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### Abstract

The territorial dimension of social citizenship – and the related policy arrangements – as well as the role of cities as building blocks of social inclusion strategies have for long been a neglected perspective in comparative social policy analysis. In this presentation, I will investigate the implications of increased diversity, changing scalar configurations and new governance arrangements, providing a territorialized overview of citizenship regimes in some European countries considering welfare systems both in their vertical and horizontal dimensions. In particular, this will be done considering the existing differences among citizenship systems as pre-structuring and enabling contexts in which specific outcomes might be favoured or hindered.

More specifically, in the first part I will address the processes of change that are making cities more important. In the second part, I will present what are allegedly considered to be the positive and negative aspects of these changes. The third part will provide a comparative view on the relevance of contextual conditions in order to understand similarities and differences concerning scale relations and the role of different actors in the different scalar regimes. The assumption here is that the subsidiarisation process is a converging normative rhetoric in most European countries' social policy reforms but, has a diverging outcome. In the last part I provide an outlook on the implications of the new role that cities have in becoming laboratories of social innovation and their differentiated capacities to meet the challenges changes bear.

Prof. em. Dr. Martin Kronauer, The Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) / Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin (HWR), will comment on Prof. Kazepov's lecture.

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### Vita

Yuri Kazepov is a professor of International Urban Sociology and Compared Welfare Systems at the University of Vienna (Austria) from March 2015. Previously he has been teaching at the University of Urbino Italy). He has been Jean Monet Fellow at the European University Institute (1995–96) visiting professor at the University of Bremen, Lund, Växjö, Leuven and ARC distinguished fellow at the Graduate Center CUNY.

He is a founding member of the Network for European Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet) and the immediate-past president of RC21, the Research Committee on Urban and Regional development of the International Sociological Association. His fields of interest range from urban governance, citizenship and urban quality of life to social policies in comparative perspective. On these issues he has been carrying out comparative research and evaluation activities for the European Commission (DG Research, DG Culture, DG Employment) and many National Agencies (NWO, Nicis, FTSE, CNR, ...). He has been international coordinator of the following EU projects: EUREX (Minerva) and the E-Urbs (Virtual Campus) projects and the national partner of the following projects URBEX (FP4), GOETE (FP5), IMPROVE, ISPIRES, DIVERCITIES, SEFIRA (FP7)

Among his publications we have (2005) *Cities of Europe. Changing contexts, local arrangements and the challenge to social cohesion*, Blackwell, Oxford (ed.), (2009) *"La dimensione territoriale delle politiche sociali in Italia"* Carocci: Rome; (2010) *Rescaling social policies towards multilevel governance in Europe*, Ashgate; (2013) *Il Welfare frammentato* Carocci: Rome (editor with E. Barberis). (2015) *Italian Social Assistance in the European context: Residual innovation and uncertain futures* (in Ascoli, Pavolini, eds.) Policy Press. Further info: <https://univie.academia.edu/YuriKazepov>

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