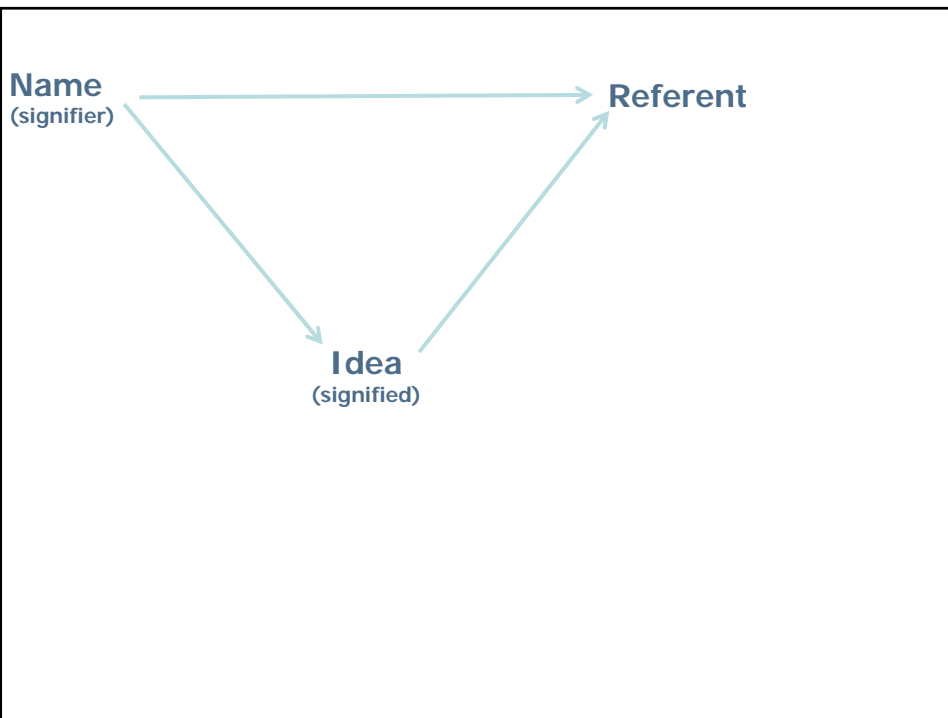
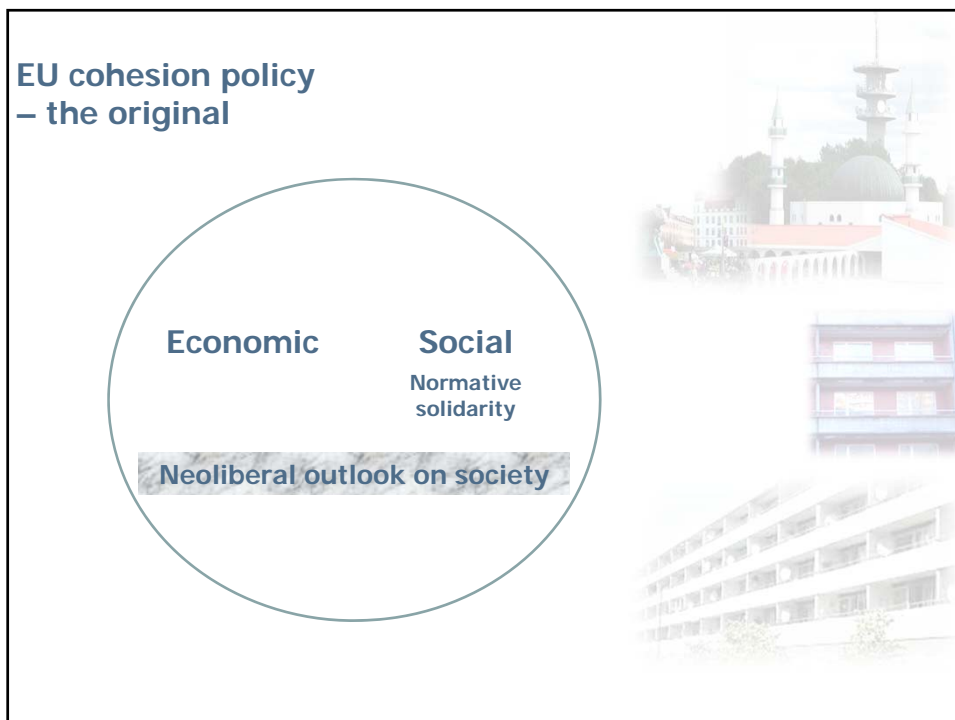
