



# INVITATION TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> URO LAB: GELLERUP, YOUTH AND OUTDOOR SPACES

28-29 MAY 2015

Urban Orders (URO) is an interdisciplinary research network, whose aim is to develop an ambitious and innovative platform for the study of the relationship between contested urban rights and the seizure and ordering of urban spaces. Twice a year, URO will realize a two-day session, what we have called 'URO Labs'. At each URO Lab, an urban case will be identified that focuses on how urban rights are contested and negotiated through the seizure and ordering of urban spaces. The plan is to make four URO Labs in four 'collaborator cities': Aarhus, Berlin, Johannesburg and New Orleans. During the two-day session, all members work towards addressing specific solutions to the case while also charting future issues arising from the particular problematic situation. Participants will involve both academic and non-academic stakeholders and all participants will bring their particular expertise to bear on the case being discussed during the URO Labs. During the first URO Lab, participants from our collaborator cities will also participate.

The theme for the 1<sup>st</sup> URO Lab is '*Gellerup, youth and outdoor spaces*'. Focusing on the ongoing upgrading of the Gellerup Park on the western outskirts of Aarhus (the largest urban upgrading project in Denmark), we will analyse the contested status of the area's urban youth in relation to the use of outdoor areas and consider new ways of harnessing the Gellerup Park's potentials for developing a more integrative urban environment. One month prior to the URO Lab, all participants receive a case file with relevant documents (reports, articles, blueprints, etc) that will allow us to work with the case. Besides reading the documents in the case file, no further preparation is necessary. Based on the two-day session, a collective output will be produced that will be distributed among relevant stakeholders.

**VENUE:** NAVITAS, Inge Lehmanns Gade 10, 8000 Aarhus

**PARTICIPATION:** If you are interested in participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> URO Lab, please write to Katrine Duus Terkelsen ([duuskat@gmail.com](mailto:duuskat@gmail.com)) before 15th of April 2015.