

International Sociological Association Research Committee on the Sociology of Urban and Regional Development (RC21)

Renewal of the RC21 Board prior to the ISA World Congress, Yokohama, 13-19 July 2014

List of candidates who have applied for the position of RC21 board member by the deadline of 30.06.2014 + their individual statements.

13 valid applications (in alphabetical order)

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About yourself

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I am an Associate Professor of Sociology at the Universidad del Rosario, Colombia. Originally from Uruguay, I did my undergraduate at the Universidad de la República's School of Social Sciences, and later traveled to do my MA and PhD studies at the University of Pittsburgh (finished in 2009). I am interested in urban sociology and in the study of inequalities, particularly in the interaction of socioeconomic and spatial types of inequality. My work pays attention to both marginality and privilege. I have also worked on urban social movements and on research methods, with special interest in the potentiality of mixing qualitative and quantitative methods. My dissertation focused on poor people's politics in the city. It analyzed the history of the informal city in Montevideo, Uruguay, from the middle of the twentieth century to our days, paying attention to the interaction of squatters and the state. I have also written about gated communities and residential segregation. With a colleague, students and an interdisciplinary group of scholars, I have recently worked on cable cars and slum upgrading in Colombian cities and I am currently working on a new project on subjective inequality comparatively in Latin American cities. I have published in journals such as *Environment and Planning A* and *Latin American Politics and Society*. With a group of students, I am the Spanish editor of *Global Dialogue*, the newsletter of the International Sociological Association.

Some relevant publications:

2014 (forthcoming). "Squatters and politics in Montevideo at the turn of the century", In Almeida and Cordero (eds.), *Handbook of Social Movements across Latin America*, New York: Springer.

2012 "Clientelism or something else? Squatters' politics in Montevideo. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 54 (1).

2012. "Las invasiones de tierras y la izquierda en la ciudad. Montevideo, 1984-2011", *Revista de Ciencia Política* (Universidad Católica de Chile) 32 (2).

2007 "Golden Ghettos: Gated Communities and Class Residential Segregation in Montevideo, Uruguay," *Environment and Planning* 39 (2): 47-63.

(CV attached)

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I am very grateful with this research committee for all the opportunities I had as a student and young researcher, so I would like to give back to it.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I have participated in several activities organized by RC21. The first one was an online seminar, Eurex, back in 2001, through which I had the chance to learn from renowned professors and several very smart students from all over the world. I was an undergraduate then, and it was my first experience with e-learning, with an international audience and even reading papers in English. That seminar really pushed me to apply to graduate school abroad; I started my Ph.D. program one year later. Since then, I participated in two summer schools, one in Urbino and more recently in

Amsterdam. I can say they were as fundamental to my career as my Ph.D. courses in Pittsburgh, an excellent program but without an urban focus. I now feel I am part of a broad network of urban researchers I can count on for ideas, feedback and new projects. RC21 conferences have also been a great place to be at, to learn and receive feedback on my work. When I received an email suggesting me to apply to be a board member, I thought I would really like to make sure that students and young researchers have the opportunities I had through RC21. I would like to contribute to make this happen. In addition, I would like to see urban researchers from Latin America more involved with the committee and their research more visible abroad.

Supporting members

Please list 2 names of RC21 members in good standing supporting your application. They should send an email confirming their support to the RC21 Secretary, c.colomb@ucl.ac.uk.

- 1) *Catalina Ortiz, Director of the School of Urban-Regional Planning, Universidad Nacional de Medellín, Colombia*
- 2) *Fenne Pinkster, Assistant professor in Urban Geography at the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies at the Universiteit van Amsterdam*

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I am Senior Lecturer in Spatial Planning at the Bartlett School of Planning, with a background in architecture and urban planning. Prior to becoming a full-time academic, I have worked 10 years as a chartered architect and urbanist in the private and public sector, both in Europe and the USA. My career spans between academia and professional practices with an appreciation of planning, housing, urban sociology and geography.

European comparative studies guide my research interest, with a particular attention to Southern European cities. My work has progressed around the core theme of urban inequality and focuses on ethnic urban segregation, urban policy, housing and immigration. It ranges from a broader understanding of the European housing systems and welfare regimes to the impact of urban policies and regeneration programmes on socio-spatial inequalities (a critical look at mixing policies and anti-concentration programmes, addressing de-segregation, gentrification and re-commodification processes from a redistributive perspective). I collaborate regularly in international networks and conferences, and guest speak in seminar series, master courses and round table discussions in European institutions. See attached CV.

Currently, I am undertaking a Marie Curie research project (FP7 – PEOPLE Intra-European fellowship) on “DiverCities: Neighbourhood interventions, and social and ethnic mix: the tackling of urban inequalities” and hosted by the Dept. of Political and Social Sciences, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona. From October onwards I will collaborate in the European Collaborative Project () (FP7-SSH-2012-1 / Large scale integrated research projects) on “DIVERCITIES - Governing Urban Diversity: Creating Social Cohesion, Social Mobility and Economic Performance in Today's Hyper-diversified Cities” with Prof. Mike Raco and Dr. Claire Colomb.

3-5 most relevant publications:

Arbaci, S. (2007). Ethnic segregation, housing systems and welfare regimes in Europe. *European Journal of Housing Policy* 7(4), 401-433.

Arbaci, S. (2008). (Re)Viewing ethnic residential segregation in Southern European cities: Housing and urban regimes as mechanisms of marginalisation. *Housing Studies* 23(4), 589-613.

Arbaci, S. and Rae, I. (2013) Mixed tenure neighbourhoods in London: Policy myth or effective device to alleviate deprivation, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 37(2), 451–79.

Arbaci, S. and Tapada, T. (2012) Social inequality and urban regeneration in Barcelona city-centre: reconsidering success, *European Urban and Regional Studies* 19(3), 50-74.

Arbaci, S. and Malheiros, J.M. (2010) De-Segregation, Peripheralisation and the Social Exclusion of Immigrants: Southern European Cities in the 1990s, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36(2). Special issue.

