



Cities are praised to be diverse, inclusive, and tolerant despite increasing living costs. Are they so? How can planning foster and improve that diversity?

From over-commercialised public spaces and conflictual public dialog, the city falls short of its inclusive ambitions. We will explore how planning can support diversity in Amsterdam, be it in terms of gender, age, class, biodiversity or ethnicity. Discussions, reflections and practical policy initiatives will enable us to explore how to concretely enhance spatial diversity in the city.

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12 - 23 January

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PROGRAM

12 Mon

Federico Savini
University of Amsterdam

Anouk de Wit & Nina Guillerme
Gemeente Amsterdam
General introduction to the Postgrowth and Diversity in the city

OMHP D0.09 10.00-13.00
(Oudemanhuispoort, city center)

13 Tue

Bárbara Palomino Baez de Oliveira Soares
University of Utrecht
Introducing the question of diversity in spatial planning

Max Smit
Senior planner, Gemeente Amsterdam, team 'just city'
Diversity and inclusion in Amsterdam spatial policy

REC M1.03 10.00-13.00

14 Wed

Michiel van Ersel & Rene Boer
Studio Loom
Excursion 1: Dealing with diversity, living, and (over)tourism in the inner-city district

Only for UvA students 10.00-13.00

15 Thu

Bahar Sakizlioglu
Erasmus University Rotterdam
The feminist justice critique of planning

Brigit Biersteker
Casemanager+ Queer to Support
Practicing diversity and inclusion

REC A1.03 09.30-13.00

16 Fri

Group work

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20 Tue

Marthe Singelenberg
Women make the city
Designing just cities and diversity

Joke van der Zwaard
Development psychologist, researcher and writer
Protest strategies and do it yourself practices of diversity

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21 Wed

Cilian Terwindt
Excursion 2: Diverse urban territories: Tuinen van West

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22 Thu

Michal Grynbaum
Architect, Inclusivity program, Nieuwe Meent housing coop
Designing inclusivity in housing coops

Anouk Strandstra
Project coordinator, Regenboog group
Homelessness and temporary housing

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23 Fri

Final projects presentation to the jury
Mirjana Milanovic, Anouk de Wit, Paco Bunnik, R&D, Municipality of Amsterdam
René Boer, curator and organizer, Loom

TBA 10.00-12.30/14.00-16.30