



Towards the Collective City

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International Conference

on Urban Autonomy and the Collective City

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In a time when global financial institutions largely define the means of urbanization across the world, citizens have less and less agency in the decision-making processes related to the organization and reproduction of the urban environment. The financialization of urban development has significantly limited the potential of local communities to influence the form of cities, while strengthening the role of the local elites and the supralocal capital. The present crisis, largely born of this very developmental model, along with decades of deregulation of the welfare state have acted as a catalyst to the deterioration of living conditions and the strengthening of the democratic deficit at all levels.

In July 2016 renowned scholars and practitioners from the fields of Architecture, Geography, Urban Design, and Environmental Studies, will meet in Athens in an effort to identify Urban Autonomy as a distinct area of research and explore the potential of collective city structures to address current and future socio-spatial challenges.

[SPEAKERS]

Pier Vittorio Aureli • Rafi Segal • Cameron Tonkinwise • Doina Petrescu & Constantin Petcou • Erik Swyngedouw
Stavros Stavrides • Ethel Baraona Pohl & Cesar Reyes Najera • Miguel Robles Duran • Maria Kaika • Nikos Belavilas
Nikos Anastasopoulos • Léopold Lambert

[CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS]

Under the three following topics, AUTONOMA is seeking proposals, studies, designs, and ideas that put local communities at the forefront of a new collective city:
Crisis Scapes + Self Governance • Self-Resiliency + Sustainable Resource Management • Transitioning to autonomy

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