

T02P34 / Urban Policies: Charting a New Territory for Policy Studies

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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Session 1 Urban Policies: charting a new territory for policy studies

Wednesday, June 28th 16:15 to 18:15 (Block B 3 - 6)

Urban consolidation and its policy design: exploring a policy-centred approach to critical urban analysis

Mitchell Johanna (Curtin University)

Policy Path dependency and the Strategic Adaptation of Cities in Federal Systems: Comparing Canada and the United States

Charles Conteh (Brock University)

Cities, local growth and devolution: England's noncodified urban policy

Pugalis Lee (Institute for Public Policy and Governance, University of Technology Sydney (UTS))

Change and resistance in cultural urban policy. Madrid as an scenario.

Maria Velasco (UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID)

Rosa M. De la Fuente (Complutense University of Madrid)

Beyond the green: new urban policy approaches to public space and transportation

Andrea Restrepo-Mieth (Cornell University)