(manuscript to be submitted in 2014: Arbaci, S. (forthcoming) *Paradoxes of Segregation. Urban Migration in Europe*, Blackwell - Studies in Urban and Social Change)

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I highly value the mission of the RC21 and I think this organisation has had a critical role in building a network of forward-thinking and critical urban scholars, across disciplinary and geographical boundaries and beyond ethnocentric approaches. I am a strong supporter of these international links as "a way of promoting and advancing scholarship."

On a personal level, RC21 has offered me invaluable opportunities for critical reflections, theoretical advancements, and stimulating collaborations. Having experienced different international networks, I have found many of my intellectual and professional references in the RC21 international community of scholars (Leal, Maloutas, Butler, Watt, Marques, Le Galles, Garcia, Mingione, among others), as well as many inspiring young scholars.

I am thus keen on contributing more actively to the work and development of RC21. In my past engagement with RC21 activities I have become acquainted with its goals and ways of working. My research experience of bridging between disciplines and countries as well as my international networks hopefully provide me with a good background to further contribute to its current activities and future developments.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I have participated in the RC21 conferences since 2005, both through presenting papers and co-organizing/co-chairing workshops (in Buenos Aires, 2012; in Berlin, 2013). The latter aimed at advancing critical debates on social mixing policies, (ethnic) segregation and production of urban inequalities.

I would like to contribute to RC21 activities through: helping to define the organization's agenda and activities for the next years; supporting young scholars involvement with RC21, for example through collaborations in the Summer School, RC21 young urban researchers network, and FURS; expanding the network in topical fields (e.g. with scholars involved in housing and migration) and geographical areas underrepresented.

Supporting members

Please list 2 names of RC21 members in good standing supporting your application. They should send an email confirming their support to the RC21 Secretary, c.colomb@ucl.ac.uk.

- 1) *Dr Claire Colomb (Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, UK)*
- 2) *Prof. Thomas Maloutas (Department of Geography, Harokopio University, Athens)*

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About yourself

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Talja Blokland is W3 Professor at the Institute for Social Science; Dept. Urban and Regional Sociology, Humboldt-University Berlin. Her research interests are in social and relational theory, urban sociology, and social policy. In the broad field of urban studies, Blokland is especially interested in urban inequalities and marginalization processes, place making, neighborhood change and neighborhood cohesion.

5 most relevant publications:

Harding, A. and Blokland, T. (2014) *Urban Theory: A critical introduction*. London: Sage.

Blokland, Talja (2012): *Blaming Neither the Undeserving Poor Nor the Revanchist Middle Classes: A Relational Approach to Marginalization*. In: *Urban Geography*. 33(4), pp. 488-507.

Blokland, T.V. (2008). *Facing Violence: Everyday Risks in an American Housing Project*. In: *Sociology*, 42 (4), 601-617.

Blokland, T.V. & Savage, M. (Eds.). (2008). *Networked Urbanism. Social Capital in the City*. Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing Limited.

Blokland, T.V. (2003). *Urban Bonds*. Cambridge, Oxford, Malden: Polity Press.

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I have been part of the Board ex-officio as delegate of IJURR: As my membership of the IJURR board has expired and cannot be renewed, I would like to continue working within RC21 as an official board member. I think Rc21 is an excellent network and platform for integrating younger and older generations of scholars of various parts of the world. I especially like to support the new president in continuing the work that Yuri Kazepov has started to enhance the possibilities to develop academic networks for young academics and to turn into RC21 into an inclusive research committee. I enjoy the discussions we have had in the board. I do think RC21 can do even better in communicating with its members and can imagine playing an active role in this, for example through editing the newsletter, if that would be feasible.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

- IJURR lecture Buenos Aires (2012)
- Chair joint session at Rc21 / ISA conference
- Various paper presentations in Amsterdam (2011), Gotenburg (2010), Buenos Aires (2012)
- Key note lecture RC21 conference Paris 2005
- Host of rc21-conference 2013 “Resourceful Cities” in Berlin
- Host of Third RC21-IJURR-FURS School in Comparative Urban Studies 2013 in Berlin#
- Ex-officio Board member

I would like to continue to be part of the summer school organization, and can imagine producing the newsletter in the coming years. I would also like to support any initiatives to increase the connections with in particular African and Indian scholars, and am happy to take on any other tasks that the new president may want to delegate.

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- 1) *Yuri Kazepov, University of Urbino*
- 2) *Tim Butler, Kings College*

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About yourself

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My academic career has centered on both developing and communicating about the intersection between sociology, architecture, and planning. After studying sociology, urban and regional planning and modern history at the Technical University of Berlin as well as the program “Urbanisme” in University Paris 8, I established an independent academic profile as a planning related Urban Sociologist. I am specialized in research and teaching concerning social-spatial impacts as well as the manifestations and steering mechanisms regarding the social and societal transformations of work, leisure, and housing. Through my dissertation research, I became familiar with additional subjects in a culture-oriented sociology of space and acquired a deeper understanding of the culturally based confrontation between people and their physical and social environment. Based on empirical qualitative and quantitative surveys of housing, living and working methods of architecture professionals in Vienna, my dissertation devised a new model of an “amalgam city”. One of the strengths of my independent standing as a sociologist, spatial planner and urbanist is my interdisciplinary training and research activities, but also the numerous interdisciplinary teaching and research projects I have conducted.

Through the design and implementation of extensive research projects, I have cultivated numerous leadership qualities as decision-making, teamwork, employee motivation, and responding effectively to challenging process phases. Further, my numerous publications (see the attached CV) evolved as a result of dialogue and productive collaborations. In acquiring research projects, I have always proceeded with concepts both innovative in their substance and methodology. My work as team-leader of the section “urbanism” in the Department of Spatial Planning (Arbeitsbereich Urbanistik; see also <http://urbanistik.tuwien.ac.at/>) is acknowledged by colleagues, who support me in leading projects over the years.

