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## THE URBAN FUTURES MONTHLY

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am happy to update you on the following pieces of news on the Platform's activities for the coming weeks:

- The "[Hot Off The Press](#)" Book Presentation Series 2023 is soon moving on to its second spring event on the 19th of April with Matthias Bernt.
- James Holston is visiting the platform for a [Guest Talk](#) in Vienna on March 26
- We are awaiting several [Incoming Scholars](#) for the months to come.

**I hope to see you soon at these upcoming events and wish you well!**

Kind regards,  
Yuri Kazepov

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### Hot Off The Press book presentations in Spring 2023

After a very successful first event within our current HOTP series with around 100 participants ([recording available on Youtube](#)), we would like to remind you to register for the two next events:

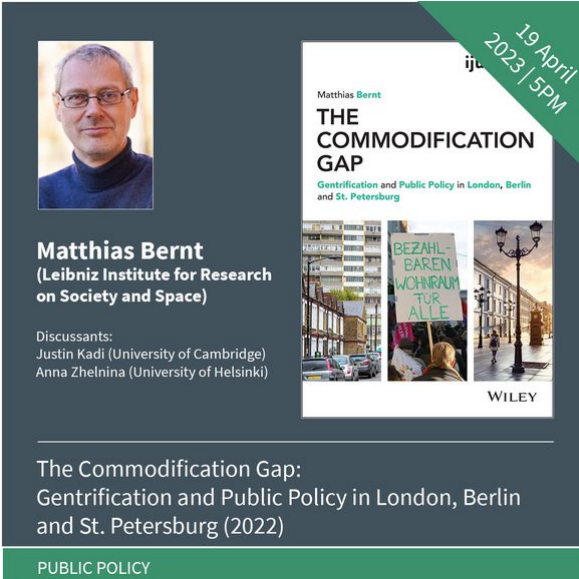
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## April 19th - Matthias Bernt

**Matthias Bernt** is the acting head of the research focus "Politics and Planning" at the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany. He introduces the concept of '*commodification gap*' to "demonstrate how gentrification is always entwined with institutions and distinctive contextual processes".

**Discussants:** Justin Kadin & Ana Zhelnina

**Time:** 5 P.M. CET



**Matthias Bernt**  
(Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space)

Discussants:  
Justin Kadi (University of Cambridge)  
Anna Zhelnina (University of Helsinki)

**THE COMMODIFICATION GAP**  
Gentrification and Public Policy in London, Berlin and St. Petersburg

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The Commodification Gap:  
Gentrification and Public Policy in London, Berlin and St. Petersburg (2022)

PUBLIC POLICY

[Registration](#) is closing on April 17th.


## May 3rd - Federico Savini

**Federico Savini** is Associate Professor in Environmental Planning, Institutions and Politics at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

In his new book, he discusses possibilities for post-growth urban planning and challenges facing autonomous housing in speculative market economies.

**Discussants:** Yvonne Rydin & Elisabetta Mocca

**Time:** 5 P.M. CET



**Federico Savini**  
(University of Amsterdam)

Discussants:  
Yvonne Rydin (University College London)  
Elisabetta Mocca (University of Vienna)

**POST-GROWTH PLANNING**  
Cities Beyond the Market Economy

Edited by  
Federico Savini, Antonia Ferreira,  
and Kim Carlotta von Schönbeld

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Post-Growth Planning:  
Cities Beyond the Market Economy (2022)

POST-GROWTH

[Registration](#) is open until May 1st.

For the fourth and last Hot Off The Press Spring event we will receive Loïc Wacquant on June 14th.

**We look forward to welcoming you to these spring events with fruitful and engaging exchanges!**

Zoom links will be provided in due time. Please note that the sessions will be recorded.

