 (10:00–11:30)

### Session A (Auditorium)

- Opening Address: Francisco Colom & Ana López, Jules Simon, and Shane Epting

### Session B (Sala María Zambrano – 0C9) (starts at 10:30)

-**The City as Architect** - Miloš Ćipranić (Belgrade–University of Belgrade)

-**Philosophical contributions to the idea of "atmosphere" in Architecture: An Intertextual Reading between Álvaro Siza and Gernot Böhme** - Eugenio Pacheco Magallanes (Lisbon–University of Lisbon)

### Session C (Sala Menéndez Pidal – 0E18) (starts at 10:30)

#### AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS

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-**Just Shelter: Gentrification, Integration, Race, and Reconstruction** by Ron Sundstrom (San Francisco–University of San Francisco)

Commentators: Shane Epting and Bart van Leeuwen (Nijmegen–Radboud University)

Coffee break (11:30–12:00)

## Panel 2 (12:00–1:30)

### Session A (Sala Menéndez Pidal – 0E18)

#### SUSTAINABILITY

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-**Designing Nature for Who? A Critique of Dominant Approaches to Urban Greenspace Creation and Access from the Lens of Decolonial Planning and Environmental Justice** - Chayce Kenny (St. Louis–St. Louis University)

-**A Sustainable Future City? Four critical discourses for the case of Madrid** - Richard J. Hewitt (Madrid–Institute of Economics, Geography and Demography)

## Session B (Sala María Zambrano - 0C9)

### PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

- **Creating Economically Diverse and Inclusive Livable Cities: Advancing Resilience, Empathy, Equity and Social Inclusion** - David Woods (New York City-New York University)
- **Fairness in Political Representation for Cities** - Daniel Weinstock (Montreal-McGill University)
- **Three Ideological Models of City Self-Government** - Michael Ziv Kenet (Jerusalem-Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

## Session C (Sala José Castillejo - 0D1)

### URBAN AESTHETICS 1

- **Reversibility: Philosophy of the Flesh as Urban Fabric** - Žygimantas Mencekovas (Kaunas-Vytautas Magnus University)
- **The "negative aesthetics" of urban aesthetics** - Nuno Fonseca (Lisbon-University of Lisbon)
- **Navigating Realities: Examining the Role of Visual Communication in Urban Experiences** - Borbála Jász (Barcelona - Autonomous University of Barcelona)

Lunch break (1:30-3:00)

## Panel 3 (3:00-4:30)

## Session A (Sala José Castillejo - 0D1)

### THE BORDER CITY

- **Border City Collective Consciousness, and expectations of liberation** - Jaden Esparza (El Paso)
- **Border controls, immigrants' integration, and the role of cities in national immigration policies** - Marco Miglino (Genoa-University of Eastern Piedmont)
- **From the Frontier City to the Border City** - Nicola Siddi (Turin-University of Turin)

## Session B (Sala María Zambrano - 0C9)

### TECHNOLOGY AND THE CITY

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- **A Critical Content Analysis of Smart City Literature: Towards People-Centered, Inclusive, and Livable Smart Cities** - Neslihan Demirtaş-Milz, Pınar Ebe-Güzgü (Izmir-Izmir Katip Çelebi University)
- **A Phenomenology of the Train Car** - Tore Levander (New York City-Fordham University)
- **Game Engines as Urban Technologies** - Michael Nagenborg (Twente-University of Twente)

## Session C. PANEL SESSION 1 (Sala Menéndez Pidal - 0E18)

- **Philosophy of the City: challenges and questions of the contemporary world.** Irandina Afonso; Joaquim Escola (Porto-University of Porto); José Luís Gonçalves (Porto-University of Porto); Maria João Couto (Porto-University of Porto); Paula Cristina Pereira (Porto-University of Porto) Philosophy and Public Space (PPS) RG, Institute of Philosophy, University of Porto

Coffee break (4:30-5:00)