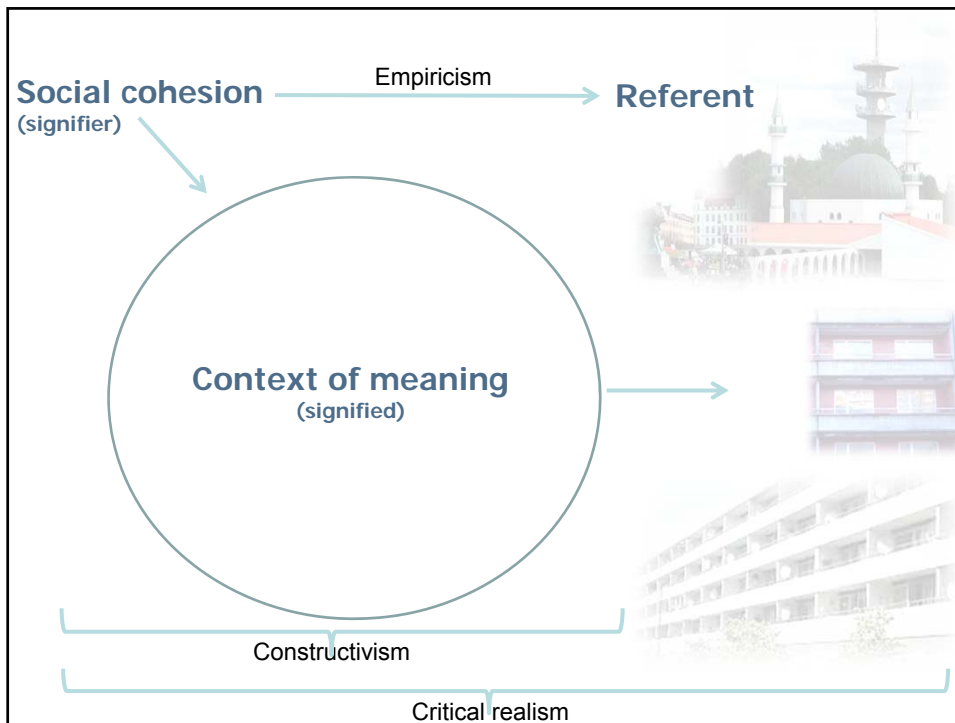


