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Sustainability in the city?

Reporting on a decade of critical sustainability research in the US and Europe

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Public lecture by
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A reception will take place after the lecture

A majority of Europeans live in cities and towns that proclaim to be "sustainable". A similar percentage of North Americans can make the same claim. Yet what does it mean to be a sustainable city? This presentation reports on a decade of research focused on the political economy of urban and regional sustainability in the US and Europe. In particular, the presentation will address conceptual and methodological issues crucial for understanding the contemporary politics of and promise for urban sustainability. Finally, the presentation examines the implications of this work for future academic research and public policy concerns.

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