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Mission Statement:

The international 'Urban Cultures' (URC) Working Group, founded at the ISLA Institute of Iberian and Latin American Studies of the University of Augsburg in 2018, seeks to foster transdisciplinary research and cross-cultural study perspectives regarding the diverse dimensions of culture and creativity to comprehend better the sociocultural complexity of our cities from a transareal point of view.

Background:

URC is based on the international Strategic Partnership (Erasmus+) Urban Dynamics (2015-2018) that initiated the transversal dialogue between Social Sciences and the Humanities regarding the study of urban complexity from a Transatlantic perspective.

Network:

URC Academic Partners from the Universities of Augsburg (Humanities), Santiago de Compostela (Geography), Coimbra (Social Science), USAL Buenos Aires (Ibero-American Studies), and São Paulo (Urbanism etc.) join expertise and forces together with over 35 transatlantic urban cultural stakeholders, to address complex challenges regarding urban cultural dynamics in glocal times.

Projects:

Together with workshops, events, and proceedings related to 'Urban Innovation' (Augsburg 2019), 'Urban Potentials' (Coimbra 2023), etc., and conferences dedicated to 'Urban Cultures of Participation' (Augsburg 2023) and 'Urban Cultures of Transformation' (Buenos Aires 2023), the URC Working Group has launched in October 2024 an accredited joint, international Urban Cultures Master's Degree Program to foster intercultural and transprofessional research-based Urban Cultural Studies.

Backing:

Early on, URC promoted activities and measures have been sponsored and supported by European and Latin American institutions, organizations, and funders.

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