

Socio-ecological economic transitions: Making space for the foundational economy

The Second Colloquium of the Foundational Economy Collective

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Amidst the ongoing post-crisis conjuncture, business as usual scenarios for urban and regional development that center on financial and business services, high tech, and real estate are increasingly exposed as erratic and extractive.

Frustrations with the polarized outcomes of urban competitiveness policies and the growing mobilization of the city as a financial asset have sparked important counter-narratives. A particularly empowering economic imaginary is the one of the **foundational economy**. The foundational economy seeks to recalibrate urban development around those activities that are rooted in place, that can be sheltered from interurban competition, and that are essential for citizens to lead decent lives. As the imaginary takes hold of academic and political minds alike, this colloquium pushes onward to think about how we can find ways to translate imaginaries into practice and “do foundational economies” in cities.

The two-day colloquium seeks to bring together local and international academics, politicians, policy makers, civil society organizations, social enterprises, and practitioners.

The colloquium is organized around four half-day sessions, each introduced by a session keynote. The colloquium addresses four themes: (1) ecological transitions and the circular economy, (2) making places work better, (3) the productive city, and (4) empowering the local state.

Monday 9/09 – DAY 1

09:00	Registration Coffee and tea
09:30	Welcome by organizers
09:45	Introduction about the Foundational Economy
10:15	<p>Session 1: The foundational economy, ecological transitions and the circular economy</p> <p>Chair: David Bassens (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <p>“Foundational Economy: The Sustainability Dimension” by Ian Gough (London School of Economics)</p>
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Circular economy: An opportunity for local economic development?”, by Stephan Kampelmann (Université Libre Bruxelles) • “Circular economy and the city: An urban political economy agenda” by Deborah Lambert (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) & Wojciech Keblowski (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) • “Making space for a circular economy of excavated soil: narratives and resistance in the Paris Metropolitan Area” by Agnès Bastin (Science Po Paris) • “Material flows impacts into energy retrofit processes: the case of the Maison Bourgeoise in Brussels” by Emilie Gobbo (Université Catholique Louvain) <p>Discussant: Ewald Engelen (Universiteit van Amsterdam)</p>
12:30	Lunch break
14:00	<p>Session 2: Making places work better</p> <p>Chair: Michael Ryckewaert (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <p>“Civic futures and foundational provision in ordinary places” by Julie Froud (University of Manchester) & Karel Williams (University of Manchester)</p>
14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The foundational economy in the platform society: insights and research paths”

	<p>by Davide Arcidiacono (University of Catania) & Ivana Pais (Università Cattolica Milano)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Grounded alternatives to platform capitalism” by Leonard Plank (Technical University Vienna) & Astrid Krisch (Technical University Vienna) • “How to co-finance transition?” by Hanne Lahousse (Growfunding Brussels) • “Community Land Trust Brussels: Community-led housing on community-owned land” by Geert De Pauw (Community Land Trust Brussels) <p>Discussant: Felippo Barbera (University of Turin)</p>
16:15	Coffee and Tea
17:00	End
18:00	Book launch of the Italian and German version of <i>Foundational Economy, The Infrastructure of Everyday Life</i> @Library of the European Parliament (to be confirmed)

Session 1:

Foundational economies, ecological transitions & the circular economy

The first session opens the debate by broaching the environmental question. A foundational turn cannot skate over concerns about urban economies to become more socially and environmentally just. Here we explore what it is that foundationalists can learn from recent debates on circular economies and vice versa. To what extent are circular citizen and corporate practices procuring spaces where the foundational economy can take root? And how does a wider drive towards a grounded economy nurture decent lives *and* environmentally innovative economies?

Session 2:

Making places work better

The second session posits that transition towards a more grounded economy hinges on its embeddedness in a plurality of citizen practices. A call for a grounded economy is also a call for an economy appropriated by citizens and infused with diverse value systems premised on notions of communality, sharing, redistribution, and reciprocity. How and to what extent can citizens and the social innovations they produce be agents of socio-ecological change? How can low-and high-tech (digital) platforms serve as tools to organize citizens around the foundational economy?