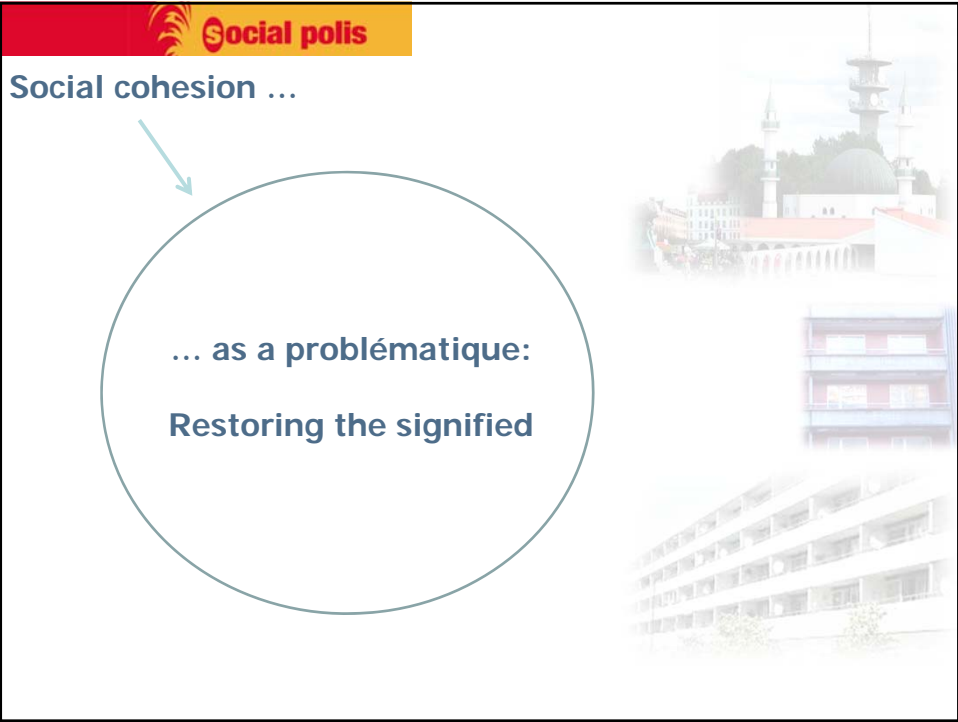
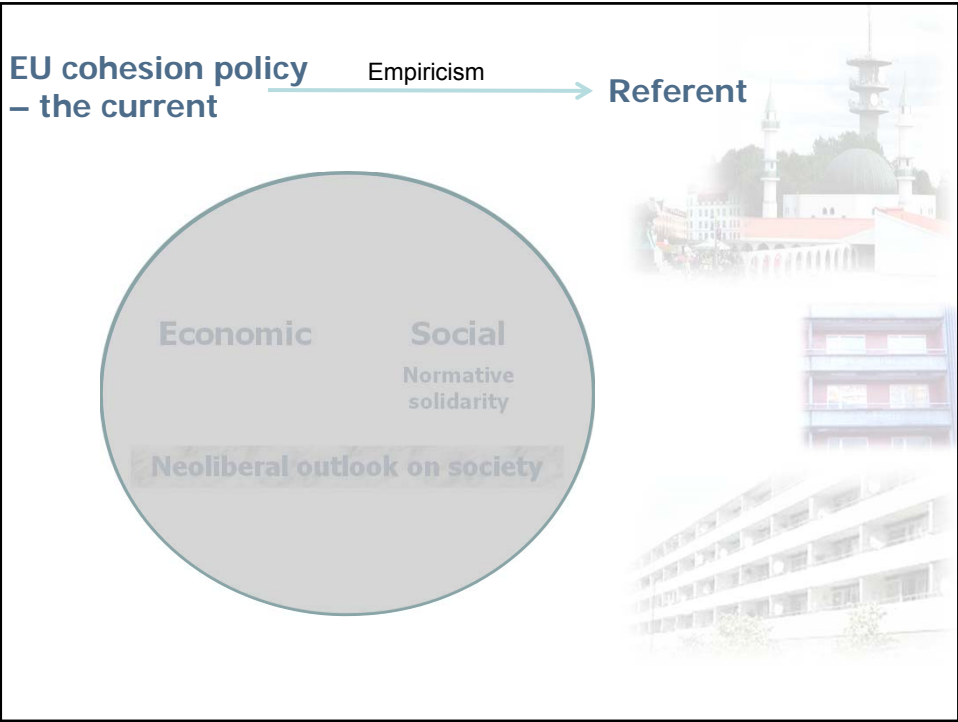
# Aiming at social cohesion in cities to transform society

