Critical approaches to the City
The “Critical approaches to the City” course aims at introducing students to key theoretical foundations and to the empirical practice of qualitative research approaches to the study of the city. While discussing the tradition and prevailing contemporary developments in urban theory, ranging from urban sociology to urban geography, the course will discuss a selection of relevant research topics such as housing, neighborhoods, urban movements. Using a critical lens, lecturers will address each research topic and the surrounding scientific debates. The course will be taught by the course coordinator, Dr. Margherita Grazioli, with lectures by Dr. Audrey Lumley-Sapanski. The course is structured in a series of reading seminars. Students will be invited to read and present assigned readings that will be discussed collectively in class. The course is compulsory.