

Abstract

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Dealing with contested concepts in planning. What territory between policies and practices?

Territory is a multifaceted concept playing an important role both in urban and regional studies and in planning. The concept of territory has been and still is the subject of a complex process of re-semanticization.

The different meanings we give to this concept while using different frames are nevertheless too often implicit, therefore the seminar will explore the main issues and implications of these choices, for becoming more reflexive in the use of this concept while doing research.

The seminar leads the students to orient among diverse bodies of literature, from the ones more referring to the physical element meant as objective, to the ones specifying territory as the outcome of a process of structuring the physical and social space by the subjects who inhabit it, thus giving space to a complex ecosystem of matter, objects, living beings, technologies, etc.