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The Jean Monnet Chair in European Urban Policies (EUrPol) tries to contribute to a better knowledge of urban societies and policies in the EU developing teaching, research, training and transfer activities about their foundations and tools to analyse and evaluate them.

EUrPol has, as previous background, a research area on the analysis and evaluation of urban policies from a comparative perspective in the Urban Governance Lab; a research centre focused on these issues at the Pablo de Olavide University. Lab researchers are part of the EUrPol team.

This newsletter summarises main activities developed in the 2019-20 academic year. Due to the consequences of COVID-19 pandemic and policy measures taken to prevent it since March 2020, some actions were carried out on-line. Thanks to all the participants and institutions that have made it possible to develop the activities.

TEACHING

Basics for a 'toolbox' to understand the urban dimension of European Policies

EUrPol staff has taught different subjects that provides essential analytical elements and methodological skills to understand urban societies, urban policies and their institutional context in Europe to undergraduate students of Sociology, Political Science and Social Work. These subjects and their primary

contents are:

Urban Sociology: How cities and their neighbourhood change?, How urban policies promote changes oriented towards sustainable urban development?,

Welfare States and Societies: Are welfare policies changing in Europe?, How local welfare systems contributes to urban cohesion?

Advances Methods for Social Evaluation: How analyse public policies?, How to improve the quality of design of sustainable and integral urban development initiatives?

Sociology of Consumption and Leisure: Are cities a significant space for cultural practices and consumption in Europe?, How urban cultural policies could contribute to sustainable urban development?

Theoretical and methodological skills to study the urban dimension of European Policies

A specific specialised training course on **European Urban Policies: foundations and tools**, was taught in the 2019-2020 academic year. Course main contents were:

Urban policies in the European Union: Cohesion Policy, smart specialisation, and sustainable urban development.

The analysis of urban policies promoted by the European Union: policy frame and local plans.

The evaluation of urban policies promoted by the European Union: methods and tools.

The practice of urban initiatives promoted by the European Union.

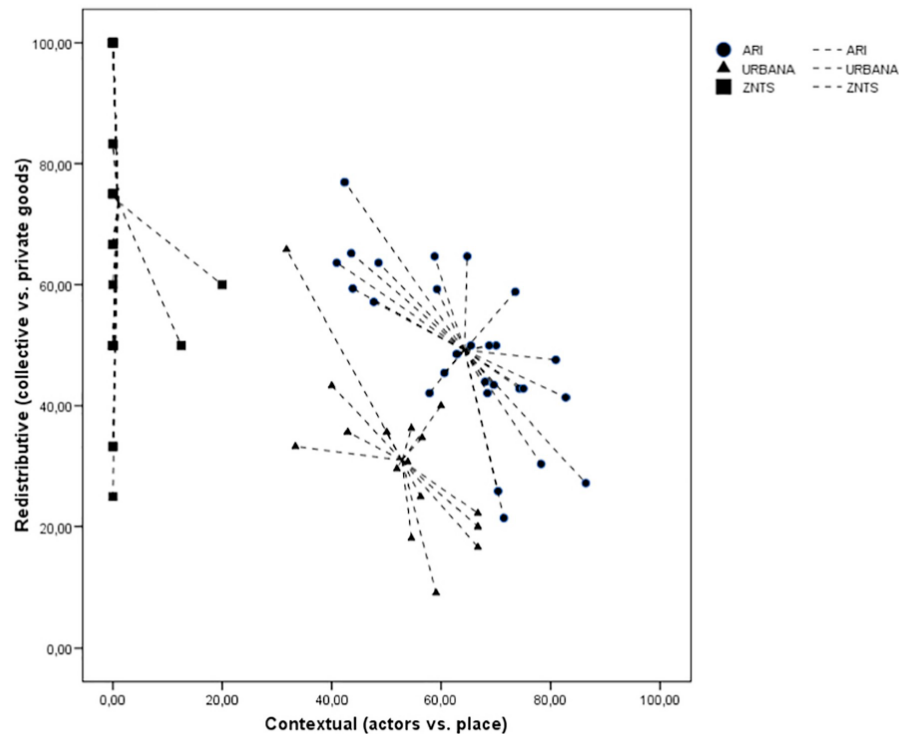


Fig. 3. Intervention strategy in policy mixes: local plans according to contextual and redistributive strategies. Local plans (points) linked by programmes' centroids.

TRANSFER AND TRAINING

Training with EUrPol: providing skills on urban policies to future professionals

Sociology, Political Science and Social Work students carried out their curricular internships during the academic year 2019-2020 within the framework of EUrPol. Students have learned basic techniques for the analysis and evaluation of integral and sustainable development projects developed within the framework of the Cohesion Policy, as well as their application to ongoing research projects focused on this topic.

Sharing knowledge, experiences and skills: researchers, public officials and practitioners workshops.

EurPol held workshops to bring urban policy research and practice closer. Some workshops are 'audience' sessions to discuss and validate research processes and outcomes from a practice perspective. Others try to produce shared knowledge between researchers and practitioners involved in urban policies.

- Integrated urban development in the European Union: analysis and evaluation of initiatives developed in Spain (1994-2013). December 2019.
- The quality of urban policies design. Defining an evaluative framework. April 2020.



PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

Webinars on urban policies: COVID-19 and public participation.

EUrPol has developed two webinars on urban policies in 2020 in collaboration with the Local Government Observatory (*The Andalusian Studies Centre Foundation, Andalusian Regional Government*). Researchers, practitioners, and the general public have discussed the character and impact of COVID-19 in cities and the role and practice of public participation in urban policies.

- **The city before, during, and after COVID-19.** 27 May 2020.
- **Citizen participation in urban policies.** 23 July 2020.

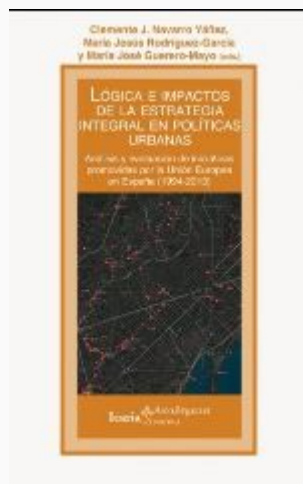
Participation in seminars, training courses and academic events:

Dissemination of EURPol activities and some results in public events

- **Possibilities and impacts of local participatory processes: a gender perspective.** Universidad Pablo de Olavide, 2 October 2019.
- **European Welfare State from a comparative perspective: Poland and the EU integration process.** Universidad Pablo de Olavide, 17 February 2020.
- **European Urban Policies and historical city centres.** Universidad Pablo de Olavide, 4 March 2020.
- **The new policy frame of urban policies.** Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública y Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, 27-29 July 2020.



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