

Athens and the economic crisis 2018

Notes related to a few topics of the introductory discussion
in the class-room

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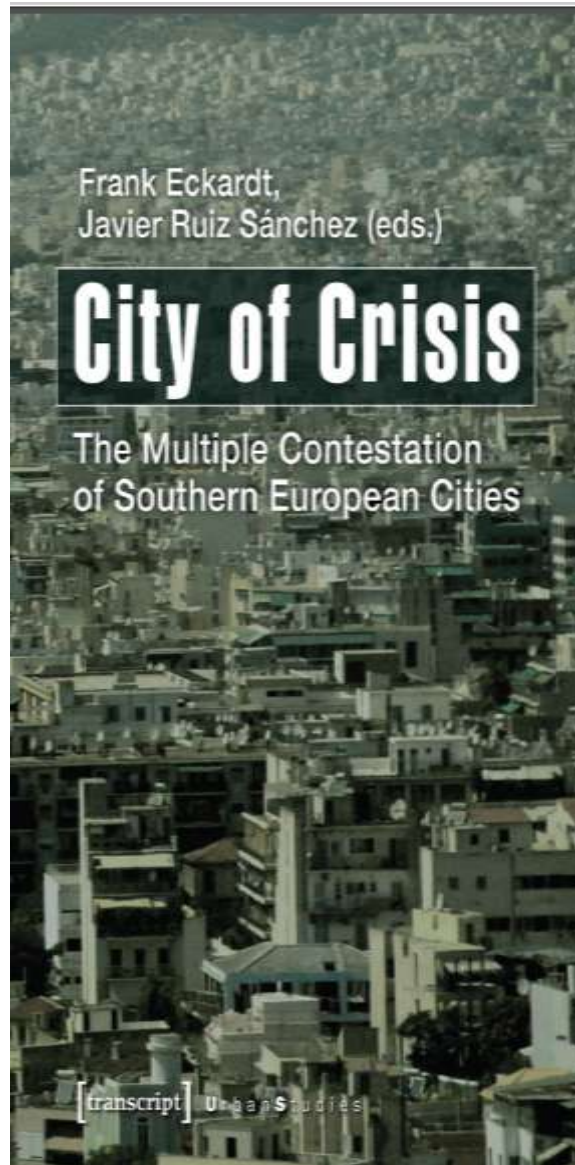
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Abstract

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Athens for some time now has been an important site for civic protest. From the December 2008 'riots' to the Indignant protests and after the streets of Athens have been flaring up in scenes of turmoil and dissent. This article sheds light on a particular moment of this continuous political upheaval, the 2011 Aganaktismenoi movement that grew massively and disappeared into thin air in all but a few months. These political phenomena are approached by deploying Arendt's method of hermeneutic phenomenology and by trying to understand these events through a narrative analysis of participants' stories. Among others, this analysis reveals an emptiness of political narratives (words) that did not correspond with the newness of the political actions (deeds) and allegedly created obstacles for political newness to enter the world of old politics or post-politics. Judging it from the present, political newness as the major political promise of the Syntagma Square occupation did not materialize within the framework of contemporary (democratic) formal politics. Instead, through the passage of time, politics proper found different ways to become enacted through the emergence of a solidarity movement, but also regrettably, through the unimaginable rise of an extreme far-right

Frank ECKARDT and Javier RUIZ SANCHEZ (eds), 2015, *City of Crisis. The Multiple Contestation of Southern European Cities* [electronic book], Bielefeld: transcript Verlag (Urban Studies), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14361/9783839428429-012> (open access)



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The Project “Reactivate Athens - 101 ideas”. Athens in crisis and the social dimension of urban design

2015 | Dec

Maria Kaltsa | Thomas Maloutas
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The center of Athens has been experiencing the most painful of its constant mutations, after the social groups that once formed its urban character abandoned it, and those that wanted to benefit from its unplanned, growth-seeking construction left. During the crisis, Athens, and the country as a whole, were left without the safety net of a developed welfare state. Despite the relatively low level of class and ethnic segregation, the center had been facing significant problems well before the onset of the crisis, following a long period of *laissez-faire* policies in the housing sector, and negligence in urban infrastructure. Starting in the 1970s, the gradual relocation of the upper and middle classes to the suburbs (Maloutas 2013) created amongst those left behind a feeling of entrapment within deteriorating areas. Commercial services also moved to the outskirts, state agencies decentralised, and the least attractive buildings were abandoned, intensifying the degradation that had made the center an affordable option, attracting immigrants in the early 1990s. Although their presence revitalised activities and limited population losses, immigrants became an easy target and were blamed for the deterioration that was actually caused by pre-existing conditions.

An overview of the project's proposals reveals to policy-makers alternative ways that can strengthen social cohesion and economic development. This, of course, implies setting clear regulations regarding the rights and obligations of all involved, encouraging bonding solidarity ideals instead of disciplining, meaningful participation at various governance levels, inventive de-commodification where the market cannot or does not perform to yield positive effects, etc. It is imperative to achieve an organisation at the lowest possible spatial level: the proposed solutions will not be viable unless actively adopted by the locals and monitored through local organisational resources.

