

**BCNUEJ Seminar Series**  
*Schedule October 2022 - July 2023*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TITLE/TOPIC</b>
October, <b>26th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB Antoni Rosell	Ilenia Iengo	Prefiguring grassroots urban politics with the future archive method. The lived, dreamed, conspired relations between environmental justice and transfeminism in Naples, Italy.
November, <b>15th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB Sala Z/033	Alessandro Busà	The value of green in a self-financing model of housing estate regeneration: Tales from Woodberry Down and the Woodberry Wetlands
December, <b>20th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ZOOM	Husseim Stuck	Environmental Justice on track? Environmental Justice considerations in assessing the "Green Tramway Tracks" Green Urbanism project in Berlin
January, <b>12th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB Antoni Rosell	Filippo Borreani	Exploring Up Town: financialization, urban change and smart-and-green urban futures in periphery of Milan
February, <b>2nd</b>	<b>11:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB Antoni Rosell	Giulia Benati	Environmental injustices in the city of Rome: Assessing the accessibility to cultural ecosystem services based on geotagged social media data
February, <b>14th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB Sala Z/033	Kathryn Gougelet	When "Slow Violence" Accelerates: Toxicity, Comorbidity, and the Ongoing Politics of Landscape Rupture near a Catalan Petrochemical Hub
March, <b>7th</b>	<b>15:00</b> CET	ZOOM	Celina Aznarez	Assessing luxury and legacy effects on urban patterns of tree canopy, biodiversity and ecosystem services
March, <b>28th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ZOOM	Victoria Jepson	Environmental equity and access to parks in Greater Montreal: spatial proximity and potential congestion issues
April, <b>18th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB  Antoni Rosell	Ana T. Amorim-Maia	Climate shelters and the needs of the urban vulnerable
May, <b>9th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB  Antoni Rosell	Gemma Simón i Mas	BiciBús movement? A mapping experience on the outreach and directions of the BiciBús program.
May, <b>30th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ZOOM	Julia Neidig	"We are the green capital". Navigating the political and sustainability fixes of urban greening
June, <b>20th</b>	<b>12:00</b> CET	ICTA UAB  Antoni Rosell	Melissa García-Lamarc	Climate just housing

## BIOS OF SPEAKERS

### October 26th

**Ilenia lengo** - Doctoral researcher at ICTA-UAB and BCNUEJ

Ilenia is a scholar-activist Ph.D. fellow of the Feminist Political Ecology WEGO ITN network at ICTA-UAB and BCNUEJ. She holds a Bachelor Degree in International Relations from the University L'Orientale of Naples, and a Masters Degree in International Environmental Studies from The Norwegian University of Life Sciences. She worked as co-coordinator of the Public Environmental Humanities Project Toxic Bios: a guerrilla narrative mapping contamination, illness and resistance for emancipatory storytelling at EHL KTH in Stockholm. She is a member of the Undisciplined Environments collective and Ecologie Politiche del Presente laboratory. Her action-research doctoral project engages with coalition and prefigurative politics at the intersection of environmental justice and transfeminism for emancipatory life in the southern Italian city of Naples. Her latest publication is lengo, I. Endometriosis and Environmental Violence: An Embodied, Situated Ecopolitics from the Land of Fires in Campania, Italy. Environmental Humanities 14, n.2 2022.

### November 15th

**Alessandro Busà** - EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the SGGE of the University of Leicester, UK

Alessandro Busà is a Marie-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the SGGE of the University of Leicester. His research project "SUSTEUS" explores the socioeconomic impact of environmentally sustainable redevelopment plans on communities housed in social housing estates in EU and US cities. Alessandro holds a PhD in Theory of Urban Planning from the Technical University of Berlin, where he was a fellow at the Transatlantic Graduate Research Program Berlin – New York of the Center for Metropolitan Studies, and a visiting scholar at the Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation of Columbia University. A book based on his dissertation, titled "The Creative Destruction of New York City" was published by Oxford University Press in 2017. His recent research focuses on speculative geographies of green investment and the uneven impacts of finance-mediated environmental and climate initiatives in cities and urban regions.

### December 20th

**Hussein Stuck** - Teaching Assistant at the Department of Cultural and Social Geography, Humboldt University of Berlin

Hussein Stuck researches urban human-nature relations through anti-colonial and environmental justice lenses from a Researcher-Of-Color perspective. He is currently working as a Teaching Assistant at the Cultural- and Social Geography department of Humboldt University of Berlin in Germany and is completing his Master of Arts in Human Geography at the same institution. Hussein earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Resource Management at the Brandenburg University of Technology. His background in Natural and Social Science as well as his multicultural heritage have been central for his research and publications.

### January 12th

**Filippo Borreani** - Doctoral researcher at the University of Torino and Milan

Filippo Borreani is a Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research (SOMET),

jointly promoted by the University of Torino and Milan within the Network for the Advancement of Social and Political studies (Nasp). He is affiliated to the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society (University of Torino). He holds a BA in Classical and Medieval Literature and an MA in Sociology and Social Research, both from the University of Torino. His research interests focus on the relationship between social change and urban transformation, with a particular attention to urban imaginaries, social classes and global political economy. His last article is dedicated to trap music, territory and violence in the context of Barriera di Milano e Aurora, the poorest parts of the city of Torino.

