

"WHY INVEST IN ROMANIA?" INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND STATE INTERVENTIONS ADVANCING REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN SEMIPHERIPHERIES

My presentation discusses the REDURB research project (Class formation and re-urbanization through real estate development in a semi-peripheral country of global capitalism) conducted in Romania between 2020 and 2023. We detected state interventions that formed the conditions for real estate development as a business. These included the privatization-induced deindustrialization, the implementation of EU provisions to open up the country for the free movement of capital, and the creation of legal opportunities for investment funds. Additionally, the REDURB project inquired how the advancement of real estate development in Romania is part of the global trend of spatial fixing or capital switching across economic sectors and territories. It demonstrated that (domestic and transnational) capital adapted its investment strategies according to the path dependencies of local economic development and institutional structures. To enter into a dialog with the studies about struggles against contemporary and historical forms of dispossession conducted under Beyond Inhabitation Lab, my talk will highlight: to find alternatives to capitalism, one needs to uncover the structural processes by which capital subordinates urbanization and urbanites to its accumulation interests.



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