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STAR Seminar Series

Shrinking Places and Cultural Heritage



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An online international seminar linking shrinking places and cultural heritage. Inf interested, please send an e-mail to receive the link in order to get registered and join the seminar.



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Requirements: weekly attendance and final case study report

The online format allows for the best possible outreach to the EELISA community, and students from PSL (incl. ENS and Polytechnique). The seminar series could be a stand-alone seminar to be familiarised with up-to-date research on “shrinking places” threatened by the withdrawal of state engineering and shrinking local budgets. The sessions will be tied together under the theme of sustainable governance of shrinking places, questioning the capacity of heritage to be mobilized as a resource for the sustainable development of the territory. It also invites international students to gain a unique insight into the French context, compared to other international contexts. After introducing shrinking cities and shrinking places as a well-established research topic, the main objective will be to familiarise students to enable reflections on shrinking places and their cultural heritage, looking at culture-led revitalisation strategies, and also at local perceptions, uses, and local practices and drawing comparisons on an international scale.

Seminar format: The seminar follows the format of a weekly series. Online sessions of two to four hours each are planned from October to December 2023.

Course overview

Block 1: Shrinking Cities research in the global world

Thursday, Oct. 12 2023 (2h)

General introduction to the seminar: Outline, formalities, administrative issues, first intro into SC research (definitions, the local embeddedness of socio-spatial issues)

Main presenters : ECS + NS, GY

Thursday, Oct. 19 2023 (2h)

Shrinking Cities research - theories and concepts: the city as a growth machine and the fight against 'growth at all costs'

Main Presenter: NS + ECS

Thursday, Nov 9 2023 (2h)

Shrinking cities in the Global South: "The Greater ABC Region (Brazil), from industrial growth to shrinkage: State, economy, inequality and territorial disputes".

Main Presenter: GY + ECS

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Block 2: Shrinking places: research in progress and revitalisation strategies

Wednesday, Nov 15 (4h)

Shrinking Territories as Learning Territories

Thursday, Nov 16 (2h)

Cultural Heritage preservation under conditions of urban shrinkage

Friday Nov 24 (2h)

Revitalizing City Centers: An International Policy Comparison (US-UK-France)

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Block 3: Cultural and religious heritage revitalisation in shrinking town

Thursday Dec 7 (2h)

Urban shrinkage in French towns and the revitalisation of places of worship

Main presenter: ECS + ALG

Thursday Dec 14. 2023 (2h)

Churches Religious Route in The Greater ABC Region (Brazil)

Main presenter: GY + ECS

Thursday Dec 21, 2023 (4h)

Group work presentations and a general conclusion

Main presenter: ECS, NS, GY, ALG

Course assessment

Students will be asked to produce individual analysis reports on the conditions under which churches are being transformed around the world. Students are expected to analyse in a problematised and critical way the social, economic, legal, and political contexts, that have enabled these transformations to take place. Each student must choose a country (from the list below) from which they will be free to choose the cases selected for their study.

The assessment will be based on a report of approximately 50,000 characters (including a bibliography), in English or in French, and a final oral presentation (Thursday 21 December 2023).

List of countries:

- United Kingdom
- Netherlands
- Canada
- Spain
- Italy
- France
- Germany
- Brazil
- Algeria
- Greece