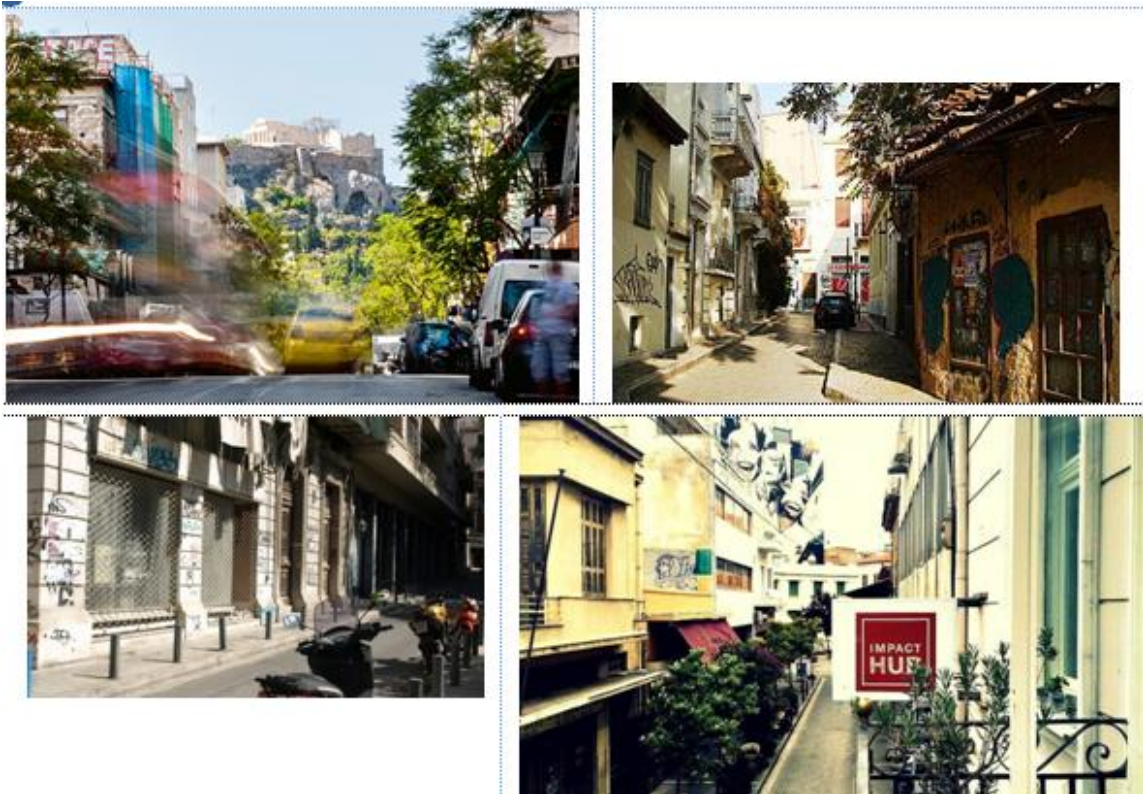


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URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION Seminar Series Work practices in the aftermath of the global economic crisis

February 8th and 9th 2018



RECONCEPTUALISING URBAN LANDSCAPES OF WORK

Seminar series funded by the Urban Studies Foundation and co-organized by:

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- Maria Tsampra (University of Patras) and Alex Afouxenidis (National Centre for Social Research, Greece)



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8 – 9 February 2018

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to announce that the third and final part of the Seminar Series supported by the Urban Studies Foundation is taking place in Athens, Greece, on the **8th and 9th of February 2018**. Following two successful seminars in Portsmouth (April 2017) and Southampton (September 2017), the Athens-based seminar is hosted by the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE) and co-organised by the University of Patras.

The final seminar will address two core themes: first, *how diverse forms of work shape urban space in times of recession and austerity*; and second, *how work practices and places contribute to the resilience/recovery of crisis-hit urban economies*.

Speakers are invited through international Call for Papers to present their research work on the following issues:

- New business and work practices in urban economies of austerity and recession: the diversity of industry and work across urban neighbourhoods;
- Gentrification and urban landscapes of precariousness and deprivation: place-based micro-business communities, new urban hubs of work, the spatialities of knowledge workers;
- Post-crisis opportunities for structural shift in recession-hit urban economies: emerging pathways to resilience and recovery?

The Final Programme for the two-day Seminar will be announced in due time.

Please send a **300 word abstract** to Dr Maria Tsampras (mtsampra@upatras.gr) and/or Dr Alex Afouxenidis (afouxenidis@ekke.gr), by the 20th of January 2018.

This event is free to attend.

