

Bochum International Seminar on the Transformation of Urban Spaces (BISTUS VI): Institutionalism and Cities: Theory and Method in Comparative Analysis of Urban Institutions

- Dates & times: 11-15 November, 2019, 16-19 hrs c.t.
- 6 ECTS, Room: RUB, IA 5/92-154
- Interdisciplinary seminar for **Master and PhD students**
- Registration closing **30 September, 2019**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.
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Outline

This seminar focuses on the **role of institutions** (defined as shared norms and understandings, standard operating practices, and enforceable rules) **in structuring processes of urban change, urban governance, and spatial planning**.

The premise of the course is that cities are extraordinarily densely institutionalized spaces, and that a careful study of institutions, and of processes of institutional continuity and change will be productive for urban scholars. The course reviews the New Institutional literature in Political Science, Sociology, and Planning Theory, with a focus on Historical Institutionalism (HI) and Comparative Historical Analysis (CHA), and develops a conceptual framework for the application of HI theory to urban space.