### **February 2nd**

**Giulia Benati** - Doctoral researcher at the **Sapienza University of Rome**, guest researcher at ICTA UAB and BCNUEJ

Giulia holds a MSc in Environmental Engineering focused on Sustainable Urban Planning, and a BSc in Environmental Engineering, from La Sapienza University of Rome. She has been a guest researcher at the IRI-THESys research institute of Humboldt University of Berlin. She is interested in the human-nature interaction in cities, and in how decision makers can foster ecosystem protection while enabling access to urban nature for all. Her doctoral research aims to assess a holistic index of the quality of green urban spaces through an ecosystem services perspective. She is currently focusing on the assessment of cultural ecosystem services offered by green urban spaces through social media data and the implication of their distribution on environmental justice. Before starting her PhD, she worked in the private and public sector, and was an urban environmental planner for the City of Rome.

### **February 14th**

**Kathryn Gougelet** - Doctoral researcher in Anthropology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Kathryn is a medical and environmental anthropologist specialized in human/environmental health in peri-urban regions affected by petrochemical pollution. She holds a BA in environmental studies from Dartmouth College, an MFA in creative nonfiction writing from The University of Arizona, and an MA in cultural anthropology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she is currently working towards her doctoral degree in anthropology. She is currently conducting doctoral research in Tarragona, Catalunya, Spain, focusing on ecosyndemic health concerns, the uneven spread of environmental contaminants, and advocacy for environmental justice.

### **March 7th**

**Celina Aznarez** - Doctoral researcher at the Basque Center of Climate Change (BC3) and the Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (ICTA-UAB)

Celina holds a Licentiate degree in Environmental Management from the University of the Republic (Uruguay). She is interested in the connection between urban ecological quality to well-being and its feedback on environmental inequalities. In 2020, she was awarded an INPHINIT fellowship from the "La Caixa" foundation (2020) to join the Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) and ICTA-UAB to develop her PhD thesis. In her doctoral research, she explores the biodiversity contributions sustaining urban green infrastructure multifunctionality in ecosystem services provision through the lens of environmental justice.

In previous research, she addressed the socio-cultural valuation and distribution of ecosystem services in a gentrified coastal landscape in Eastern Uruguay, for which she obtained the first prize for the (degree) thesis category, in the National Urbanism Prize (2019), awarded by the Uruguayan

Ministry of Housing, Territorial Planning and Environment.

Her latest publication is: "Aznarez, C., Svenning, J. C., Taveira, G., Baró, F., & Pascual, U. (2022). Wildness and habitat quality drive spatial patterns of urban biodiversity. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 228, 104570."

### **March 28**

Victoria Jepson - PhD candidate at l'Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) in Montreal, Canada

Victoria is a visiting PhD candidate from l'Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) in Montreal, Canada. She holds a BA in political science from Concordia University and a MSc in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science from Lund University. Her doctoral project explores the realities of park accessibility and park crowding in the Greater Montreal area. Her research focuses on aspects of environmental equity and urban design to promote inclusive urban spaces.

### **April 18th**

**Ana T. Amorim-Maia** - PhD candidate specialising in Equitable Urban Climate Adaptation at ICTA-UAB and BCNUEJ

Ana Terra holds a diploma in Environmental Engineering from the University of São Paulo, Brazil and a joint European Masters in Environmental Studies - Cities and Sustainability from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg (2018). She developed her previous research with BCNUEJ assessing the hidden drivers of green gentrification in Barcelona within the framework of cultural ecosystem services. Her current research explores climate adaptation planning and action from an intersectional justice perspective, with a particular focus on the urban equity implications of climate refuges and shelters.

### **May 9th**

**Gemma Simòn i Mas** - PhD student at the Institute for Environmental Science and Technology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB).

Gemma holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science from the University of Valencia and a Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies on Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability from ICTA-UAB. She is also a founding member of City Lab Barcelona. Her research is on urban cycling among children and youth and in particular their perceptions and experiences. As an urban cycling activist, she has led workshops and training events on cycling issues, and taken a leadership role as the Equity Coordinator for ConBici, a national cycling group in Spain. She has worked as a cycling instructor with the method 1Bici+ developed by Factoría de Ciclistas and has worked at the cycling cooperative Biciclot sccl (2018-2021). She has also worked with the Urban Ecology Agency of the City of Barcelona on the implementation of the Superblocks (Superilles) program.

### **May 30th**

**Julia Neidig** - Doctoral researcher at the Basque Center of Climate Change (BC3) and the Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (ICTA-UAB)

Julia graduated in Politics and Economics at the Westfälische Wilhelms University Münster and obtained a MSc in Global Studies at Gothenburg University. Her research lies at the intersection of

policy-making and science, exploring human-nature relations in urban areas and the implications of those relationships for urban planning. For her dissertation, she is studying the different processes of nature valuation and how those influence and shape participatory urban planning methods in the Spanish municipality of Vitoria-Gasteiz.

### **June 20th**

**Melissa Garcia Lamarca** - Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Torino and member of BCNUEJ

Melissa holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Manchester, an MSc in Building and Urban Design in Development from University College London, a Graduate Diploma in Community Economic Development from Concordia University and a BA in Geography and Economics from McGill University. She has fifteen years' experience working as a consultant in a sustainability workers cooperative, a researcher, teacher and project coordinator in Canada and internationally. Melissa's research is driven by a thirst to better understand both structural dynamics and bottom up processes towards making more socially just and emancipatory cities. She is interested in untangling the structures and channels through which political economic processes generate urban inequalities and everyday lived housing injustices, as well as how collective urban struggles can disrupt the inegalitarian status quo and open up new alternatives. As a researcher and housing rights activist in Barcelona, she is particularly interested in the financial dynamics driving the rise of the rental housing market and what this means in the context of job and housing precarity.