Figure 5: Light intervention proposal in an unbuilt plot next to Omonia Square

Indicative links to projects/ websites interesting geographers

<https://www.urbandivercities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Divercities-City-Book-Athens.pdf>



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Innovating spatial development planning
by differentiating land ownership
and governance

INDIGO Research Programme

<https://theindigoproject.be/>

- **Network Partners**

KU Leuven; Harokopio University of Athens

- **Project Summary**

INDIGO is an inter- and transdisciplinary project, which puts the discussion about shared land uses, land property and use rights within the interdisciplinary context of ownership regimes and the 'governance of the Commons'. INDIGO partners jointly examine contemporary concepts of land use, ownership and the Commons and ways to govern them. Concurrently they take the history of the Commons, in Flanders and abroad, and their use and administration into consideration as background explanatory information. INDIGO also analyses different ownership regimes, the contextualised legal dimensions of property and use rights and their implications for spatial development planning practices and modes of governance.

- <https://esdp-network.net/research-collaborations/projects/indigo>

- Alternative Land-use rights and Landed Commons in Europe: Insights from the INDIGO Research Programme, Harokopio University of Athens, 15/12/2018

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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Alternative Land-use rights and Landed Commons in Europe: Insights from the INDIGO Research Programme

Harokopio University of Athens

15.12.2018

10:00 - 10:20 **Registration, welcome speech and coffee**

Session 1 _ Understanding alternative land use rights: From the Commons to their governance

Speakers: P. Delladetsimas, F. Moulaert, P. van der Broeck

10:20 - 10:40 **Presentation of the INDIGO Research Programme.**
Prof. Pieter van den Broeck (KU Leuven)

10:40 - 11:00 **The Classical political-economical Origins of the Debates
on Commons.** Prof. Pavlos Delladetsimas (Harokopio University)

11:00 - 11:20 **Once upon a time in the commons: the good, the bad and
the commoner.** Prof. emer. Frank Moulaert (KU Leuven)

11:20 - 11:30 **Discussion**

11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 2 _ Landed Commons in Spatial Policy Settings: Historical and Current Governance Challenges in European Countries

Speakers: P. Delladetsimas, X. Katsigianni, M. Geldimi

12:00 - 12:20 **Landed Commons analytical framework in different Spatial
Policy Settings in Europe.** Prof. Pavlos Delladetsimas (Harokopio
University)

12:20 - 12:40 **European landed commons within varying legal-
institutional systems: Comparative analysis of eight
European Countries.** Dr. Xenia Katsigianni, PhD Cand. Mary
Geldimi (Harokopio University)

12:40 - 12:50 **Discussion**

12:50 - 13:40 **Light Lunch and coffee**

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Session 3 _ Differentiated land ownership and governance modes and practices in Europe and the world- Case Studies

Speakers: I. Hiergens, A. Kuhk, S. Saavedra Bruno, J. Restakis

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| 13:40 - 14:00 | Latent Land Reforms in Flanders , PhD Cand. Ide Hiergens (KU Leuven) |
| 14:00 - 14:20 | Commons and agriculture: Negotiations over the Werve Hoef Case with the cooperative 'De Landgenoten' , Dr. Annette Kuhk (KU Leuven) |
| 14:20 - 14:40 | Recommoning with slow paths. A multi scalar approach towards access to open land' , Phd Cand. Sofia Saavedra Bruno (KU Leuven) |
| 14:40 - 15:00 | Community Land Trusts – The Canadian Experience , John Restakis, Adj. Prof., Centre for Sustainable Development, Simon Fraser University (Canada); Special Advisor, SMart Co-op, Brussels |
| 15:00 - 15:10 | Discussion |
| 15:10 - 15:40 | Coffee break |

Session 4 _ Historical and political evolution of common property regimes in Greece

Speakers: G. Papanikolaou, A. Papadopoulos, M. Geldimi, X. Katsigianni, G. Loukakis

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| 15:40 - 16:00 | How to promote a commons transition through public policy? , Prof. G. Papanikolaou (Harokopio University) |
| 16:00 - 16:20 | Rural commons in Greece: From past to present , Prof. Apostolos G. Papadopoulos (Harokopio University) |
| 16:20 - 16:40 | Landed Commons in Greece and their current dismantling in the crisis context: The case of Astypalaia island , Pavlos Delladetsimas, Mary Geldimi, Xenia Katsigianni, Giannis Loukakis (Harokopio University) |

Guest Speaker: Panormitis Kontaratos, Mayor of Astypalaia

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| 16:40 - 17:00 | Discussion with the participation of Mr. Panormitis Kontaratos, Mayor of Astypalaia |
| 17:00 - 18.00 | General Discussion |

