



Building tools to promote contextual awareness and comparative urban research

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In semi-peripheral regions, like Southern Europe, there is often a lack of versatile bodies of data that enable to frame and promote in-depth research on particular urban areas that are not at the forefront of international interest and discussion. Moreover, local research is often not easily accessible by investigators in other areas that could greatly profit from comparative data and from awareness of contextual difference.

The presentation will focus on two internet applications that aim at filling this gap, and will mainly refer to what they can provide for urban research. The first is the 'Panorama of Greek census data 1991-2011' (<https://panorama.statistics.gr/en/>) which enables the user to access, process and map census data at a very detailed level. The second application is the 'Social Atlas of Athens' (<http://www.athenssocialatlas.gr/en>) which is a compendium of concise entries on the city's social geography, mostly based on recent research.

(Image by Maloutas and Spyrellis)

Short Bio:

Thomas Maloutas is Professor of Social Geography at the Department of Geography, Harokopio University since 2009. Previously, he directed the Institute of Urban and Rural Sociology at the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE) in Athens (2001-2012) and was Professor at the Department of Planning, University of Thessaly (1991-2009). He has directed and participated in many national and international research projects funded by several Greek ministries, EU DG Research, the CNRS (France) and private sector entities. Invited professor at the Institut d'études politiques (Paris) in 2006 and 2014; invited speaker in numerous universities in Europe, North America and East Asia. Authored numerous articles and books on segregation and housing, and on the changing social structures of Greek cities. Since the beginning of 2015 he serves as Secretary General for Research & Technology at the Greek Ministry of Education.

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