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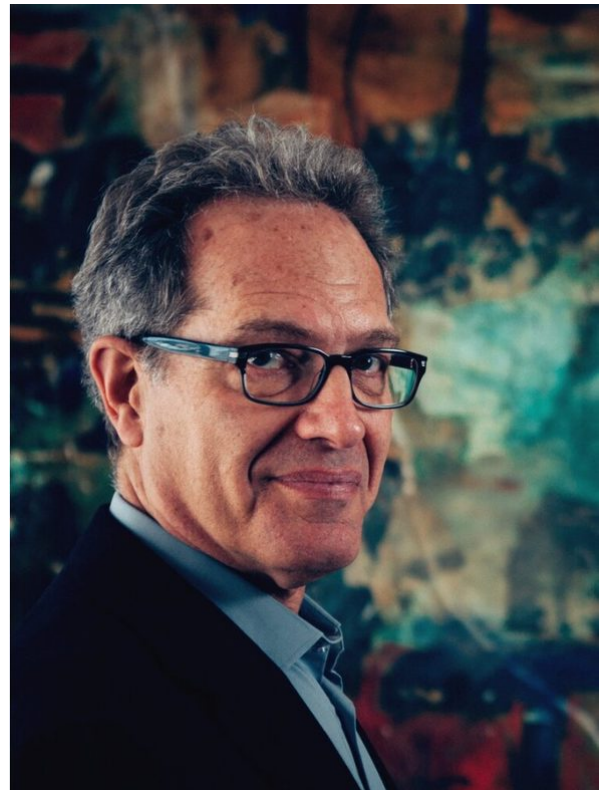
## Guest Talk in Vienna: Reminder to register for April 26th

### **Municipal Experiments in Guaranteed Income: Reimagining Wage Work, Welfare, and Citizenship in American Society**

**James Holston** is Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.

He is presenting his recent research on municipal experiments in unconditional cash transfers in the San Francisco Bay Area as a form of urban citizenship reimagining the social life of democracy.

After the presentation we look forward to a dynamic Q&A.



**Time:** 5 P.M. CET

**Room:** Hörsaal 2 - main building, Universitätsring 1 (1010 Vienna)

[Register](#) until April 24th!

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## Incoming Scholars

The Platform is currently hosting the two following Incoming Scholars:

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**Eline de Jong** is a social anthropologist from the Netherlands currently employed as a PhD candidate at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. For her doctoral research on solidarity and deservingness in social enterprises, she conducts ethnographic fieldwork with third sector organizations working with and for people with a migration background.

Her doctoral research is part of the Horizon 2020 project [SOLiDi](#), for which she works in dialogue with our PhD student Hannah Sommer and under the co-supervision of Yuri Kazepov.



Eline will give the first Brown Bag Lunch seminar at the platform on the 24th of May from 12 to 1:30 PM CET, save the date! Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

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**Urban Nothdurfter** has a background in social work and holds a PhD in Sociology and Social Research from the University of Trento (IT). He is currently associate professor in Social Work and Social Policy at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano where he serves as head of the BA programme in Social Work.

Currently he is involved in European projects on applying sustainability transition research in social work ([ASTRA](#)) and on professional competence development in European social work education ([SISWEC](#)).



## Recent publications (selection):

Ahn, B., Friesenecker, M., Kazepov, Y., Brandl, J. 2023\_ *How Context Matters: Challenges of Localizing Participatory Budgeting for Climate Change Adaptation in Vienna\_* , Urban Planning, 8, 1. Open access [here](#).

Mocca, E., Pasian, P., Ahn, B. 2022\_ *Labour and social inclusion paths for refugees. A comparison between Bologna and Vienna\_* , Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research. Available [here](#).

Franz, Y., Heintel, M. 2022\_ *Kooperative Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung\_* , Vienna: facultas. Available [here](#).

Kazepov, Y., Barberis, E., Cucca, R. Mocca, E. (eds). 2022\_ *The Handbook of urban social policies. International perspectives on multilevel governance and local welfare\_* , Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. Available [here](#).

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