Homelessness

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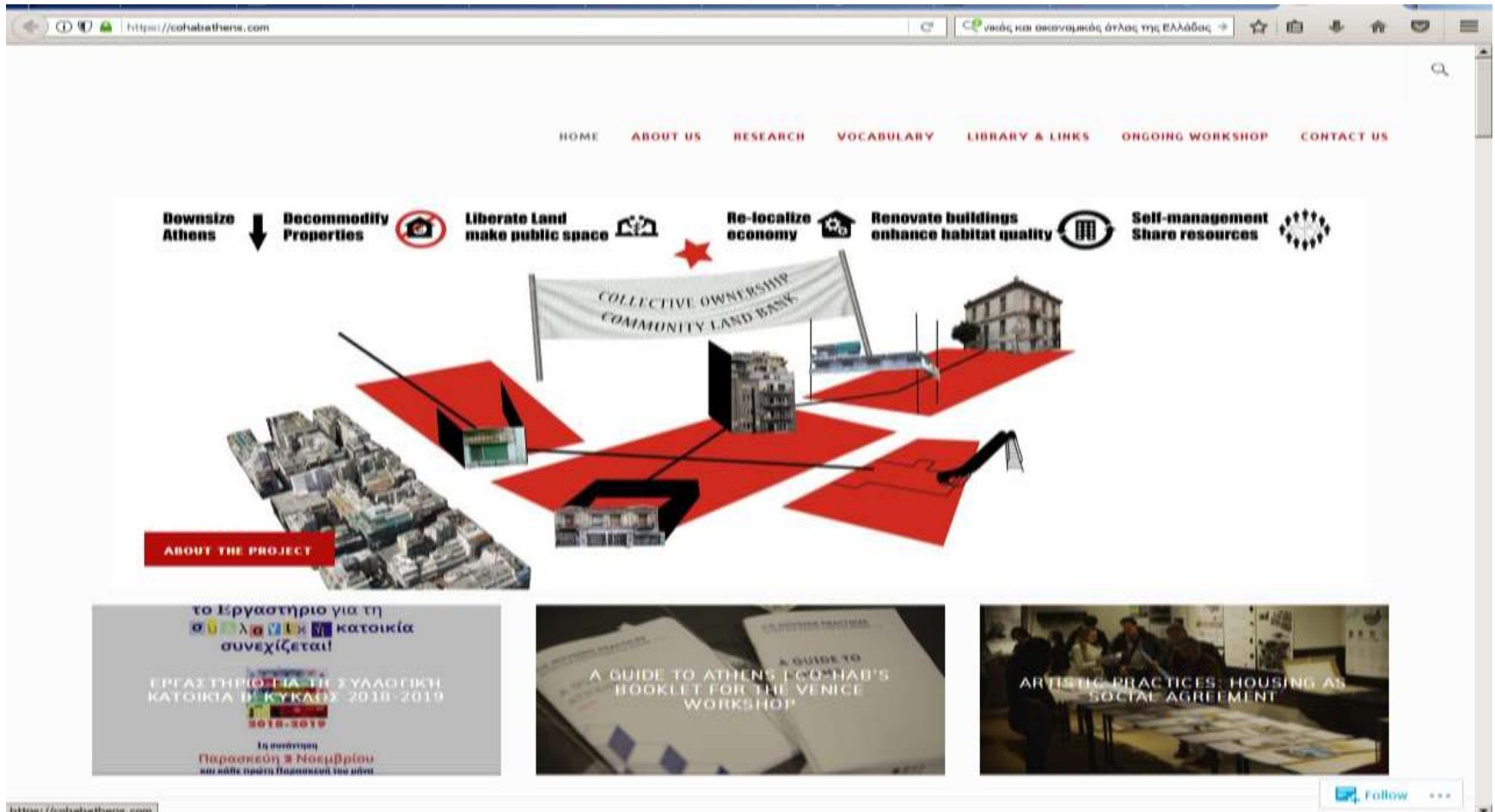
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<https://cohathens.com/>

An applied research project on cohousing and collective ownership models for reclaiming affordable habitat quality in Athens



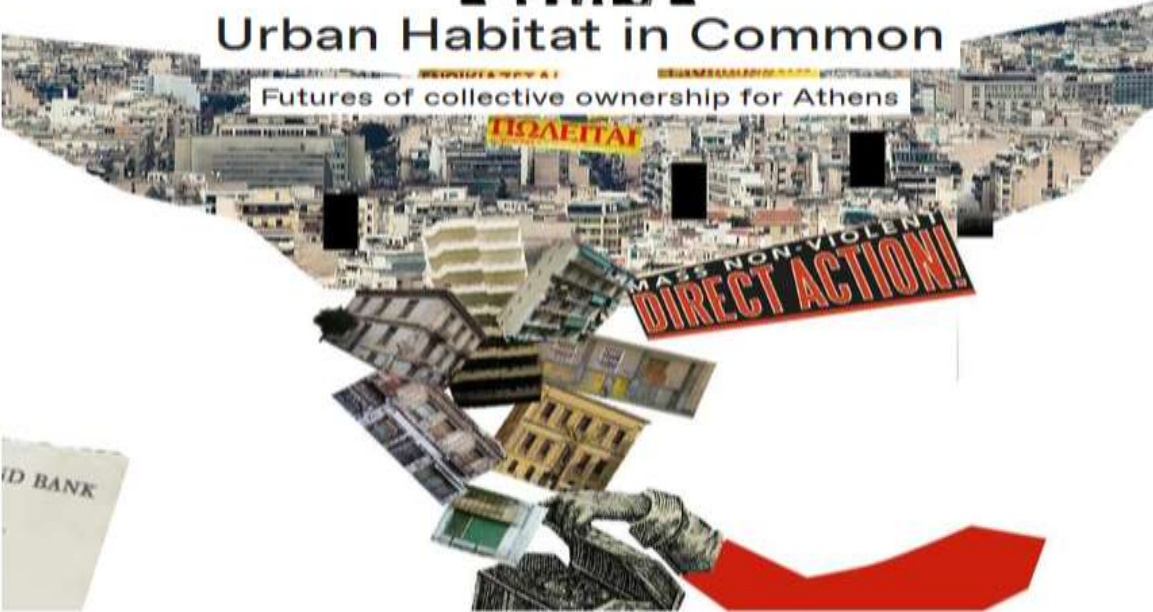
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Given a broken State, beyond failed plans, the only alternative proposal seems to come from the people. The idea is about a community- neighborhood land bank that acquires cheap, empty properties and manages them collectively as a common resource with priority to the needs of residents, protecting them from real estate speculation. A new social contract is sought that would incentivize the synergies of citizens to produce urban space, to exchange land, labor & time while sharing common values and space.