Selected publications:

Frey, Oliver: „Städtische Milieus“; in: „Handbuch Stadtsoziologie“, F. Eckardt (Hrg.); VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, Wiesbaden, 2012, ISBN: 978-3-531-94112-7, S. 503–526.

Frey, Oliver: „Stadtkonzepte in der Europäischen Stadt: In welcher Stadt leben wir eigentlich?“; in: „Die Zukunft der europäischen Stadt. Stadtpolitik, Stadtplanung und Stadtgesellschaft im Wandel“, herausgegeben von: Frey, Oliver; Koch Florian; VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, Wiesbaden, 2011, ISBN: 978-3-531-17156-2, S. 380–415.

Frey, Oliver: „Sociologie urbaine ou sociologie de l’espace? Le concept de milieu urbain“; Sociologies, Dossiers, Actualité de la sociologie urbaine dans des pays francophones et non anglophones (2012), 15 novembre 2012; S. 1–6.

Frey, Oliver: „Creativity of places as a resource for cultural tourism“; in: „Enhancing the city, New Perspectives for Tourism and Leisure“, G. Maciocco, S. Serreli (Hrg.); herausgegeben von: Springer; Springer Dordrecht Heidelberg London New York, Wien/NewYork, 2009, ISBN: 978-90-481-2418-3, S. 135–154.

Why are you applying?

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My life path, education and career – which have taken me from the south of France to Paris, Berlin, New York and Vienna – are further valuable experiences that I would like to bring to the RC21 Board. Just some of the byproducts of this international engagement are the many important contacts to academics as well as to international networks in specific disciplines. I have acquired language skills (in French, English and German) that would be especially useful for the RC21 Board. I would like to become an RC21 board member for better focusing theoretical work in Urban Sociology to related disciplines like urban planning and architecture as well as strengthen my discipline urban sociology in the new disciplinary transformation process of so called “urban and social design”. My aim is also to give impulses of interacting networks and theoretical exchange between French urban sociology, German oriented concepts of “Sociology of Space” and Eastern Europe anchored urban sociology thinking. At the moment, I am in a continuous process of establishing deeper working contacts with Czech Republic institutions of Urban Sociology and Urban Planning. I would like very much to contribute with my interdisciplinary network of French, Czech and German contacts in sociology, architecture and planning to strengthen Eastern European RC 21 activities. I am willing to support already planned RC21 activities and very interested to develop new activities in the organization to widen the scope and outreach for the RC 21 and topics of planning related Urban Sociology.

Activities within RC21

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

Since 07/2008 I am a member of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and the Working Group RC14 “Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture” and RC21 “Sociology of Urban and Regional Development”.

Past activities within RC21: World congress in Paris 2005, Science Politique with a lecture on: „Networks and Places. Creative milieus in Vienna“. Organization and Moderation of a PhD workshop in Urbino 08/2005 within the RC 21 related programm “Urban Europe between Identity and Change”. Also Participation in RC21 conference in Berlin 2013.

Future activities within RC21: I would strengthen the networks in Urban Sociology in France, German speaking countries and Eastern Europe – also in an interdisciplinary way between sociology, architecture and planning. I would like to focus my understanding of an application- and space-related social science that takes a position in city policy with respect to urban development in the areas of policy and planning consultation. It would be my pleasure to bring my previous experience of a planning-based, trans-disciplinary social science to the RC21 Board and to strengthen and develop the research and network focus.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Prof emeritus Peter Marcuse, Columbia University New York*
- 2) *Prof. Martina Löw, Technische Universität Berlin*
- 3) *Prof. Jens S. Dangschat, Technische Universität Wien*

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About yourself

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My disciplinary background includes literature, geography, economic history, and urban planning. Presently I'm leading development of city related research across the University of Pretoria in South Africa, one of many institutions and places where high potential for urban research and writing is yet to be fully realised. My own research concerns themes in contemporary politics, governance, and planning in three large urban regions - those of Paris, São Paulo and Johannesburg - and research on african suburbanisms as part of the 'global suburbanisms' project with my own case work in Dar-es-Salaam.

Some recent publications

A Mabin 2014 Grounding southern city theory in time and space, in S Parnell and S Oldfield (eds) *Routledge Handbook on Cities of the South* (London) pp. 21-36

A Mabin 2013 Suburbanisms in Africa? In R Keil (ed) *Suburban Constellations* (Berlin: Jovis) pp. 153-159

A Mabin 2013 Spatial justice as viewed from Gauteng, South Africa: professionals, planning, possibilities, in S Fol, S Lehman-Frisch, M Morange (eds) *Ségrégation et Justice spatiale* (Paris: Presses Universitaires de Paris Ouest), pp. 335-353

A Mabin 2007 Johannesburg--(South) Africa's aspirant global city, in K Segbers, S Raiser and K Volkmann (eds) *The Making of Global City Regions: Johannesburg, Mumbai/Bombay, São Paulo and Shanghai* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press) pp. 32-63

A Mabin and P Harrison 2006 'Security and space: managing contradictions of access restriction in Johannesburg', *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design* 33 (1), 3-20

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My objective is to continue to broaden and deepen what we've been calling 'city studies' in (not only of) southern Africa in closer connection to global urban studies; to continue the pursuit of conceptually original and creative research and writing; and to pursue much stronger connection between different 'regions' of city-knowledge without privileging one over the other.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I've contributed to recent RC21 conferences in 2011 and 2013 by co-organising several sessions with Roger Keil on global suburbanisms and presenting papers. (unfortunately for work commitment reasons not possible to participate this year in Yokohama).

