

## WORKSHOP

### Urban regeneration in (former) industrial sites/cities in Europe: beyond flagship projects

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## CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Urban regeneration initiatives to redevelop and revive former industrial sites/cities where environmental - as well as social and economic problems – are particularly severe, can be considered an interesting field of investigation in order to put theoretical assumptions about both cities and urban policies to ‘extreme test’.

Large scale urban development projects that include the reuse of derelict industrial premises, of harbours, power stations, etc. have been carried out. Progressively, ‘success stories’ started circulating throughout the world as indicators of the effectiveness of the strategies adopted in creating the post-industrial city. Moreover, studies on sustainable urban regeneration reusing contaminated brownfields or derelict sites have already shed light on the complexity of the intertwining between several tiers of governance, in both vertical and horizontal dimensions. But named an activity as sustainable it not necessarily means it will automatically and at the same time face the economic, social and environmental issues, considering that the social and economic aspects of the regeneration process often imply conflicting interests of developers, community, stakeholders, and several government, regional and local agencies involved.

Are urban regeneration success stories taking for granted the availability of cleaned up land close to concrete processed? Do they take into account the intertwining between the urban regeneration processes and the policy process of brownfield regeneration ahead of contaminated land? What about former industrial cities which did not carry out meaningful experiences of urban regeneration while still possess severe social and economic deprivation problems, along with large areas of vacant, often contaminated, land? Can policy transfer be taken for granted? What if we try to look for different explanations of urban regeneration processes by focusing on specific sites of practices and taking into account the elements (actors, policy frames, resources, technologies, etc) of the different tiers of governance which are mobilized?

In the workshop case studies and theoretical reflections on this topic will be discussed.

The call for proposals is open to EURA members.

Accommodation and travel expenses will be totally or partially refunded (min 200 euro max 600 euro) depending on the number of participants.

Abstracts should be sent to: [ctedesco@iuav.it](mailto:ctedesco@iuav.it), [tonin@iuav.it](mailto:tonin@iuav.it) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of September

Acceptance will be communicate by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.