Seminar Output

Speakers will be asked to contribute to a publication either for a special issue in a peer-reviewed journal, or a *co-edited book* with 10-12 draft book chapters with a leading publisher (e.g. Routledge, Edward Elgar), focused on ***the aftermath of crisis and austerity in Southern European urban economic landscapes: the new realities of places and practices of work emerging in cities of recession***.

URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION

ATHENS, 8-9 FEBRUARY 2018

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

Work Practices in the Aftermath of the Global Economic Crisis

8 February 2018

9.30-10.00 am | Registration & coffee

10.00 am - 12.30 pm

- 10.00 - 10.15 am | Welcome: **Nicolas Demertzis**, Director of EKKE
- 10.15 - 10.30 am | Introduction and Chair: **Alex Afouxenidis**, EKKE
- 10.30 - 10.55 am | **Lila Leontidou**, Hellenic Open University
Urban resilience under the crisis: Solidarity economies and grassroots digital creativity in Athens
- 10.55 - 11.20 am | **Maria Tsampra**, University of Patras
Questioning the resilience of urban micro-entrepreneurship in Greece
- 11.20 - 11.45 am | **Vassilis Arapoglou & Thomas Maloutas**,
University of Crete and Harokopio University
On the edge: the geography of employment precarity in Athens
- 11.45 - 12.05 pm | **Iris Polyzou**, French School at Athens (EFA)
Invest the city by doing businesses: practices of migrant entrepreneurs in the centre of Athens
- 12.05 - 12.30 pm | **Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias**, National Technical University of Athens
The MEDNETA project on urban revitalization: heritage and artistic creation in historic city centres
- 12.30 - 13.30 pm | Buffet lunch

13.30 pm - 16.00 pm

- Chair: **Maria Tsampra**, University of Patras
- 13.30 - 13.55 pm | **Sophia Skordili**, Harokopio University
The impact of micro specialty food retailers in the formation of a more fair and equitable food system in Athens
- 13.55 - 14.20 pm | **Eugenia Vathakou**, University of Peloponnesse
Participatory Action Research (PAR) addressing un/under-employment in crisis-hit urban areas
- 14.20 - 14.45 pm | **Maria Koutsari & Aggeliki Demertzi**,
National Technical University of Athens
New shapes of work & networking: the role of creative clusters in the Athenian public space

14.45 – 15.05 pm	Kostas Gourzis & Stelios Gialis , University of the Aegean <i>Flexibilization of labour vis-a-vis metropolitan spatial fixes: How atypical and deregulated forms of work interrelate with urban spaces in the aftermath of recession</i>
15.05 – 15.30 pm	Theodore Tsekeris , Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) <i>The (un)evenness of the spatial distribution of workers in Greece</i>
15.30 – 16.00 pm	Plenary discussion

9 February 2018

9.00-9.30 am | Registration & coffee

9.30 am – 12.30 pm

	Chair: Annabelle Wilkins , University of Southampton
9.30 - 9.55 am	Simón Sánchez-Moral, Alfonso Arellano, Roberto Diez-Pisonero Complutense University of Madrid <i>The contribution of the employment in the creative industries to the post-crisis recovery of large cities: Madrid as a case study</i>
9.55 - 10.20 am	Ilaria Mariotti & Carolina Pacchi , Politecnico di Milano <i>Coworking spaces and urban effects in Italy</i>
10.20 - 10.45 am	Antigoni Papageorgiou , University of Leeds <i>Hubs, collectives and the emergence of alternative moral economies in Athens</i>
10.45 - 11.10 am	Vassilis Avdikos & Eirini Iliopoulou , Panteion University <i>New modes of collaboration in coworking spaces</i>
11.10 - 11.35 am	Elna Alatalo , University of Tampere <i>Overcoming otherness in a network of self-organized coworking communities</i>
11.35 - 12.05 pm	Darja Reuschke , University of Southampton <i>Home-based self-employment – a European perspective</i>
12.05 - 12.30 pm	Georgia Vavva , Royal Holloway, University of London <i>'Low-budget' cosmopolitanism: the emergence of the jazz neighbourhood of Kerameikos in recession Athens.</i>
12.30 – 15.00 pm	<i>Tracing micro-business neighbourhoods and co-working spaces in the historical centre of Athens</i>

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Travel & Accommodation

“With equal measures of grunge and grace, Athens is a heady mix of history and edginess. Cultural and social life plays out amid, around and in ancient landmarks. The magnificent Acropolis, visible from almost every part of the city, reminds Greeks daily of their heritage and the city's many transformations...”