What I'd like to help RC21 move further towards, is grappling with the growing gap between ideas about 'southern' cities that draw inter alia from post-colonial theory and ideas about 'cities in general' flowing from the preponderant weight of urban research being located historically and presently in north American and European contexts. Productive engagement could be fostered by various kinds of new network building and events, including vigorously seeking to involve many more 'southern' scholars in RC21 activities, and that's what I'd like to concentrate on - part of my long commitment to broadening and deepening city related research and writing illustrated, for example, by successfully building a platform for 'city studies' in southern Africa.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Roger Keil, York University*
- 2) *Julie-Anne Boudreau*
- 3) *Alan Morris, Sydney University of Technology*

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About yourself

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I consider myself to be an interdisciplinary urban scholar. I am currently an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Amsterdam. I completed my PhD in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles. I am also active in human geography. My main areas of research have been urban governance, immigration, inequalities, and urban social movements. I have pursued my research in the United States, France, and the Netherlands. While much of my work has been single-country case studies, I have also authored a number of comparative articles. I have published in journals like *Urban Studies*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *City and Community*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *Citizenship Studies*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Theory and Society*; *Theory, Culture, Society*; *Territory, Politics, Governance*; among others.

Recent Publications:

W.J. Nicholls (2013) *DREAMers: The Immigrant Youth Movement in the United States*. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press.

W.J. Nicholls, B. Miller, J. Beaumont (eds) (2013) *Spaces of Contention: The Spatialities of Social Movements*, (edited with Byron Miller and Justin Beaumont). Aldershot: Ashgate.

W. J. Nicholls and J. Uitermark (under contract) *Contention and Control in Cities. A Comparative Study of Immigrant Social Movements in Amsterdam, Paris and Los Angeles*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, Studies in Urban and Social Change series.

W.J. Nicholls (2014) "From Political Opportunities to Niche-Openings: The Dilemmas of Mobilizing for Immigrant Rights", *Theory and Society*, 43 (1): 23-49.

W.J. Nicholls and J. Uitermark (2013) "Post-Multicultural Cities: A Comparison of Minority Politics in Amsterdam and Los Angeles, 1970–2010", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (with Justus Uitermark), 39 (10): 1555-1575.

W.J. Nicholls (2011) "Cities and the unevenness of social movement space: the case of France's immigrant rights movement", *Environment and Planning A* 43 (7): 1655-1673.

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I have been a member of the RC21 from the beginning of my academic career. My first RC21 conference was in Amsterdam 2001. At that time, I immediately appreciated the value of this relatively small and innovative network. In particular, I valued the quality of scholars participating in the network and its openness to new ideas from different areas of the world. In my view, this continues to be one of the finest academic organizations of its kind. Serving as a board member would be a way to give back by helping to develop plans for the future.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

Co-chair of Local Organizing Committee (with Jan Willem Duyvendak), *Struggle to Belong*, Amsterdam 2011.

Session Organizer

1. *Contentious Cities*, (with Justus Uitermark), Berlin 2013.
2. *Cities - Between Political Contention and Government Control* (with Justus Uitermark), Amsterdam 2011.
3. *Spaces of Contention: The Role of Cities and Social Movements*, Vancouver 2007.
4. *Between Participation, Integration & Fragmentation? exploring new governance arrangements and movement incorporation in cities*, (with Justin Beaumont), Paris 2005.

Paper Presentations at Professional Conferences

1. "How Marginalized Groups become Politicized in Cities: The Case of Undocumented Youth in Los Angeles", Berlin, August 2013.
2. "Creative Resistance: How urban squatters in Berlin negotiate the right to the city", (Inge Schipstal, presenter), Berlin 2013.
3. "Rules and Divides: A Comparison of Minority Politics in Amsterdam and Los Angeles, 1970-2010", (with Justus Uitermark), Amsterdam 2011.
4. "The Urban Question Revisited: The Importance of Cities for Social Movements", Vancouver 2007.
5. "Associationalism from Above: The Failure of France's Politique de la Ville", Research Committee 21 (RC21), Paris 2005.
6. "Power and Governance: A Theory of Urban Governance", Milan 2003.
7. "The Urbanization of Justice Movements? Possibilities and Constraints for the City as a Space of Contentious Politics" (Justin Beaumont, presenter), Milan 2003.
8. "The Territorial Turn in Progressive Urban Politics: The Case of Los Angeles", Amsterdam 2001.

I have been impressed by changes to the RC21 over the past thirteen years. It has moved in a strong international direction and it has grown in size. This has made the organization more interesting but it also introduces new dilemmas. I believe the RC21 needs to develop a plan to institutionalize the organization over the next four years. It has become too large to be run by a handful of volunteers. Also, I think the ties to urban sociology in the United States have become weaker. An effort could be made to reconnect to the urban sociology specialty group of the American Sociological Association. In sum, my goal as a board member would aim to continue building ties to colleagues in the global South, develop ways to institutionalize the organization, and create ways to rebuild ties to urban sociology in the United States.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Professor Jan Willem Duyvendak, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam.*
- 2) *Professor Patrick Le Galès, Centre d'études européennes, Sciences-Po, Amsterdam.*

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I am currently Associate Professor in Urban Sociology at the University of Antwerp. I teach courses on urban studies, poverty and social inequality and urban social work. I am the director of the Research Centre on Inequality, Poverty, Social Exclusion and the City (OASes) and chair of the Antwerp Urban Studies Institute, an interdisciplinary platform for urban studies research at the University of Antwerp. My research interests include the (post-)politics of urban development, social urban renewal and neighbourhood development, local social innovation and welfare state restructuring and place-based forms of solidarity in diversity.

In disciplinary terms, I work at the intersection of urban sociology, human geography and spatial planning. I hold a PhD in Sociology on globalization, state restructuring and local development from the University of Lancaster (UK). I have worked as a post-doctoral research associate at the School of Geography at Oxford University and at the Planning and Development research unit at the department of Architecture, Urbanism and Spatial Planning at K.U.Leuven, Belgium.

