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“The grounds for utopia are to be found not in some ideal version of urban space but in the re-making of existing places whose capacities are unrealized and whose sources of value are overlooked.”

Fran Tonkiss 2013, Austerity Urbanism and the Makeshift City

Public spaces are places where the complexities of urban development manifest themselves. Public space is multi-use; from political representation and economic use, to activism and protest, with various actors claiming a stake in its development, including the authorities, private companies, civil society and citizens. The new complexity in the network of actors with a claim on public space calls for an interdisciplinary approach as well as a diversity of methods to empirically study the city.

With the Vienna Summer School in Urban Studies we aim to address the challenge of analysing the fragmented needs and practices of a heterogeneous urban society, including those groups affected by exclusion from city life and public space:

How can complex processes which constitute and describe public space and the approaches of different actors be contextualised and how can we handle this complexity?

If you want to explore the analysis and understanding of public space through different approaches and new methods with experienced lecturers such as Suzanne Hall (LSE), Joseph Heathcott (The New School New York) and Elke Krasny (University of Fine Arts Vienna), and in joint workshops with a group of international Masters and PhD students, apply now!

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Application Deadline : April 1st, 2016

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