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**But if social cohesion is the solution,  
what is the problem?**



- Symptoms
- Individualisation
- Objectification
- Localisation



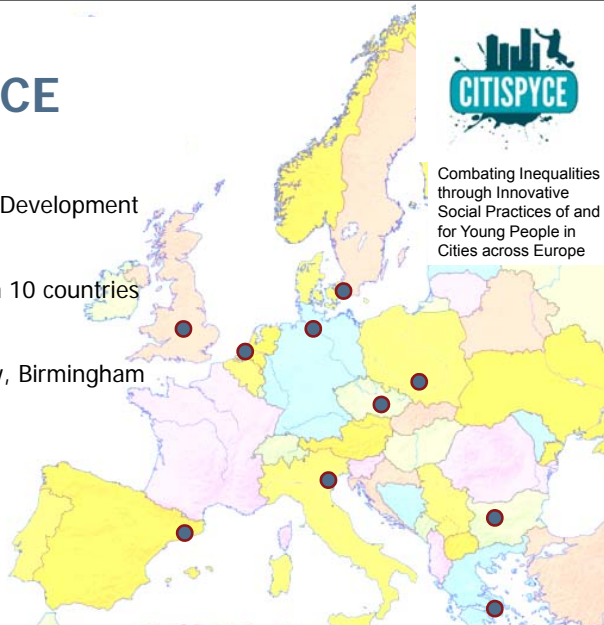
- Social innovations: Including people in existing society without combatting the causes that exclude them

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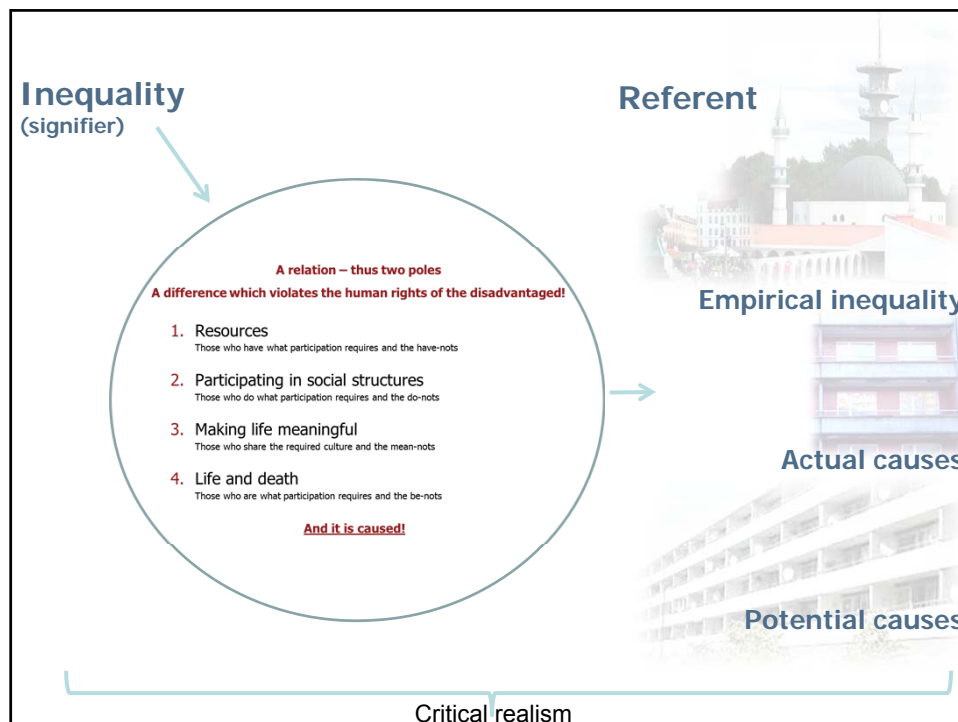


Combating Inequalities through Innovative Social Practices of and for Young People in Cities across Europe

- Funding: FP7 Research and Development
- 13 partners from 10 cities in 10 countries
- Leadership: Aston University, Birmingham
- Time: 2013-2015



Key question: In the rapidly redrawn landscape of deprivation and inequalities across Europe, how might policymakers (at local, national and EU levels) be assisted in their objectives to tackle inequalities through learning from innovative strategies developed for and by young people?



## Prospects for social cohesion in cities through transformative social innovations

1. Adopting a potential-oriented perspective
2. Building knowledge alliances
3. Learning to be critical
4. Working in discretionary learning
5. Collective empowerment

This is the social cohesion to aim at, which also may turn cities into strongholds for the needed societal transformations.