As people practice urbanism, through co-housing & collective management of land, the city becomes a city again- a society's collective plural work.

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DISPERSED CO-HOUSING SYSTEM

The diagram illustrates a 'Dispersed Co-Housing System' as a network of interconnected community facilities. A central blue line, representing a network, branches out to connect various building types and shared spaces. These include: 'Low rent housing' (a multi-story apartment building), 'Common kitchen' (a small building with a red roof), 'Shared flat' (a modern building with a red roof), 'Unified backyards' (a red-shaded area), 'Children neighbourhood playground' (a red-shaded area), 'Cooperative shop' (a building with a red roof), 'Cooking space' (a red-shaded area), 'Community garden' (a red-shaded area), 'Book reading room for elderly people' (a building with a red roof), and 'Common kitchen' (a building with a red roof). The buildings are shown in various colors (red, black, grey) and are connected by a network of blue lines.

A social cooperative, with residents as members, is the basis of a dispersed co-housing system, which collects distinct properties across the neighborhood and uses them either as low -rent housing for its members either to host common facilities and activities, as social care for elderly people, preschool education, or playgrounds that are missing in these central areas of the city. Beyond housing, unemployment needs to be addressed with the relocalization of production and creation of new jobs.

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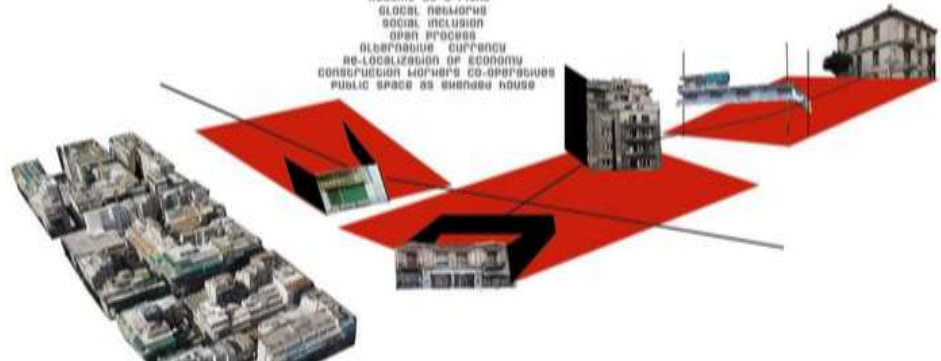
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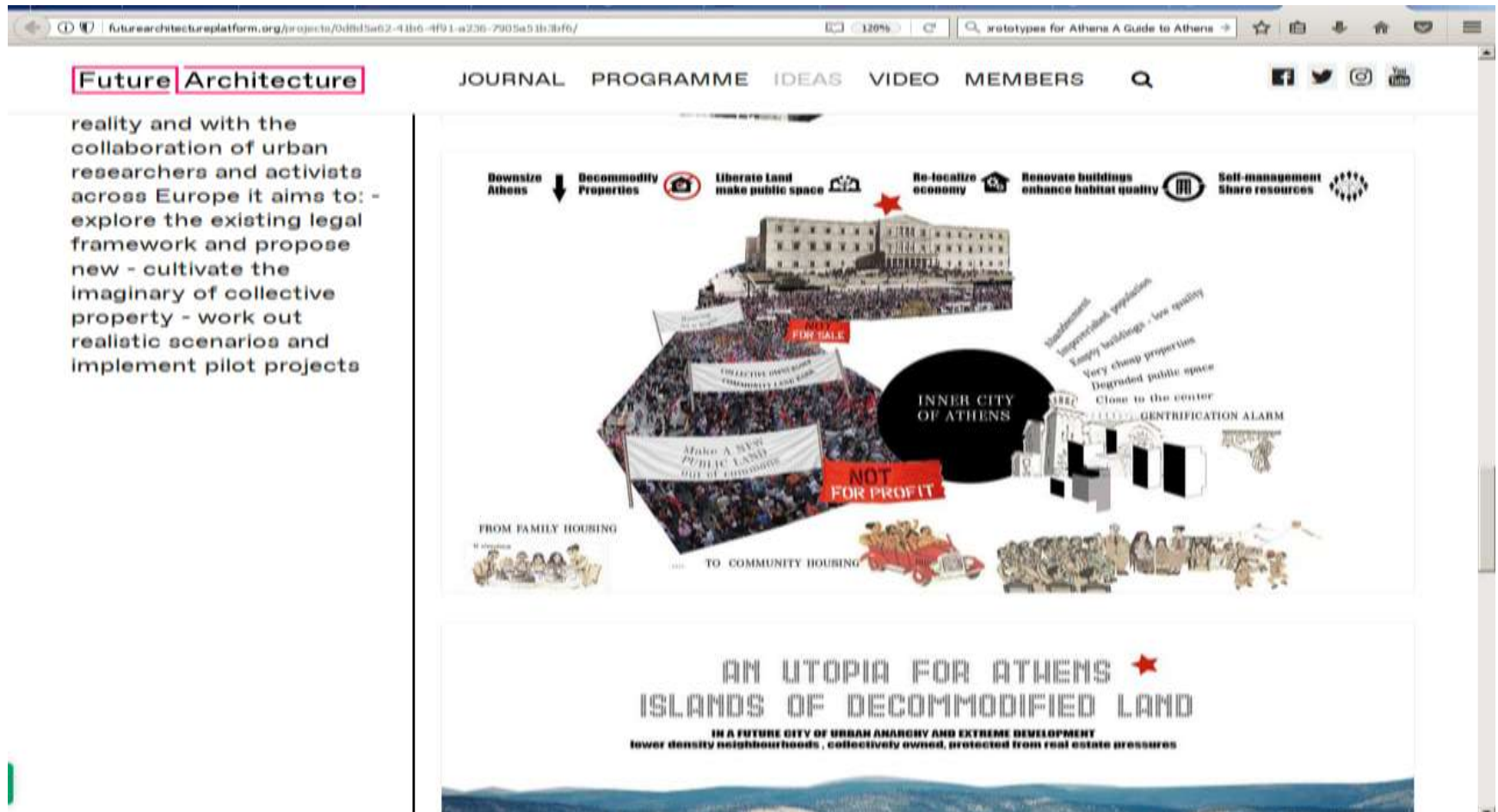
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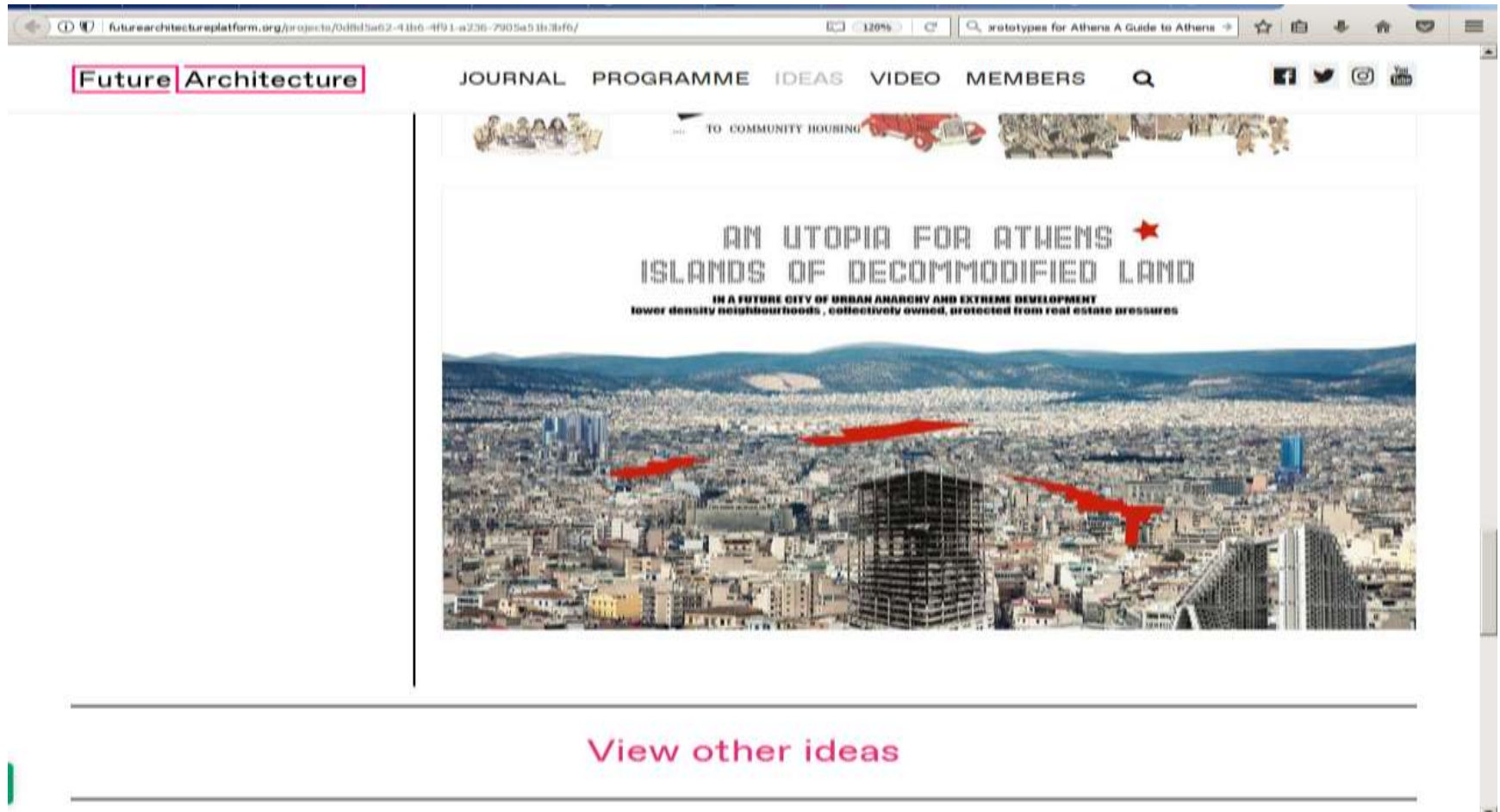
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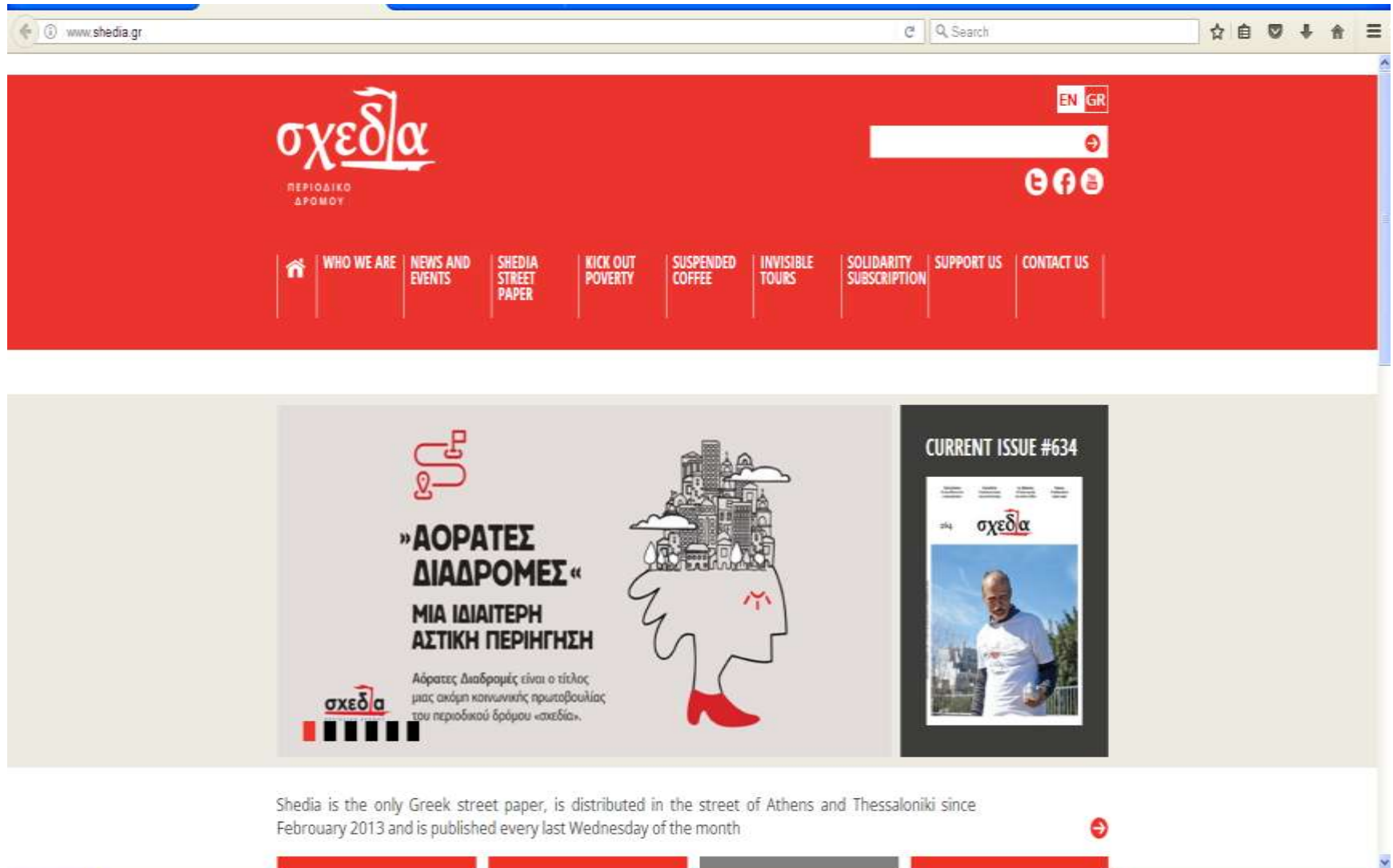


