

## **Session 3B - Building the right to the city through diverse spaces of commoning: which role for ruling frameworks?**

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The Right to the City (R2C) may be viewed as an “elastic” concept, under permanent construction. Born within a philosophical environment in the 1960s, it includes distinct measures and varying degrees of intensity that are of growing importance in the practice of international socio-political action. A variety of actors have embraced this “umbrella notion”, interpreting it through different practices which recognise, value and deepen the role of commons as activators of networks of relations (commoning) focussed on enforcing and consolidating a large platform of individual/collective rights. Given the risk that the notion could be strongest as a socio-political banner and a call to political action rather than as an actual right in itself, this session aims to explore, in depth, the nature, possibilities and limitations of the Right to the City from a socio-legal perspective. Participants are challenged to reflect on the contribution of territorial projects (institutional, grassroots-driven or hybrid) in refining and consolidating the concept of R2C and its multiple dimensions. Organisers are particularly interested in analysing all “ruling” frameworks (of different legal and normative types), which can be associated with the conception of such projects, and can contribute to strengthening the gradual process of clarification of the legal implications of R2C. The guiding questions of this session include: (1) How much the creation of spaces of civic participation between inhabitants, and their dialogue with institutional decision-making, can contribute to the strengthening and better definition of the R2C? (2) Who is entitled to claim the R2C? (3) Whose duty is it to comply with this claim, and what happens if the right is not complied with? (4) How do the different conceptions of the access to land and housing influence the transformation of the right to the city? (5) How is the relationship between urban and rural territories evolving in the incremental transformation of the approaches to R2C? (6) How is the R2C being transformed in the light of the phenomenon of metropolization?