Sociology of Spatial Transformations

Space is one of the most significant concepts for discussion in social science. The analysis of space helps to create an understanding of the different processes involved in the construction and transformation of spaces, the consequences of which is evident in the different aspects of social life. Spatial transformation is leaving an indelible mark on the contemporary society. The relation between the social and the spatial is as much practical as well as a theoretical. David Harvey’s explanation of socio-spatial transformation processes as an expression of ‘space-time compression’ revolutionizes the objective qualities of space and time in such a way that we are forced to alter, how we represent the world to ourselves. Lefebvre’s argument that space is a social product helps to focus on the contradictory, conflictual, and political character of the processes of production of space. The emergence of ‘translocalities’ is also quite relevant in the analysis of spatial transformations. Any discussion of space and spatial transformation cannot exclude the socio political dimensions involved in the process. This conference aims to bring out the dynamics of spatial transformations, its causes and consequences.

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