



**“Local Government in motion – Local innovation in changing contexts”**

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***September 13 to September 15, 2021***

**Venue:** *Center of Mediterranean Architecture (KAM) (the former Arsenali Veneziani) Chania (Crete/Greece)* <https://www.chania-culture.com/centre/kam>

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<b>“Innovation in Local Government”</b> <b>Provisional Programme (September 13 to September 15, 2021)</b>				
DATE	HOUR	SESSION	LECTURERS/ DISCUSSANTS	TOPIC
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9:30	OPENING	Prof. B. EGNER Prof. N. HLEPAS	Welcoming Course Objectives
	10:00	<b>Lecture 1</b>	Prof. H. HEINELT	“How to explain innovations have been achieved in certain cities and not in others? Initial epistemological reflections”
	11:00	Student Presentation 1* <b>Magdalena Potz</b> , Aix- Marseille: Addressing wicked problems through co-creation practices of public action	Prof. H. HEINELT/ S. ARVAL	
	12:00	<b>Break</b>		
	12:15	Student Presentation 2* <b>Elizaveta Gjurova</b> , Ghent: Local government’s perceptions of intermunicipal cooperation in terms of legitimacy	Prof. H. HEINELT/ M. DeCOCK	
	13:15	<b>Lunch</b>		
	14:30	<b>Lecture 2</b>	Prof. G. TERIZAKIS	“Interpretations of local possibilities and limits for action as key to innovations”
	15:30	Student Presentation 3* <b>Maria Karamanoli</b> , Aegean Univ.: Why is the region of North Aegean a lager in respect of innovation?	Prof. N. HLEPAS/ M. POTZ	
	16:30	<b>Break</b>		
	16:45	Student Presentation 4* <b>Eleni Krikona</b> , Thessaloniki: Institutional innovation vs. conservatism in antiquity. Athens vs. Sparta	Prof. N. HLEPAS	
	17:45	Summing Up	Prof. G. TERIZAKIS	

<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	9:30	<b>Lecture 3</b>	Prof. F. TELES	"Urban innovation, networks and institutional adaptation – an overview of global trends"
	10:30	Student Presentation 5* <b>Gil Pradeau</b> , Westminster: The resistible rise of Participatory Budgeting in Brazilian States. A qualitative comparative analysis of a limited diffusion of innovation	Prof. F. TELES / M. BALAZOVA	
	11:30	<b>Break</b>		
	11:45	Student Presentation 6* <b>Martina Balazova</b> , Bratislava: Let's empower youth to be the force of innovation. Participatory budgeting in local governments	Prof. G. TERIZAKIS Gil Pradeau	
	12:45	<b>Lunch</b>		
	14:00	<b>Lecture 4</b>	Prof. N.-K. HLEPAS	"There is no guarantee for continuous local innovation processes – the cases of Athens and Thessaloniki"
	15:00	Student Presentation 7* <b>Tomás Vellani</b> , Potsdam: Digital policy in medium-sized municipalities	Prof. B. EGNER/ J. SLAWSKA	
	16:00	<b>Break</b>		
	16:15	Student Presentation 8* <b>Marie DeCock</b> , Hasselt: Which legal innovations should be made to adopt intermunicipal cooperation to social changes?	Prof. N. HLEPAS/ E. GJUROVA	
	17:15	Summing Up	Prof. F. TELES/ Prof. N. HLEPAS	

<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sep.</b>	9:30	<b>Lecture 5</b>	Prof. B. EGNER	“Empirical methods to explain differences in innovations – the case of local housing policy in Germany”
	10:30	Student Presentation 9* <b>Justyna Ślawska</b> , Warsaw: Decisions on land-use changes in non-urbanized areas	B. EGNER/ W. AKSZTEJN	
	11:30	<b>Break</b>		
	11:45	Student Presentation 10* <b>Saroj Aryal</b> , Warsaw: Local Government and the Question of Eco-Friendly Development in Nepal	Prof. G. TERIZAKIS/ K. LAKOMA	
	12:45	<b>Lunch</b>		
	14:00	<b>Lecture 6</b>	Prof. B. DENTERS	“Understanding the dynamics of innovations in local government. The strengths and weaknesses of quantitative comparative approaches”
	15:00	Student Presentation 11* <b>Katarzyna Lakoma</b> , Nottingham Trent: Innovations in the governance of Fire and Rescue Services in England – the case of Police Fire and Crime Commissioners	Prof. B. DENTERS/ Th. VELLANI	
	16:00	<b>Break</b>		
	16:15	Student Presentation 12* <b>Wirginia Akstejn</b> , Warsaw: Is there a room for spatial innovation in public services planning? In search of the relevant policy scale to tackle territorial inequalities.	Prof. B. EGNER/ M. KARAMANOLI	
	17:15	<b>Break</b>		

17:30	<b>Lecture 7</b>	Prof. S. MÜNCH	“Empirical methods to understand differences in innovations – reflections from an interpretive perspective“
18:30	Summing Up	Prof. B. EGNER / Prof. S. MÜNCH	
19:00	Closing	Prof. N. HLEPAS	
20:00	<b>Farewell Dinner in Chania</b>		

\* Students' presentations are organized as following (and in this order):

- 30 minutes for the presentation of the research project/PhD topic
- 5 minutes for comments by the junior discussant (PhD student)
- 5 minutes for comments by the senior discussant (Trainer)
- 20 minutes for comments from all participants