Selected publications:

Oosterlynck, S. and Gonzalez (2013) 'Don't waste a crisis': opening up the city yet again for neoliberal experimentation, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 37(3): 1075-1082

Oosterlynck, S. and Debruyne, P. (2013) 'Going beyond physical urban planning interventions: fostering social innovation through urban renewal in Brugse Poort, Ghent, p.230-241 in: Moulaert, F., MacCallum, D., Mehmood, A. and Hamdouch, A. (eds.) *International Handbook on Social Innovation. Social innovation: Collective action, Social learning and Transdisciplinary research*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Oosterlynck, S. (2012) 'Brussels as political world city', p.486-497 in: Derudder, B., Hoyler, M., Taylor, P. and Witlox, F. (eds.) *International Handbook of Globalization and World Cities*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Oosterlynck, S. and Swyngedouw, E. (2010) 'Noise reduction: The post-political quandary of night flights at Brussels airport', *Environment & Planning A*, 42(7): 1577-1594

Oosterlynck, S. (2010) 'Regulating uneven development and the politics of reconfiguring Belgian state space', *Antipode*, 42(5): 1151-1179

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I became a member of RC21 in 2009 and have presented papers at several RC21 conferences and sessions since then. I have always enjoyed and benefited from the constructive engagement of a wide variety of urban studies scholars at these conferences and sessions. I highly value the interdisciplinary nature of the discussions and geographically diverse background of participants in RC21 events. I therefore want to take up a more active role in RC21 in order to contribute actively to the building of an urban studies scholarly community.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I would like to contribute to RC21 in two different ways. Firstly, I aim to stimulate interdisciplinary thinking in urban studies. The field of urban studies has always derived part of its strength of its interdisciplinary nature, but I am convinced that it could benefit even more from interdisciplinary dialogue in terms of conceptual renewal, methodological innovation and getting access to new empirical data. In order to do so, I aim to create a dialogue between urban sociologists on the one hand and scholars in the fields of urban history and social policy on the other hand. As chair of the interdisciplinary Antwerp Urban Studies Institute, I have developed both networks as well expertise in these kinds of interdisciplinary dialogue, amongst others around issues such as the history of the relationship between cities and states and the changing nature of social protection on various scales. Secondly, I want to stimulate the development of collaborative, supportive and constructive relationships amongst urban studies scholars from various parts of the world. This entails amongst others finding ways of allowing as many people as possible to present their work at RC21 events, being sensitive to different geographical traditions of urban studies research and continuing scholarly community building initiatives such as the RC21-IJURR-FURS Summer School.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Manuel Aalbers, K.U. Leuven*
- 2) *Jamie Peck, University of British Columbia*
- 3) *Marisol García, Universidad de Barcelona*

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I am honorary research fellow of the Central European University Institute for Advanced Study. I hold a Ph.D. in European Urban and Local Studies from the Department of Sociology of the University of Milan-Bicocca (2009). After my Ph.D. and one research job at FIERI (Forum of Migration Research, Turin, 2010) I was awarded a number of research and teaching fellowships in Romania (Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, 2011-2012), Russia (Centre for Advanced Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2012-2013) and Hungary (Central European University Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest, 2014).

My main research interests are Urban Theory - focus on postcolonial approaches; Urban Governance; Urban Inequalities; Urban Marginality; Historical and Comparative Sociology; post-Socialism and post-Socialist Cities; Race and Ethnicity - focus on Critical Race Theory, and Ethnographic Theory - drawing on Socio-Anthropological theories.

Over the last nine years I have been working on transformations in the urban governance of social marginality in Europe, carrying out field-based research comparatively focusing on stigmatized and segregated 'Gypsy neighborhoods' in five mid-size cities in Eastern, Southern and Northern Europe. Based on this extensive research experience, I am now completing my first research monograph (Routledge Advances in Sociology Series, 2015) developing a fourfold model of local segregating mechanisms involving Roma and Travellers across Europe. The book is the first comprehensive monograph on the subject and a theoretical contribution to debates on urban governance in Europe.

Parallel to this, I am expanding my research focus, incorporating urban confinement, governance (especially policing) and informality across the Urban South and the Urban North; I am doing this by designing, coordinating and chairing two RC21 conference sessions (see 'Activities within RC21').

- 'Rethinking Ethnographic Comparison: Two Cities, Five Year, One Ethnographer', *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, in press.
- "That neighborhood is an ethnic bomb! The emergence of an urban governance apparatus in Western Europe', *European Urban and Regional Studies*. Online First. DOI: 10.1177/0969776413502659.
- 2013. 'Sedentarisation and the Right to Nomadism: The Urban and Regional Fabric of Nomad Camps in Italy (1967-1995)', *Zeitgeschichte*, 40(5):276-286.
- 2013. 'Policy Logic and the Spatial Segregation of Roma in Europe. The Cases of Florence and Cluj-Napoca'. In G. Zincone and I. Ponzio (eds.), *How European Cities Craft Immigrant Integration. Something to Learn*. Brussels: Foundation for European Progressive Studies, 40-57.

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

My extensive research experience in Urban Studies, which I have just outlined, my administration experience, and my main motivations to apply persuade me that I have the necessary knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for becoming a Board Member. Since 2009 I have held a number of administrative positions involving the planning of large events, the coordination of a large number of students and applicants, as well as selecting papers and scheduling presentations. I list here the three most important administrative positions I held (see CV, pp. 7, 8).

- Since summer 2013 I am the Central-Eastern Europe and Russia coordinator of the Black Europe Summer School, which is an independent yearly course in Amsterdam led by Professor Kwame Nimako (University of Amsterdam) and focusing on ethnoracial exclusion in Europe. The post involves planning advertising strategies, replying to inquiring emails from potential applicants, evaluating applications and co-managing the course;
- In the framework of the two RC21 conference sessions I co-organized and co-chaired (2013 and 2014) I developed strong organizational skills involving advertising the CFP in proper venues, dealing with email inquiries, selecting papers and keeping the communication with paper-givers and with any other interested person;
- While taking part in the 3-year Marie Curie training program 'Interdisciplinary and Cross-National Approaches to Romany Studies' (see CV, p. 4) I have been responsible for coordinating the 2009 Summer School at the Central European University (Budapest). The post involved periodical email exchanges with 42 students; scheduling students' paper presentations, and supervising the research of two MA students.

