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## City, Diversity, and Geopolitics

**Date:** Monday, 2 October 2017

**Time:** 13:15–16:30

**Place:** Virta Building, Lecture Room Ls 120, University of Tampere

The two prestigious keynote speakers of this afternoon seminar address urban spaces as sites of multiple diversities, contestations, and conflicts and explain how this relates to banal geopolitics.

**Professor David Kaplan** (Kent State University, USA) discusses the attempts to categorize and understand the ways in which cultural diversity manifests itself in urban space and how we can consider the differential nature of multicultural neighborhoods. His empirical work relates especially to Paris.

**Dr. Adam Ramadan** (University of Birmingham, UK) talks about one of the most basic and ubiquitous spaces of urban hospitality, the hotel, connecting it to urban architectures of (in)security, war, displacement, and peacemaking. Hotels in the Middle East and the Balkans exemplify how these spaces act as projections of soft power and targets of political violence, but also provide ‘emergency’ hospitality and care.

### PROGRAM

13:15–13:30	Welcome by Professor Pauliina Raento
13:30–14:15	Keynote lecture by Professor David Kaplan "Conceptualizing Multicultural Neighborhoods"
14:15–14:30	Reflections by Dr. Elisa Pascucci
Coffee Break	
15:00–15:45	Keynote lecture by Dr. Adam Ramadan "Hotel Geopolitics: Urban Hospitality on the Front Line"
15:45–16:00	Reflections by Docent Anna-Kaisa Kuusisto
16:00–16:30	Discussion

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The Seminar is open to the public, free of charge. Please register for coffee by Thursday 28 September via <https://elomake3.uta.fi/lomakkeet/19715/lomake.html>

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## SPEAKERS

**David Kaplan** is Professor of Geography at Kent State University in Ohio, USA. He is also Editor in Chief of *The Geographical Review* and co-editor of *National Identities*. He has edited and authored several books, most recently the monograph *Navigating Ethnicity: Segregation, Placemaking, and Difference*, by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers (2017).

**Adam Ramadan** is Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Birmingham, UK. Dr. Ramadan's work lies at the intersection between political and cultural geography. His research addresses the 'everyday' of geopolitics, how ordinary people understand and negotiate their position within broader geopolitical dynamics. Much of this work has focused on the Middle East and refugee issues.

**Anna-Kaisa Kuusisto** is Academy of Finland Senior Fellow at the University of Tampere and Docent of Political Geography at the University of Helsinki. Her research focuses on cultural memory studies, political geography, and migration studies. Dr. Kuusisto directs the Academy of Finland key project TRUST on the transcultural belonging of unaccompanied refugee minors.

**Elisa Pascucci** is Academy of Finland Postdoctoral Researcher at University of Tampere. Her work focuses on refugee and humanitarian geographies of North Africa and the Middle East. She is interested in the materialities and economies that characterize humanitarian spaces. Her recent publications include analyses of sociomaterial infrastructures in the provision of refugee shelter in urban areas and of the politics and ethics of research access in humanitarian spaces.

**Pauliina Raento** is Professor of Regional Studies at the University of Tampere Faculty of Management and Research Associate of Space and Political Agency Research Group (SPARG) of the Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in Research (RELATE). Her work on geopolitics relates to visualization, nationalism, identity politics, boundaries, and non-human agency. She works on the Horse in Finland Research Project, funded by the Kone Foundation.

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