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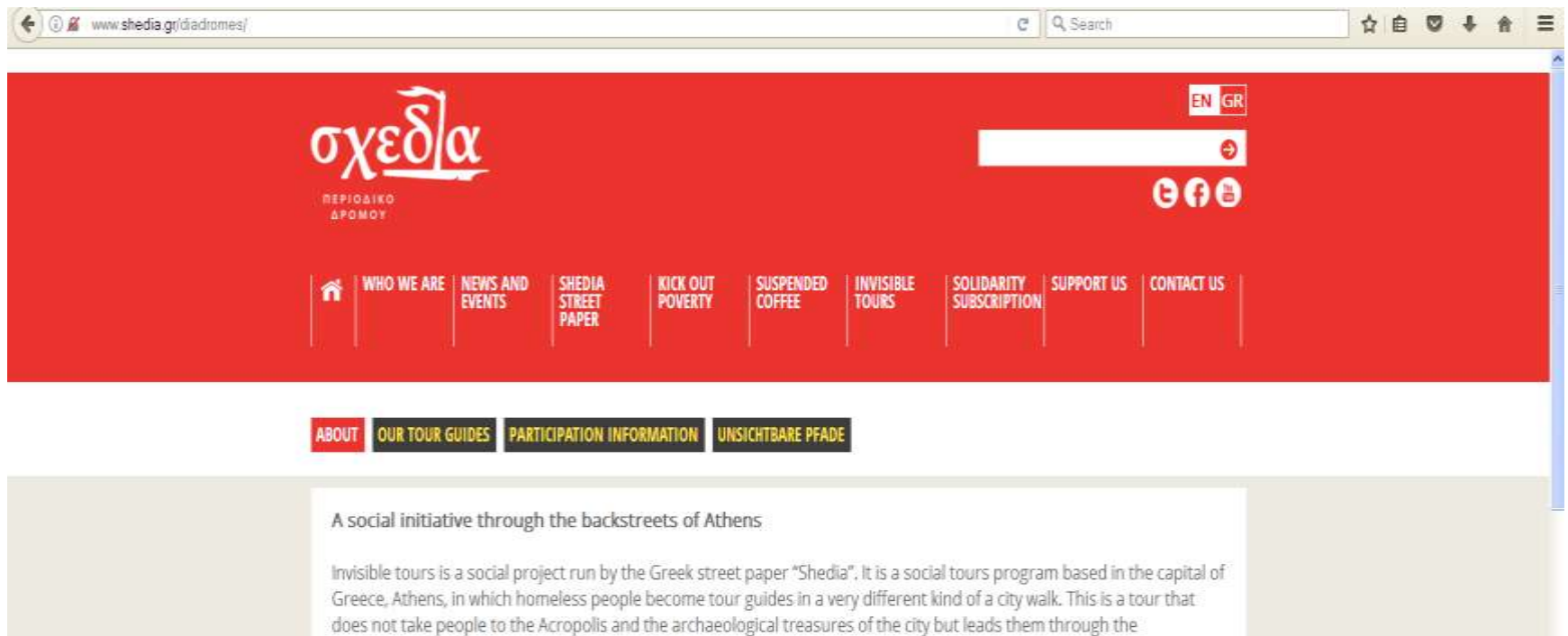
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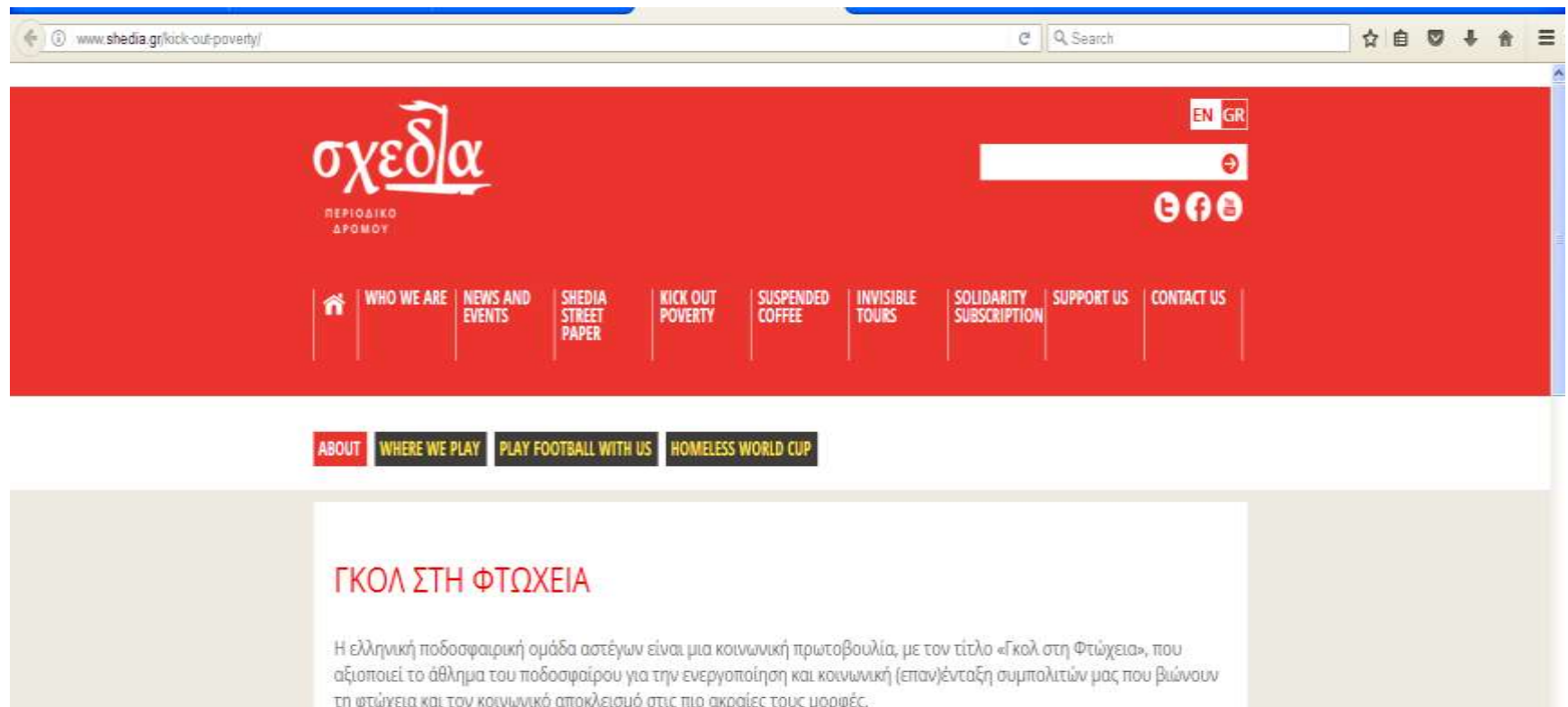
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The screenshot shows the Documenta 14 website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'MENU', 'DE', 'GR', and 'EN' links, along with a search icon. The main heading reads 'documenta 14 Athens / Αθήνα, 8.4.–16.7.2017'. Below this, a date '09.19.2017' is displayed above a photograph of the Heinekafeissary building. To the right of the building photo, the text 'documenta 14 Kassel / Κάσσελ, 10.6.–17.9.2017' is written vertically. Below the building photo, a text block states: 'documenta 14, April 8–September 17, 2017, in Athens, Kassel, and beyond, has reached more people than ever before'. Below this, a paragraph reads: 'documenta 14 is not owned by anyone in particular. It is shared among its visitors and artists, readers and writers, as well as all those whose work made it happen.... [More](#)'. At the bottom left, the word 'News' is visible. On the right side, there is a large graphic with the text 'PUBLIC EXHIBITION' and a tilted image of a poster that says 'South AS A STATE OF MIND'.

