

Spaces of Homelessness

critical perspectives on
urban social sustainability

For Master and PhD Students of the
IDEA League

Application
Deadline

25 Apr 2025

14:00 (CET)

Summer School
25 -29 August 2025
in **Aachen**



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Spaces of Homelessness: Critical Perspectives on Urban Social Sustainability

25-29 August 2025 at RWTH Aachen University in Aachen, Germany

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Apply now to join a unique interdisciplinary summer course exploring the spatial dimensions of homelessness across Europe!

Rising homelessness across Europe reveals the depth of urban inequality and social exclusion. This interdisciplinary summer school explores homelessness as a spatial and political issue, shaped by wider societal, economic, and policy forces.

Learn from leading scholars in human geography, urban planning, and critical social policy from Chalmers University of Technology, RWTH Aachen University, London School of Economic (LSE), Gothenburg University and University of British Columbia, alongside practitioners working on the ground, such as Queer Homes, homelessness and social workers in Cologne.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Don Mitchell

Renowned for his pioneering work on cultural geography and the political economy of public spaces, Professor Mitchell offers unparalleled insights into homelessness, right to the city, and spatial justice.

What you'll gain

- Critical perspectives on the urban politics of homelessness
- Interdisciplinary approaches to spatial justice
- Engagement with real-world case studies and field-based learning
- Opportunities to connect theory with practice
- A platform for developing research and action-oriented ideas

Who should apply?

Students with backgrounds in urban studies, geography, sociology, planning, political science, and related fields — or anyone passionate about social justice and urban sustainability.

Applications open until 25 April 2024 2pm CET

More info & application: https://idealeague.org/spacesofhomelessness_2025/

Questions? Contact us at summerschool@geo.rwth-aachen.de

Come rethink the city — from the margins in.