Tuesday 10/09 – DAY 2

09:30	Registration + coffee and tea
10:00	Welcome by organizers
10:15	<p>Session 3 : The foundational economy and the productive city</p> <p>Chair: Sarah De Boeck (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)</p> <p>Keynote: “The challenge of accommodating industry in high value cities: lessons from London” by Jessica Ferm (University College London; Just Space, London)</p>
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Challenges for the preservation of small production spaces: the case of construction in Brussels from 1965 until 2016” by Frederik Vandyck (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) & Matthijs Degraeve (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Sarah De Boeck (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) • “First steps to institutionalize the Foundational Economy in Vienna” by Andreas Novy (Vienna University of Economics and Business) • “Cities of Making: The Brussels Case” by Alexandre Orban (Cities of Making) & Fabio Vanin (Cities of Making) • “At work. Building productive Brussels” by Kristiaan Borret (Brussels Bouwmeester) <p>Discussant: Lavinia Bifulco (University of Milano-Bicocca)</p>
12:30	Lunch break
14:00	<p>Session 4: Empowering of the local state</p> <p>Chair: Wojciech Koblowski (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)</p> <p>Keynote: “The local politics of the Foundational Economy” by John Tomaney (University College London)</p>
14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “From grassroots movements to local government, the case of Naples as a rebel city” by Eleonora di Majo (Member of city council Naples)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Kilowatt and Le Serre dei Giardini: When social business aims at creating public impact” by Nicoletta Tranquillo (Kilowatt, Bologna) • Values for money: Tapping the power of purchase” by Kevin Morgan (University of Cardiff) • “Towards a Foundational Strategy for Barcelona” by Oriol Estela Barnet (General Director of Barcelona Strategic Plan) <p>Discussant: Angelo Salento (University of Salento, Lecce)</p>
16:15	Coffee and Tea
16:45	<p>Closing debate: How to support the foundational economy in Brussels?</p> <p>With Christophe Soil (director Perspective), Arnaud Texier (Hub), Katrien Mondt (director Innoviris), Michael Ryckewaert (VUB), Jessica Ferm (UCL) – <i>to be confirmed</i>. Moderated by Stephan Kampelmann (ULB).</p>
18:00	Reception
20:00	<p><i>Conference dinner</i></p> <p><i>@Bel Mundo, socio economic work and educational restaurant in Molenbeek.</i></p>

Session 3:

The foundational economy meets the productive city

The third session confronts the foundational economy with recent imaginaries of the productive city. The latter stresses the need to secure space for new industrial activities, the “making industry”, or more broadly “productive” activities in cities. What both ideas have in common is the concern that we need to secure space for activities under spatial stress because of urban economic restructuring, but also land market dynamics. What can foundational thinking learn from those advocates of the productive city and the types of citizen action they also support?

Session 4:

Empowering of the local state

The fourth and final session approaches socio-ecological transition to a foundational economy through the lens of the local state. In contrast to urban entrepreneurialist practice where the state is reduced to a territorial “enabler”, this session posits that the local state has the legitimate public mandate to govern urban economic space for the common good. Here we engage with recent debates about remunicipalisation, public service and infrastructure provision, social licensing, and other ways in which the local state can actively support emergent foundational practices.

Biographies of participants

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Sarah De Boeck researches on how to shape the coexistence between economic activity and urbanity in urban and metropolitan areas. By linking economic geography and urban planning, she looks for less competitive and more inclusive scenarios for policy makers to do urban economic development. In her PhD research at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels, she focusses specifically on mixed-use development, and on urban spaces of production in relation to the construction sector. She is a board member of Atelier Groot-Eiland, a socio-economic education and work program in Brussels, and a member of the Foundational Economy Collective. She has a background in Theatre Studies (MSc) and Urban Design and Spatial Planning. She has worked for several years as a coordinator of a social-cultural organization in Brussels, and co-organized the Zinneke Parade.

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