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# GANGCITY

## **Youth Crime Spaces and the Strategies of Urban Resilience**

Gangcity documents the phenomenon of urban clusters, void of any form of control of legality, and ruled by a growing multitude of violent non-state actors – gangs, mafias, terrorists – with the aim of activating processes for the reappropriation and securitization of public and private spaces.

The project is intended to disclose the mutual influence between violence and the geography of the city, paying peculiar attention to the gangs as primary groups – both in structural terms, and because mostly involving adolescents – showing how they constitute and spread within the urban ghettos. Emphasis will be given to how the various urban elements contribute to facilitating or obstructing the sprawling of criminal activities: borderline areas, derelict industrial zones, high density residential zones with a low quality of life, compared to more positive elements such as the presence of public transport systems, urban structures with a range of functions, commercial connective tissues, youth clubs, social services, public or private parks and gardens.

Fostering a cross-over of disciplines and methodologies, Gangcity proposes an International Symposium, and a Photographic Exhibition; together with an array of other scientific workshops and shows. The narrative register that emerges from the scientific of the gangs blends with the choral stories of architects, urbanists, and artists, actors together with the inhabitants of new life cycles of urban clusters finally freed from gangs violence through the practice of social inclusion instead of repression.

The project is coordinated by Fabio Armao, Full Professor of International Relations at the University of Turin; and unites social scientists, architects and urban planners, as well as artists and performers from around the world.



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# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

## Dialogues on Spaces of Urban Resistance

The International Symposium epitomizes the scientific itinerary used to devise the project Gangcity and will communicate thought-trains and extract pro-active suggestions. The conference is split into three separate parts that will introduce, explicate, and problematize the widespread presence of gangs in the urban milieu.

Among the participants: Michele Bonino (Politecnico di Torino), David C. Brotherton (City University of New York), Luisa Collina (Politecnico di Milano), Diane E. Davis (Harvard University, Boston), Donna De Cesare (University of Texas at Austin), Stephen Graham (Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne), Carlo Ratti (Mit, Boston), Marco Santangelo (Politecnico di Torino).

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