My main motivation is that the current RC21 board has worked brilliantly in ever more learning from the Urban South, and I am persuaded this effort should be continued and probably improved. During my career, whenever I felt the strong need for something to change or improve, I engaged personally in trying to achieve that change or improvement. Today I feel I have to engage in this.

My second motivation is that I want to promote issues of social justice and radical equality globally; becoming a Board Member will allow me to directly engage in that.

Finally, being part of RC21 Board will be a major asset for my career, demonstrating that my commitment in Urban Studies is not limited to written texts and conference presentations.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I have been attending RC21 conferences since 2011. In 2013 I was the organizer of the session 'Urban Camps from a Global Perspective: Resources, Livelihoods and Governance' (with Dr. Silvia Pasquetti, University of Cambridge). At the 2014 ISA World Congress I am co-organizing (again with Dr. Pasquetti) the session 'Informality and Spatial Confinement across the Global Order: Everyday and Policy Perspectives'. I plan to continue the cutting-edge work of the current board, proposing a few innovative initiatives. Firstly, I will add an even more pronounced accent on learning from the Urban South, proposing to invite scholars such as Jane M. Jacobs, Achille Mbembe, and Arjun Appadurai to give keynotes; secondly, I will propose to include more scholars from the post-Socialist space; finally, I will propose to schedule documentary screenings and book launch+roundtable sessions during the annual RC21 conference, in order to make our annual meetings more diverse, inclusive and interesting.

Supporting members

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- 1) Enzo Mingione, Department of Sociology, University of Milan-Bicocca.
- 2) Judit Bodnar, Sociology and Social Anthropology Department, Central European University.

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Yuan Ren (1972-), yren@fudan.edu.cn, PhD, Professor of Demography and Urban Studies of Fudan University, China. He is deputy director of Institute of Population Research (IPR), deputy director of Center for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS), vice dean of Fudan University Yangtze River Delta Institute. He also is a member of International Union for Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Asia Population Association (APA), and Chinese Population Association (CPA), Steering committee member of Shanghai Population Association (SPA), steering committee member of Urban China Research Network (UCRN), board member of Urban Governance for Sustainable Cities Network (UGSCN). He is Fellow of New Century Excellent Talents awarded by Chinese National Education Commission.

Prof. Ren received his Ph.D. from Fudan University in 1999 and since then he has been teaching at the school. He was promoted to full professor in 2006. He has been awarded fellowships at University of Aberdeen in the UK by British Council (2000), at University of Illinois at Chicago (2002), and at the International Center for the Study of East Asian Development in Japan (2006). Prof. Ren specializes in urban studies and demography, and conducted several researches and published on a wide range of topics that include population and development, aging studies, urbanization and migration, employment and labor market, urban and regional development, global city and global-local nexus, urban affairs and public policies, low carbon cities, urban sustainability, and so on with a primary focus on China, especially in and around Shanghai Area.

Prof. Ren was the co-editor of *Reshaping Welfare Institutions in China and the Nordic Countries* (Helsinki & Shanghai: 2014,); co-author *Migration and Urbanization in Contemporary China* (Shanghai: 2013); author of *Temporary Migrants' Living Patterns and Their Social Integration in Urban China* (Shanghai: 2012), co-editor and contributor of *The Era of Global City-Regions* (Shanghai: 2009), author of *Employment in Transition Society: Community-based Employment and Social Policies* (Shanghai: 2007), editor and contributor of *Chinese Informal Employment Report* (Chongqing: 2007), and et al. He also has published a score of articles in such journals as *Chinese Journal of Population Science*, *Fudan Journal of Human and Social Sciences*, *Social Science in China*, *Sociological Research*, *Population and Economics*, *Population Studies*, *Chinese Population, Resource and Environment*, *Market and Population Analysis*, and several edited books.

Why are you applying?

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China is undergoing rapid and large scale of urbanization. China's urbanization and regional development practices provide important materials for explorative researches and knowledge accumulation. I hope that through our efforts to further strengthen RC21-ISA's functions for understanding Chinese urban and regional development, concluding China

experience, and pushing forward Chinese academia's better engagement and knowledge sharing with global academic society. Meanwhile, this knowledge sharing process also will be positive reference for Chinese Urban and regional development and building a better society in the future.

In context of globalization and global urbanization, the increasing Asian Urbanism and urbanization in global south will also contribute new theoretic and empirical findings for existent urban and regional studies. Through our efforts based on the RC21-ISA platform, we hope to be able to strengthen the global academic network and collaborations for knowledge sharing and to push innovative knowledge progresses in this area.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

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Tentative working plan for RC21-ISA activities in next four years include:

- to develop a global network on China Urban and Regional Studies to strengthen the knowledge sharing in this area, including conferences, workshops, newsletters, and etc. (based on current Urban China Research Network activities)
- to further push the collaboration in urban and regional studies among Asian Scholars (based on current AsianCities program and network in annual Shanghai Forum held in Fudan University)
- to push a global network on migration and urban studies (based on the existent Fudan-Rice collaborative program on Metropolis Response to Migration and Urban Growth and some other programs)
- to make shanghai and Yangtze River Delta as a research base for rising global city and global city-region studies (plan to organize a second global city-regions comparative studies conference, and we hold a Asian-European global city-region conference in 2008 and published a book based on that in 2010)
- to advocate a global south urbanization workshop (based on the BRICS research initiative at Fudan University);
- to organize sessions at ISA annual world congress and related workshops
- and, to develop and push forward related global initiatives on sociology of urban and regional studies.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Prof. Hai Yu, Professor of Sociology, ISA member, Fudan University ,email: haiyu@fudan.edu.cn*
- 2) *Prof. Jiaming Sun, Professor of Comparative Globalization Studies, ISA member, Fudan University, email: jmsunsh@fudan.edu.cn*

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I am a lecturer in development planning (tenure track position) at the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, University of Queensland. My background is in urban sociology, housing policies and urban planning. I am currently conducting a research project on housing Policies and Governance in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Please see attached CV for more information on my professional experience.

