

## **URBAN SOS**

Closing conference @ Aeropolis, Brussels, Belgium

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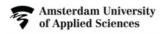


URBAN SOS: WHAT'S IN THE NAME?

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.



























#### 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. PLEASE CHECK THE EVENT 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?

- $\mbox{-}\mbox{A}$  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.



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

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#### 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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