



Urban Governance, Citizenship and Social Vulnerability

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As large portions of the urban population often have no say when it comes to reconfiguring “their” city, issues of governance and social inclusion are becoming increasingly important. The need to understand urban residents as citizens who are entitled to shape their living environments and lifeworlds according to their own needs and preferences is gradually being recognized in academia and amongst urban professionals as a key to mitigate vulnerability and foster sustainable livelihoods. In recent years, “just city” and “right-to-the-city” debates have been somewhat revived. However, notions of citizenship, resident involvement, and identity and belonging vary greatly in different spatial and political contexts. Both in research and practice, there is still a need to systematically link governance to social vulnerability patterns and citizenship framings. We therefore invite inter- and trans-disciplinary contributions focusing on inter-linkages between urban governance and social vulnerability from rights-based or citizen-oriented perspectives.





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