Most important publications (in English):

Phelps, N., Roitman, S. And Tarazona, A. (forthcoming), "The suburban question: grassroots politics and Place making in Spanish suburbs". *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy* (accepted).

Roitman, S. (2013), "Close but divided: how walls, fences and Barriers exacerbate social differences and foster urban social group segregation". *Housing, Theory and Society*, Vol. 30 (2), pp. 156--176.

Roitman, S. and Phelps, N. (2011), "Do gates negate the city? Gated communities' contribution to the urbanisation of suburbia in Pilar, Argentina". *Urban Studies* 48 (16), December 2011, pp. 3487-3509.
<http://usj.sagepub.com/content/48/16/3487.short>

Roitman, S., Webster, C. and Landman, K. (2010), "Methodological frameworks and interdisciplinary research on gated communities". *International Planning Studies*, Vol. 15 (1), pp. 3-23.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13563471003736886> Best Published Paper Prize 2010 by AESOP (Association of European School of Planning).

Roitman, S. (2005), "Who segregates whom? The analysis of a gated community in Mendoza, Argentina", *Housing Studies*, Vol. 20 (2), pp. 303-321. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/026730303042000331790>

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I am applying to become a member of the RC21 Board as I believe I can contribute to increase the diversity of the board members in terms of their nationalities, discipline and geographical area of expertise. I am originally from Argentina, but I have lived and worked in Argentina, Mexico, Germany, United Kingdom, Uganda and Australia (where I am currently based).

As stated above, I have an interdisciplinary background in urban sociology, housing and urban planning, which matches the discipline focus of the RC21. I can also provide a broad range of network contacts in Latin America (Argentina, Chile

and Mexico in particular), Africa (Uganda and Kenya), South East Asia (Indonesia and Thailand) and Australia. I also have strong links with UN-Habitat since I am the Focal Point of UQ in the UNI---Habitat partnership (a partnership between UN-Habitat and more than 150 universities). This partnership is organized in six hubs and I am acting as sub-coordinator in three of those hubs: Informal Urbanism, Climate Change and Adaptation and Urban Governance. I am also a Focal Point of the Urban Gateway (an urban portal of UN Habitat) that shares information about urban policies, programs and projects on sustainable urbanisation. My role in the Urban Gateway is to provide content, information and advice on topics to be discussed and disseminated. Finally, I am a member of the steering committee of a new Research Group at UQ called UQ---HAUS (Housing and Urban Studies), which gives me the opportunity to be up to date with the activities and projects carried out on these topics at UQ and to be able to distribute and share information and knowledge easily with my colleagues.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I joined RC21 in 2013 before attending the RC21 conference in Berlin where I presented a paper on the role of social movements in Argentina in relation to poverty alleviation and governance. An improved version of that paper is currently under revision in the Journal of Development Studies. Although I was planning to attend the ISA conference in Japan this year and had submitted two abstracts, I had to withdraw my participation due to lack of research funding to travel to Japan. In relation to the future activities of the RC21, I would like to actively participate in the organisation of the next conference in Italy in 2015.

Additionally, I would be happy to serve as a link between RC21 and the UNI-Habitat partnership and the Urban Gateway sharing information on activities and experiences.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Prof. Sharon Zukin, Brooklyn College and City University Graduate Center, New York*
- 2) *Associate Prof. Lynda Cheshire, School of Social Science, University of Queensland*
- 3) *Dr. Claire Colomb, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London*

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My name is Asato Saito, and I'm a professor of urban policy in Yokohama National University in Japan. I received MA from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and PhD from London School of Economics in UK. I had previously held an academic position in National University of Singapore. My research has focused on the impact of globalization and state restructuring upon urban and regional development policy of Japan. My recent publication include "Locating Neoliberalism in East Asia" (coedited with Bae-Gyoon Park and Richard C.Hill), and "Struggling Giants: city-region governance in London, New York, Paris and Tokyo" (written with Paul Kantor, Christian Lefevre, Hank Savitch and Andy Thornley). Please see the attached CV in details.

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I believe that critical urban studies should be global in geographical scope, and universal in terms of academic nature. In reality, however, it is often claimed that the discipline is still quite Euro-centric. Yet, there are emerging urban scholarships outside Global North including Asia where rapid urbanization has drastically altered the political and economic landscape. I think RC21 can do more to enhance global dialogue in critical urban studies, and I hope I could be part of it. Born in Japan, but academically training in UK, and worked in Singapore, I believe that I have a right background and capacity to extend the work of RC21 to this direction.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

Besides presenting academic papers, I helped to organize the RC21 conference held in Japan in 2008 and 2014. I was then involved in both coordinating the academic session and organizing the city tour. Also, though this may not be counted as a direct contribution to RC21, I participated on-line "author meets critics" session organized by Blackwell, which I found very fulfilling. In fact, I would like to contribute to RC21 by creating this kind of discussion forum for ambitious post-grads and academics in early career together with more established scholars. Though RC21 already has a summer school, it is often held outside Asia. I would like to explore the possibility of having a regional forum for young scholars in Asia by mobilizing my personal network and utilizing ITC technologies.

Supporting members

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- 1) K.C. Ho, National University of Singapore, SINGAPORE
- 2) Takashi Machimura, Hitotsubashi University, JAPAN

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I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at DePaul University in Chicago. I received my sociological training at NYU under Harvey Molotch and Neil Brenner. My scholarly interests relate to local change in the context of global economic restructuring, housing and homelessness, gentrification, and small cities.

My research –most broadly– relates to urban regeneration and deterioration. As a qualitative urbanist, I work to develop theoretical approaches to help illuminate the linkages between global forces and local action. While I am intrigued by global trends, I am invested in my local community. It is for this local grassroots work that I was awarded the Pacific Sociological Association Praxis Award in 2012.

