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This seminar provides an opportunity for interdisciplinary dialogue on different perspectives on urban transformation and territory.



In this seminar, Oscar Mazzoleni will talk about his latest book Territory and Democratic Politics (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024). In the book, he introduces the concept of territory into the study of democratic politics, which is often analysed through what are known as 'unterritorial approaches' in political science and sociology. Drawing on the writings of both Anglophone and Francophone geographers, Mazzoleni proposes a territory-oriented approach that considers the relationships between territory, space, political institution, strategy, appropriation, place, borders, and networks. He demonstrates the relevance of this approach through territorial analyses of critical issues such as citizenship, urbanisation, populism, and the bordering experience of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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