## **Keynote (5:00-6:30 at the Auditorium)**

- **Urban Justice and Public Housing Policies in Madrid** - Roberto Goycoolea (Alcalá de Henares-University of Alcalá)

# October 3

## Panel 1 (10:00–11:30)

### Session A (Sala Menéndez Pidal – OE18)

#### EVERYDAYNESS

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- **Urban Sociology and Everydayness** – Melis Menent (Brighton–University of Sussex)
- **Walking Contradiction: The instability of women's anonymous enjoyment in Western cities through real-life examples** – Isabel Argüelles (Asturias–University of Oviedo)
- **Do Our Cities Reflect What People Want? A Look at Top-Down vs. General Public** – Vladan Klement (Prague–Czech Technical University in Prague)

### Session B (Sala María Zambrano – OC9)

#### SPECIFIC CITIES – 1

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- **On Being a Walled City Dweller: Perspectives and Phenomenological Accounts from Gujrat Pakistan** – Nasim Ahmad (Gujrat–University of Gujrat)
- **The case of Venice: memory of the city before Venice religion and its museification** – Andrea Borsari (Bologna–Università di Bologna)
- **La ciudad de lo desigual, políticas urbanas e injusticias espaciales en la ciudad patrimonio mundial de San Francisco de Campeche** – Aida Amine Casanova Rosado (Campeche–Universidad Autónoma de Campeche)

### Session C (Sala José Castillejo – OD1)

#### CITY ARCHITECTURE 2

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- **How do we design? A heideggerian link between love and living** – Anita Drella (Bucharest–University of Bucharest)
- **Beauty and Interestingness as Urban Affordances. Results from the Citizen Science Project "Your Emotional City" of the Research Platform Neurourbanism** – Jörg Fingerhut (Berlin–Humboldt–Universität zu Berlin)

- **Of Mice and Men at Night: Urban Nocturnal Life in Sociological Perspective and the Mystic Literature of South Asia** - Tauqeer Ahmed Lak (Sargodha-University of Sargoda) and Nasim Ahmad (Gujrat-University of Gujrat)

Coffee break (11:30-12:00)

## Panel 2 (12:00-1:30)

Session A (Sala José Castillejo - OD1):

### URBAN DISCRIMINATION

- **Defining and assessing 'Hostile Design'** - Sebastian Holmen (Trekroner-Roskilde University)
- **Hostile design: Four Moral Objections** - Thomas Søbirk Petersen (Trekroner-Roskilde Universitet)
- **Fractured cities: a socio-spatial approach to urban discrimination** - Jesús Rodríguez-Zepeda (Mexico City-Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana)

Session B (Sala María Zambrano-OC9):

### VISUAL ART AND THE CITY

- **Cinema and the city. Urban imaginaries and home movies** - Elena Girelli (Bologna-University of Bologna)
- **City Film** - Thomas Forget (Charlotte-University of North Carolina at Charlotte)
- **Photographic abstraction in 'La huerta y la ciudad': A case study** - Zsolt Bátori (Budapest- University of Pécs)

Session C (Sala Menéndez Pidal-OE18):

### AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS

- **Meaning in the Metropolis: Towards an Urban Existentialism** by Shane Epting (Rolla-Missouri University of Science and Technology)

Commentators: Judith Green/David Woods and Nuno Fonseca

Lunch break (1:30-3:00)

## Panel 3 (3:00–4:30)

### Session A (Sala Menéndez Pidal - 0E18)

#### DEFINING THE CITY 1

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- **The Ethics of Graffiti** - Eric Studt (New York City-Fordham University)
- **Urban expansion, implosive fragmentation: F.W.J. v. Schelling forerunner of Henri Lefebvre** - Francesco Di Maio (Bologna-Universidad de Bolonia)
- **What Makes Cities Possible? Urban Commons and the Quest for the City** - Francisco Colom (Madrid-Instituto de Filosofía-Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)