Perhaps my three most representative publications are:

- Schlichtman, J. and Patch, J. Forthcoming. "Gentrifier? Who, Me? Interrogating the Gentrifier in the Mirror." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Article published online: 30 JUL 2013 DOI: 10.1111/1468-2427.12067
- Schlichtman, J. 2009. "The Niche City Idea: How a Declining Manufacturing Center Exploited the Opportunities of Globalization." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 33:1.
- Schlichtman, J and Patch, J. 2008. "Contextualizing Impressions of Neighborhood Change: Linking Business Directories to Ethnography." *City and Community*, 7:3.

I am currently preparing book manuscripts developed from the ideas of the first article (University of Toronto Press) and the second article (no contract at this writing.)

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

I would like to become a board member on the Research Committee 21 on the Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association so that I can protect what is great about the RC-21 and work to continue and enrich its relevance and poignancy. I cannot overestimate the importance of my involvement with this global community of scholars through the annual conference, the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, and the COMURB listserve.

Nothing has rooted me in urban dialogues and debates like my active membership in the RC-21. I always look forward to seeing my colleagues at the RC-21 annual conference. On the COMURB listserve, a veteran scholar once alluded to

intimidated young scholars who “recognize some of the 'big' names” in a debate “and defer comment.” The RC-21 offers a markedly different environment, which I know has been especially invaluable to me in getting my scholarly legs. I especially appreciate how pedestals of prestige are leveled at the RC-21 annual meeting when compared to other conferences. When I think of our organization, my mind immediately goes to the lively conference coffee-break debates among a community of equals.

My RC-21 affiliation has allowed me to refine and enrich my research under the scrutiny of urban scholars from a diversity of places and perspectives. It has certainly informed my thinking and writing in the areas of gentrification and cities in globalization. I want this community to be available for future scholars so that they may enjoy it as I have.

Activities within RC21 (see <http://www.rc21.org/>)

Please outline how you contributed to RC21 in the past and how you would like to contribute to RC21 activities in the future.

I have presented various papers and served as a session organizer, session moderator, and a session discussant at RC-21 annual meetings in Tokyo, São Paulo, Amsterdam, and Berlin in recent years. I have published three very different types of work in the *International Journal of International and Regional Research* and recognize it as the most innovative journal in the field.

The annual meeting, the journal, and the listserv have been formative for me. The RC-21 provides a true scholarly community. As I stated in opening, as a board member I would like to protect what is great about the RC-21 and work to continue and enrich its relevance and poignancy in whatever way the leadership team and board deems appropriate.

Supporting members

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- 1) *Roger Keil*
- 2) *Sharon Zukin*

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About yourself

Please specify what your academic affiliation is, your disciplinary background and what your research activities and interests are. Please list your 3-5 most relevant publications in urban and regional studies. You can attach a CV if you wish.

The coming fall I will start a PhD program in Sociology at the City University of New York Graduate Center. Earlier I have received a bachelor degree in Social Anthropology (St. Petersburg State University), an MA in Sociology and Political Science (European University at St. Petersburg), and a 'kandidat nauk' degree (PhD equivalent) in Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences. Since 2011 I worked as lecturer and research fellow at the Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia.

My interests are urban public space, urban social movements and activism, creative urban transformations.

Selected publications:

- Zhelnina, Anna. 2013. Learning to Use 'Public Space': Urban Space in Post-Soviet St. Petersburg. *The Open Urban Studies Journal* 1 (6), 57-64.
- Zhelnina, Anna; Zinoviev, Aleksei; Kuleva, Margarita. 2013. In the block: youth solidarities in the urban periphery. *Sotsiologicheskie issledovaniia*, 10. 69-76. (in Russian)
- Zhelnina, Anna. 2012. Creative activities for selected cider: social exclusion and the creative spaces of Saint Petersburg. In: *Creative Industries: challenges, projects, solutions*. St. Petersburg, Levsha: 42-55. (in Russian)
- Zhelnina, Anna. 2012. Public Space in Europe and Russia: 'Europeanness' and Re-Interpretation of Urban Public Space. "Working Papers of Centre for German and European Studies", Centre for German and European Studies.
- Zhelnina, Anna, and Alla Bolotova. 2010. Industriestädte des russischen Nordens Sozialistischer Stadtraum in der postsozialistischen Epoche [Industrial Cities of the Russian North: Socialist Urban Space in the Post-Socialist Era]. *Archithese* 40(5):56. (in German)

I have certain experience in organizing events, such as workshops and conferences, and I believe this could also be useful for an RC21 Board member. In 2011 I was among the key organizers of the conference "Urban Development and Politics in Europe and Russia" at the St. Petersburg State University, and in 2012 and 2013 as Head of the Young Scholars Council at Bard/ Smolny I was at the head of the Organizing Committee of the Smolny Student Readings – and international conferences bringing together students from Liberal Arts Colleges in Germany, Kyrgyzstan, USA, Russia, and the Netherlands.

I created and maintain a website on urban studies in Russian language, where I put information on academic events, new publications, as well republish some texts on urban studies available as open source. I also use this website to support my teaching in urban sociology. The website is quite popular and has contributed to the promotion of urban studies in Russian speaking world: in the Google search results for 'urban studies' in Russian it is one of the first links to appear.

Why are you applying?

Please specify why you would like to become an RC21 board member.

One of the reasons I have decided to start an international PhD program was to establish better links between Russian academia (and urban studies in particular) and the international community. This is also the reason I would like to become a member of the Board. Russian urbanism as well as Russian urban researchers are yet underrepresented in the RC21 activities, and I believe that strengthening the link between Russia and international academic community could be beneficial for both sides.

I have established good contacts with Russian scholars working in the field of sociology, anthropology, and planning who work on different aspects of urbanism, and therefore I would like to contribute to better contacts of these communities to the international discussion and communities.

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I have learned about RC21 in 2011, when I first attended an event organized by RC21 – a Summer School in Comparative Urban Studies in Amsterdam. I have also presented at the RC21 Conferences in Amsterdam (2011) and Berlin (2013), and participated in ISA World Congress in Buenos-Aires (2012), also presenting in the RC21 Session.

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- 1) John Mollenkopf, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2) Jeremy Seekings, University of Cape Town