Getting from Athens airport (El. Venizelos) to the city centre:

- *The best way* is to take the metro line 3 (blue color) from the AIRPORT station to SYNTAGMA or MONASTIRAKI station (depending on your hotel's location); (running until midnight; trip duration 38-40 min; buy a return ticket for 18,0 €)

Or.....

- Take the express bus X95 to terminal SYNTAGMA* (leaving every 30+ minutes; departure from the designated area at the arrivals level; running all day round; one way ticket: 6,0 €)

**then, you either walk or take a taxi from SYNTAGMA terminal to your hotel*

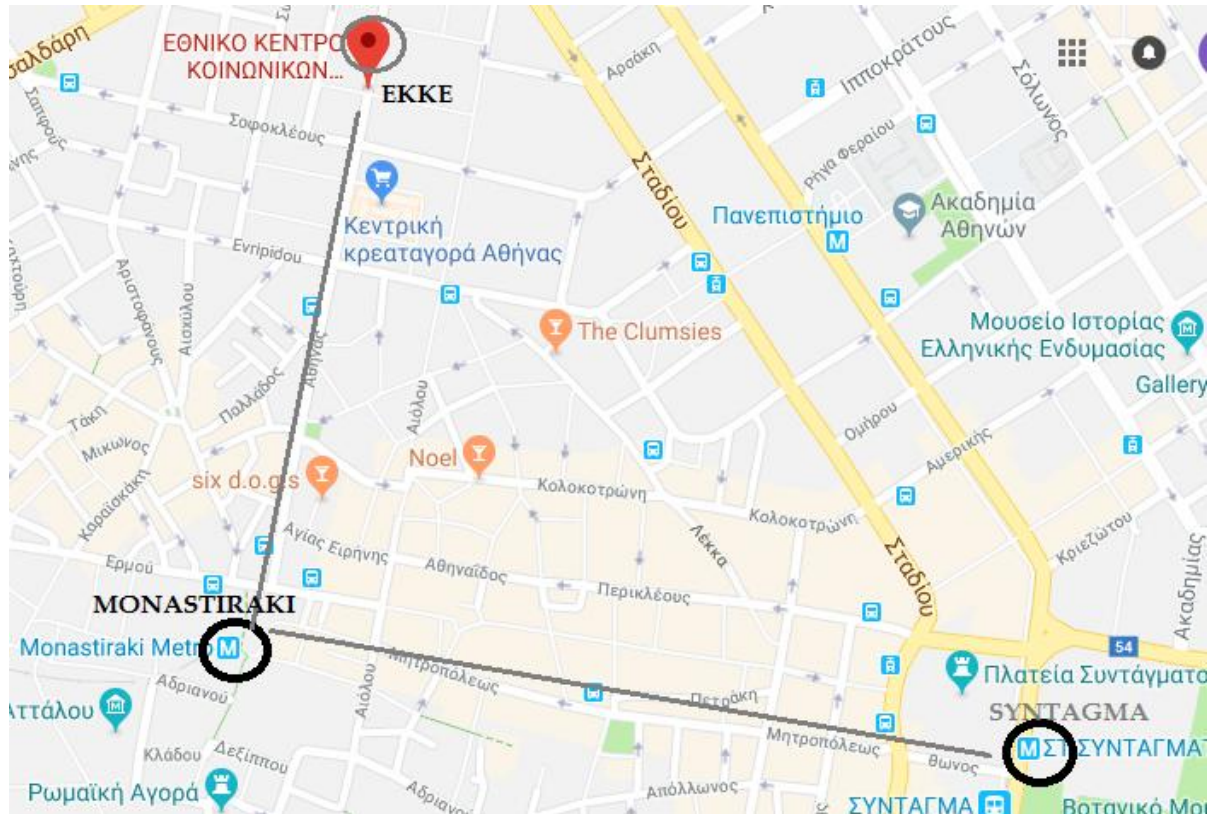
METRO PLAN from AIRPORT to MONASTIRAKI (or SYNTAGMA)



Venue Location and Accommodation:

The seminar venue, **EKKE (National Centre for Social Research)**, is located close to **Monastiraki metro station**, within Athens' historical centre:

9 Kratinou str. and Athinas str.



Walking distance from EKKE to MONASTIRAKI: 5 minutes

Walking distance from EKKE to SYNTAGMA: 15 minutes

Many hotels are located in the area, due to its touristic interest.

Some of the best-value-for-money suggestions (as found at www.booking.com) are:

- FRESH HOTEL (aka Hotel Fresh) → 270 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Lotus Inn → 260 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Best Western Amazon Hotel → 190 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Athens Center Square → 165 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Adrian Hotel → 165 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included

And many other....