### Session B (Sala María Zambrano - 0C9)

#### JUSTICE AND THE CITY 1

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- **Vendedores ambulantes migrantes, fronterización interna y el derecho a la ciudad. Una comparativa entre manteros y vagoneros en la ciudad de Madrid** - Ana López-Sala (Madrid)
- **La vivienda pública como estrategia política de inclusión social** - Paz Núñez Martí (Alcalá-Universidad de Alcalá de Henares) and Eulalia P. Negrelos (São Paulo-University of São Paulo)
- **Espacio público como cultura decolonial** - Hernando A Estévez (Bogotá)

### Session C (Sala José Castillejo - 0D1):

#### TRANSPORTATION

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- **Transport, movement, and equality: Private property and the justifiability of road systems** - Daniel Guillery (London-The London School of Economics and Political Science)
- **Relations Matter, Social Equality in Transportation** - Alessandro Piazza (Turin-Politecnico di Milano Technion - Israel Institute of Technology)

Coffee break (4:30–5:00)

## Keynote at the Auditorium (5:00–6:30)

- **Urban Post-Colonial Justice: Economy, Ecology, and Eco-Social Equity** - Judith Green (New York City-Fordham University)

## October 4

### Panel 1 (10:00–11:30)

#### Session A (Sala Menéndez Pidal - OE18)

##### DEFINING THE CITY 2

- **Cleaving the agora: implications of city as polis vs city as urbe** - Marian Counihan (Groningen-University of Groningen)
- **The not so ideal city. The classics and the dark side of the city** - Ángel Rivero (Madrid-Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
- **Parasite City: Rethinking the Fable of The City Mouse and the Country Mouse** - Sharon M. Meagher (New York City-Marymount Manhattan College)

#### Session B. PANEL SESSION 2 (Sala Menéndez Pidal - OE18)

##### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE CITY - THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON AI URBANISM

- **Axes of AI Urbanism in Post-Smart Cities** - Federico Cugurullo (Dublin-Trinity College of Dublin)
- **Aesthetic Politics of Urban AI** - Casey Lynch (Barcelona-Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)
- **Training Grounds: Imagining, resisting, and sensing urban AI for civic capabilities** - Sarah Barns (Melbourne-Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology)
- **Urban AI as a matter of concern. Bruno Latour and the search for a sustainable AI Urbanism** - Otello Palmimi (Ferrara-University of Ferrara)



## Session C (Sala José Castillejo—OD1)

### HOUSING AND URBAN SPACING

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- **A limitarian argument for housing-ownership regulation** - Elisabetta Gobbo (Rotterdam-Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- **The Nature of Housing: Racism and Segregation** - Layla Mayorga (New York City)
- **Physical Proximity and Social Distance: the City as Modernity's Sensory Paradigm** - Francesco Azzarone (Pisa)

## 12:00 Director's Address (Auditorium)

Jules Simon

(El Paso-University of Texas at El Paso)

- **On Becoming a Philosopher of the City: A Phenomenological Account**

# October 5

## Guided tour through the historic periods of public housing in Madrid (XX and XXI centuries)



- **10:00 Meeting at the Water Tower of El Matadero** (former slaughterhouse of Madrid), next to **Legazpi metro station** (Lines 3 and 6)

Visit of the Colonia del Pico del Pañuelo (workers' dwellings built according to the Affordable Housing Law; 1930s) and some buildings of the Public Board for Civil Servant Housing (post-civil war autarchy, 1940-50)

- **11:30** from Metro station Legazpi (Line 6) to La Estrella station (Line 9)

Visit in Moratalaz neighborhood to buildings El Ruedo (social rehousing, democratic period, 1986) and La Herradura (social rent, 2002)

- **13:00** from Metro station La Estrella to Metro station Artilleros (Line 9 both)

Visit to the neighborhood and La Lonja (market) of Moratalaz (developmentalist period of the dictatorship, 1965-75)

- **14:00 to 14:30 h.** End of the visit. Possibility to have a beer or lunch at the Lonja itself.



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