

Call for Papers

Services and Policy Making on multi-local living

Fourth meeting of the European Network for Multi-locality Studies

25th and 26th May 2020, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Conceived as a hybrid concept, located in between the consolidated and acknowledged ones of mobility and migration, multilocalism has been recently recognised as a distinctive social phenomenon, characterising those individuals whose daily life is located in two or more places, whose distance, due to its magnitude, cannot be covered through daily commuting. Through time, multi-locality studies have shown a remarkable attention to the themes of relations (in terms of personal relationships as couples, parent-child, siblings, friendships, ...) and identity. As a matter of fact, the capability of engaging in significant relations with people and places is one of the most relevant features of multi-locality, where a crucial role in allowing and facilitating or, on the contrary, obstructing such a peculiar way of living, lies in the policies or services that can act as its enablers.

This meeting offers the opportunity to discuss and analyse the existence and characteristics of current policies and services suitable for multilocal individuals and families, (even if not directly designed for them explicitly like co-working spaces, or co-housing solutions, or sharing mobility services...): policies and services proposed by public bodies (as local and state policies and regulations), and private companies (as part for example of companies' welfare) and other private actors (in terms of market services), or the lack of them and consequently the potential actions to be carried out in order to inform public and private intervention.

Within this thematic framework, several questions will be addressed, starting from few pivotal ones:

- Do current opportunities, in terms of local public and private welfare or residential/housing, time and mobility policies and services, allow societies to properly face multilocal needs?
- What are in these regards the differences between European countries?
- Are there specific and significant experiences from local (regional or urban) contexts to be considered as best-practices to be potentially applied or integrated in other contexts?
- What are the different needs in this sense among different actors in society (migrants, multilocal workers, families, companies, etc...)?

We welcome abstracts of 3.000 signs maximum (references excluded) on these topics or presenting insights useful to enrich and inform the discussion on multilocality and potential/existing services and policies addressing it.

Deadline for contributions has been extended to **February 22nd 2020**.

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