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### Juan Miguel ALBERTOS - University of Valencia (Spain) -

*Juan-Miguel Albertos Puebla* (Aachen, 1963) is Professor in Human Geography at the Department of Geography of the University of Valencia (Spain) and researcher of the Inter-university Institute for Local Development.

*His teaching has focused on several fields of human geography: population studies, economic geography, and transport and mobility issues. His recent interest on research is addressed to the role of the big global Spanish metropolitan areas are playing in order to foster territorial and economic development, with a special emphasis on what happened in the last decade, since the bursting of the housing bubble in 2008.*

*He is carrying out a research project funded by the Spanish National Plan of R&D on «Social Sustainability, global connectivity and creative economy as development strategies from the Metropolitan Area of Valencia». Another preferential recent research interest is metropolitan sustainable mobility, especially in relation with the social and territorial specificities of the metropolitan peripheries; in this field he will be involved the coming next years with the "Mutandis" I Site project.*

### Short Course

## *What remains of Spanish world cities after crisis ? Economic transformations, attraction of talent and global networks*

#### Timetable

Friday, June 29 - 14:00

#### Location

Espace Bienvenüe  
14-20 Boulevard Newton  
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#### Target Audience

PhD students

#### Language

English

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### Course Content

*The crisis that started in 2008 with the end of the real estate and credit bubble had a pervasive and unequal impact on the Spanish cities and regions. The increase of regional disparities has been acute and has reversed past trends towards a more balanced economic landscape. Taking into account this framework, it would be interesting to explore the role the main Spanish metropolitan areas, -which we can so-called world/global cities- are having as main actors of structural internal transformations, engines of economic growth, and connectors to the global world.*

*Considering as Spanish world/global cities the 5 main metropolitan areas (Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Sevilla and Bilbao), it will be discussed their recent trajectories in a threefold dimension:*

- 1) the extent of the productive transformations in course – how far have they advanced in their attempt to reach a competitive mix of economic activities?*
- 2) are they attracting external talent from Spain or from abroad and how is changing their labour and skills structure?*
- 3) using as indicator the travellers flows by plane and high speed trains, how is changing their position in the cities networks, both at Spanish and at global scale?*

