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Heritagisation and precariousness

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Rationale

This seminar is co-organised by the University of Padoue – Department of Historical, Geographical Sciences and of Antiquity - and the Réseau LIEU – a scientific network under the auspicious of the French Ministry of Culture and Communication – and aims at questioning the articulation between heritagisation and precariousness in urban settlements.

It follows the international symposium “The ruins of the heritagisation” (Rio de Janeiro, November 2014 – Paris, March 2015) - carried out by the Réseau LIEU in collaboration with the Laboratory Architecture Anthropology /LAVUE within the framework of Labex CAPE¹ – which constituted a key moment in the reflection on the topic “inhabiting heritagisation”.

Taking into account a particular interest in the processes of urban transformation, we want to analyse the possible interactions between public or private institutions and residents in situation of spatial insecurity when it comes to heritage recognition, either those imposed by a top-down logic or those asserted by the inhabitants themselves.

¹ <http://labexcap.fr/labex-cap/>

It is worth mentioning that major changes came out in the heritage field in the last decade. In 2003 UNESCO recognized the value of intangible cultural heritage (Bortolotto, 2011; Davallon, 2012). In 2005, the Convention of Faro was adopted by the Council of Europe and represented a milestone in the recognition for the legitimacy of community-based identification, safeguard, and valorisation of heritage, and encouraged the shift of scientific-based heritagisation towards a more social asserted one. Since 2011, the Human Rights Council of the United Nations has appointed a special rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, wishing to integrate culture (and the question around the right to heritage) within the international bill of human rights. More recently, the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations global summit Habitat III (Quito, 2016), designated heritage a role in the sustainable future of cities. Likewise, the UNESCO global report on urban development “Culture: urban future” – of which Human-Centred Cities is one of the central themes - also insists on the role of culture for the sustainable urban development (UNESCO, 2016). Lastly, the 19th ICOMOS General Assembly (Delhi, 2017) embodies the thematic of “Heritage and democracy”. And the list could continue...

Thus, it seems very clearly that the binomial “heritage recognition” and “democracy and human rights”, while being more and more highlighted by institutions on an increasingly broad scale, has not received enough attention from the scientific community. Moreover, we also notice that too often those subjects emerge from a homogenizing, consensual and pacifying perspective, ousting any form of dispute and implying forms of exclusion.

Likewise, the European Commission decision to make 2018 the first European year of cultural heritage show us that heritage has become nowadays a tool for raising awareness on common values and assertion of an European identity. How do the various forms of precariousness - either professional or tenure insecurity – deal with this relation between heritagisation and democracy? Can the processes of heritagisation become a real tool for inclusion in a changing world of sharp growing inequalities?

Taking into consideration a wider criticism of the right to the city (Lefebvre, 1968), cultural democracy (Tornatore, 2010; Guttormsen and Swensen, 2016), public participation (Giaccardi, 2012), and cultural rights (Silverman, Ruggles, 2007; The Sinding-Larsens, 2012), the organizers wish to open up these two days to all the researchers and PhD students of the Réseau LIEU to build a common reflection on these topics, aiming to achieve possible international research projects on the articulation between heritagisation and precariousness.

The presentations, which will encourage a collective discussion, will be able to answer the following questions: is heritagisation able to answer to urban and social dysfunctions? Is it possible to forge ties between heritagisation and precariousness of several sorts (economic, social, cultural)? What reveals our reflection against different case studies? Which are the possible contributions of ethnographic research or studies of public policies on the topic of heritagisation and precariousness?

Several field studies are possible. The presentations can focus, for instance, on residents of declining industrial zones and the contradictions that can appear between their representations and those of heritage experts, at the time of development injunctions of these territories. Similarly, presentations can deal with the logics of heritagisation of social housing accommodating precarious populations, or those of remarkable architectural values occupied by squats, or, finally, on processes of heritagisation on a territorial scale, where various types of precarious habitat coexist.

Organisation and agenda

Taking into account the multiplicity of cases and urban situations likely to encourage the reflection we engage this two-day seminar will be the occasion to define together research fields and programmes in order to establish and reinforce links with international scientific partners. For that, it will be organized in two occasions. The first one will make possible sharing reflections and researches of members of the Réseau LIEU. A subsequent second event will later give us the opportunity to plan new research actions to be carried out by researchers and team members of the Réseau LIEU.

Members who wish to participate can send by **25 June 2017** a proposal for a contribution of max 1000 signs (including spaces) to reseau-lieu@archi.fr

Organizers will select the proposals submitted by **3 July 2017**.

Réseau LIEU will be able to cover, within the limits of its own resources, travel and/or accommodation expenses.

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