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The Global Refugee Crisis and the City as a “Sanctuary”

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Data	Argomento	Orario	Aula
14/05/2019	The global refugee crisis in the aftermath of the Syrian civil war	14.00-16.00	Sala riunioni III piano
15/05/2019	Sanctuary cities in comparative perspective	14.00-16.00	Sala riunioni III piano
16/05/2019	Local politics and welcoming and integration of refugees	14.00-16.00	Sala riunioni III piano
21/05/2019	(Un)safety and refugee/immigrant neighborhoods	14.00-16.00	Sala riunioni III piano
22/05/2019	Urban refugees in the camps and cities	14.00-16.00	Sala riunioni III piano
23/05/2019	Final group discussion	14.00-16.00	Sala riunioni III piano

One of the main ironies of our times is that we are feeling less safe and more fearful in a world that is increasingly securitized. In the aftermath of the outbreak of Syrian civil war, Europe fell into a major “security crisis” owing to the first mass influx of refugees from outside of Europe in modern history. The agreement signed between the EU and Turkey in March 2016 was a game-changer as it aimed to reduce, if not stop, the forced immigration and mobility of refugees. Against the backdrop of tightened border control and the rise of anti-immigrant regimes, this seminar explores how cities of refuge take on innovative socio-spatial roles and political agency. We will explore the ways in which cities of refuge, such as Athens, Palermo, San Francisco and Los Angeles, shape the perception and experience of safety and fear.

As “sanctuary cities” resist to and negotiate with anti-immigration policies of security states, they carve out safe places and generate urban practices of inclusion and protection. In contrast to “secured” places detectable by the politics of fear and exclusion, safe places are distinguished by inclusion and protection. The seminar draws attention to the most vulnerable category, the Muslim refugees and asylum seekers, in the aftermath of 9-11. By using specific case studies, we will investigate if and how “sanctuary cities” are often left alone by (inter)national power politics to invent new ways to cope with the crisis and accommodate refugees.

The seminar will meet six times, 14-16 and 21-23 May (Tuesday-Thursday). The meetings will explore different aspects of refugee politics, including the global refugee crisis in the aftermath of the Syrian civil war, sanctuary cities in comparative perspective, local politics and welcoming and integration of refugees, (un)safety and refugee/immigrant neighborhoods, urban refugees in the camps and cities. The last meeting will be organized as a group discussion in which students form groups to represent, discuss and negotiate different points of view about refugee issues.

Rivolto agli studenti dei corsi di laurea triennali e magistrali del DSRS.

La partecipazione al seminario per almeno il **75 %** delle ore di lezione e lo svolgimento del lavoro assegnato dal docente determineranno l’attribuzione di **2 CFU** (crediti formativi universitari).

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