

Approaches

PRACTICING INTERDISCIPLINARITY IN LABORATORY PATHS WITH THE TERRITORIES

In our methods seminar we will explore how the so called “qualitative methods” are more than “tools”: rooted in anthropological and urban planning traditions and our cooperative research we will introduce participants to a theoretically oriented practices that ask to put persons at the center and confront to them the *ur*-practices of conversation and description. In this perspective they demand an epistemological conversion to people and their places. We will show how listening to, watching at and interacting with dwellers, participating to local life, become epistemological relevant experience to critical understanding of social bonds and spatial relationships in the place and with the place they develop. We will also discuss the way this *modus operandi* negotiates and de-potentiates the symbolic violence and the epistemic injustice overhanging the fieldwork research interaction. We will deepen such methods looking at laboratory processes involving inhabitants e enhancing their projects, their abilities, their role and empowerment, and so doing working for a re-politicization of the urban life.

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