

## EXERCISE 3 GLOBAL LEARNING

### UNIT C: THEMATIC FOCUS 3 – BERLIN, AN INCLUSIVE CITY?

***“The claim for the right to the city has turned into a viral slogan across Europe, North America as well as Latin America, because it fuses and expresses a variety of issues that have become highly charged over years of neoliberal urban development and even more so through the effects of the financial and economic crisis.”***

(Mayer, Margit (2012): The “Right to the city” in urban social movements, p.63)

In recent years, scholars as Mayer are pointing out that new neoliberal structures mingled with the effects of globalization are giving birth to more exclusive urban structures. Hence, neoliberal urban development is provoking a higher degree of segregation and diminishing social mixture in the urban territory. These social reconfigurations are challenging the urban developments worldwide and call to deeper investigate what the terms inclusion and exclusion actually mean for our nowadays urban developments and how cities are experiencing these tendencies.

This thematic focus is divided into two parts:

1. At first, you are asked to understand the theoretical foundation of the terms exclusion / inclusion.

- What kind of definitions do we find in the literature?
- What kinds of perspectives are mentioned regarding urban developments?
- In what way is exclusion / inclusion spatially manifested?
- What are possible potentials of inclusion and how can they be specified?

2. This thematic focus will also help you to prepare yourself for the upcoming empirical case study in Berlin, focussing on the city’s urban particularities related to the phenomena inclusion and exclusion.

The two-fold assignment is:

- A. For the next meeting (on January 30), read two sources of the literature list given to you. Summarize your main findings and put them together for a five minutes presentation.
- B. Elaborate on the topics obtained from the literature that you imagine could also be related to Berlin’s urban development and the aspects of exclusion / inclusion. Name a characteristic area as possible case study in Berlin. Deepen your research to present your approach in a five minutes presentation.

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## READINGS

Please be reminded that you can find the readings on our myDrive-plattform.

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