Urban Skyline and the Verticalization of European Cities

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Urban landscape is a concept difficult to define, a challenge for several disciplines, but it has gained a role in public policies, so calling for a specific definition of technical activities. The course will deal with theoretical issues, related to the definition of urban landscape, with recent dynamics affecting the European cities, and will focus on emerging practices and technical tools for analysing, planning and managing the urban scene, including the use of GIS techniques. International and national case studies will be provided.

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Urban landscape: concept, theories, approaches
Claudia Cassatella (DIST)

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Urban skyline and the verticalization of European cities
Manuel Appert (Univ. Lyon 2, CNRS)
Introduction by C. Cassatella and C. Salone

6 May 2016. 15-17
Urban scene: tools for analysing, planning and managing
Claudia Cassatella (DIST)

10 May 2016. H. 15-17
Formal and informal practices of cultural production as a challenge for the urban landscape
Carlo Salone (DIST)

(date to be defined, October 2016)
Historic urban landscape: the UNESCO approach
Francesco Bandarin (IUAV, UNESCO)

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After a fallow period during which very few towers were built (1980–2000), European cities are experiencing a renewed interest for verticalization. It has reached unprecedented proportions in a significant number of cities, reflecting as much a change in economic and political contexts as the persistence of some representations. Owing to their appearances, they act as symbols of urban and/or political renewal while at the same time they also induce major impacts on cityscapes, making them some of the most widely contested buildings, at a time the landscape dimension of urbanisation has become key in urban projects.

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References