

NOVEMBER 17TH 2022, 9.30-17.00



# URBAN SOS

Closing conference @ Aeropolis, Brussels, Belgium

Registration: [urbansos.event-hva.nl](https://urbansos.event-hva.nl)



## URBAN SOS: WHAT'S IN THE NAME?

Traditionally, social work has focused on social issues originating from different processes of modernity, especially those related to urbanization and industrialization. One of the main historical roots of the profession is the use of methods to help people and communities flourish as well as to question unfair structures.

The Urban SOS project came about to provide academics, social work students and professionals in the field with a framework and tools, which can be used to identify, understand and question unfair policies, or structures, which get in the way of individual, community, and societal prosperity.

URBAN SOS is an Erasmus+ funded project of four European universities from Ghent, Amsterdam, Helsinki and Copenhagen. For three years, we have worked together with partners from the social work field. Our ambition is to revive and reinforce already existing theory and methods such as advocacy and activism, which historically have been effective in the struggle for creating more socially just cities—in any given national or local context.



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## WHAT TO EXPECT?

# the URBAN SOS closing conference

*On the 17th of November, the URBAN SOS conference takes place! During this final event, the URBAN SOS online training platform will be launched.*

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**LANGUAGE: ENGLISH**

**REGISTRATION THROUGH  
THE EVENT PAGE:  
URBANSOS.EVENT-HVA.NL**

**REGISTRATION OPENS ON  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH.**

### CONTRIBUTION

**-TO PARTICIPATE, WE ASK  
FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF  
25 EUROS (LUNCH  
INCLUDED).**

**PARTICIPANTS FROM THE  
NETHERLANDS HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL  
FROM AMSTERDAM TO  
BRUSSELS BY COACH.  
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PAGE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**

**ARE YOU NOT ABLE TO  
JOIN US ON THIS SPECIAL  
DAY? YOU HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN  
THE PANEL DEBATE AND  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN AN  
ONLINE SETTING.  
REGISTRATION THROUGH  
THE EVENT PAGE.**

**We would like to invite you to join us in Brussels on this special day!**

This conference will give you the opportunity to become familiar with the URBAN SOS online training platform that provides a framework and tools to better equip students, teachers and professionals in understanding the urban context and different themes related to urbanization. On the 17th of November, we would like to introduce you to our platform.

### **What can you expect on the URBAN SOS training platform?**

- A theoretical and analytical framework that can be used in any urban setting
- The URBAN SOS game to play in the classroom or among colleagues
- Teaching resources
- Case studies obtained through ethnographic research in four different European cities
- A training course for urban social work professionals
- Podcasts and stories

### **Inspiring workshops, a panel debate and keynote speaker**

During this event, you get the opportunity to discuss urban processes and inequalities with your European colleagues. To get inspired and to gain knowledge about the urban context and our platform, this conference offers interesting workshops, panel debates and keynote speakers.



# the URBAN SOS closing conference

## Program

**09.30 – 10.00:**  
**Tea and Coffee**

**10.00 – 10.30:**  
**Official Welcome by and  
introduction to Urban SOS  
by Leigh Anne Rauhala**

**10.30 – 11.30:**  
**Keynote by Massih Hutak:  
Gentrification in the city**

**11.30 – 12.00:**  
**Tea and Coffee**

**12.00 – 13.00:**  
**Workshop round 1,  
workshops based on the  
framework, cases and  
outputs of the Urban SOS  
project.**

**13.00 – 14.00:**  
**Lunch**

**14.00 – 15.00:**  
**Workshop round 2,  
workshops based on the  
framework, cases and  
outputs of the Urban SOS  
project.**

**15.00 – 15.30:**  
**Tea and Coffee**

**15.30 – 16.30:**  
**Panel debate: The right to  
the city**

**16.30 – 17.00:**  
**Celebrations and official  
launch of the platform**

## *Program highlights*

### **Keynote speaker: Massih Hutak**

Massih Hutak (1992) is a writer, rapper, theatre director and poet. He is the founder and community leader of Verdedig Noord, which is a group of residents who protect their city district from gentrification. On the 17th of November, he will share his story with us!

### **Panel debate: Right to the City**

The French sociologist Henri Lefebvre defines the Right to the city as a right of no exclusion of urban society from qualities and benefits of urban life. There is an absence of participation in shaping the city for those who have been excluded from economic development, for those who have been displaced through gentrification and for those who are suffering from exclusionary immigration policies. During a panel debate with experts, we will discuss in which ways the Right to the City is at stake in different European cities.

### **Why should I participate?**

Participation will provide you with an opportunity to:

-Become familiar with an online platform that provides a framework and tools to better equip students, teachers and professionals in understanding the urban context and different themes related to urbanization

-Increase your knowledge on global and urban processes and discuss these processes within an European context

-Exchange ideas on how social workers and educators can address urban issues in social work practices in their own teaching or workfield

-Expanding your European network!

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