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23 April, 2018 to 22 April, 2019

INFO:
Athens is ready for a great celebration, an experience unlike any other! A whole year full of books, reading, culture and events that promote knowledge. Whether younger or older, Athenian or visitor; all are welcome to join the festivities. Our aim? To bring books to every neighbourhood and to every corner of the city.

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ATHENS EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION 2018

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- **The European Commission is awarding Athens the title of the European Capital of Innovation 2018 with a €1 million prize**
- Athens is the winner of this year's European Capital of Innovation Awards, funded by the EU research and innovation programme Horizon 2020. The runner-up cities - Aarhus (Denmark), Hamburg (Germany), Leuven (Belgium), Toulouse (France), and Umeå (Sweden) - received €100,000 each. The prize money will be used to scale up local innovation activities and collaborate with other cities.
- The City of Athens has placed a lot of importance to innovation and how it can help the local community bring about change and open up to the world. Some of the innovations promoted include:
- The [POLIS²](#) project aimed to revitalise abandoned buildings by providing small grants to residents, small enterprises, creative communities and other civil society groups and bring life to all corners of Athens.
- The renovation of the [Kypseli Public Market](#), a 90-year old historical building with active support of Athens' citizens aims to create a new social entrepreneurship market hosting exhibitions, workshops, theatre shows and other initiatives.
- Making [Serafeio](#), a popular community playground, a host of initiatives like Athens Digital Lab, Open Schools or Athens Culture Net, and a novel events space, following a joint decision by the municipality and the local community.
- The [Curing the Limbo](#) initiative, which gives refugees and migrants the possibility to connect with other residents in order to learn the language, develop new skills, find employment opportunities, and engage in active citizenship.
- The Digital Council, in which the city brought together companies and educational institutions to offer trainings on digital literacy and civic technology trainings as well as promote sustainable innovations like [smart recycling bins](#).
- '[This is Athens](#)' campaign where the city invites volunteers to talk about the city's present and past to some of the record 5 million tourists that visited Athens in 2017.

[...]

[Promotional video of each finalist](#) ATHENS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPi5TZgE41U&list=PLvpwIjZTs-LjdbpD0gEav-jtVQAFAMs4X&index=3>

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City of Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau - Official website

<http://athenscvb.gr/en/content/athens-european-capital-innovation-2018-0>

The screenshot shows the official website of the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) for the Athens European Capital of Innovation 2018. The website features a blue header with the ACVB logo and navigation links: Home, About Athens, Members, Plan A Meeting, Promote Athens Toolkit, and Green Meetings. A large banner image shows a dining table with a view of the Acropolis at night. To the right of the banner is a list of services: Travel Services, Media, Social Venues, DMC, Catering, Conference Hotels, Conference Centers, Professional Associations, Accommodation Hotels, Audio Visual, Restaurants/Clubs/Lounges, Sightseeing/Shopping/Activities, PCO, Official Supporters, and Conference Interpreters. Below the banner, there is a section for the ACVB 2018 Calendar with dates and locations: 24-25 January Conventa, Slovenia; 15-17 May IMEX Frankfurt, Germany; 5-7 October All About People, Athens, Greece; 8-9 October Travel Trade Athens, Greece; 21-23 October MCE South Europe, Thessaloniki, Greece; and 5-7 November WTM London, United Kingdom. A central section titled 'Athens is the European Capital of Innovation 2018' includes a photo of a 'web summit' and text stating that Athens is the winner of the 2018 European Capital of Innovation Awards, funded by the EU research and innovation program Horizon 2020. It also mentions that the award consists of 1 million Euros and that the City of Athens has placed a lot of importance to innovation and how it can help the local community bring about change and open up to the world. Some of the innovations promoted include: 1. The POLIS² project aimed to revitalise abandoned buildings by providing small grants to residents, small enterprises, creative communities and other civil society groups and bring life to all corners of Athens. 2. The renovation of the Kypseli Public Market, a 90-year old historical building with active support of Athens' citizens aims to create a new social entrepreneurship market hosting exhibitions. A search bar and a newsletter subscription form are also visible on the right side of the page.

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Athens is the European Capital of Innovation 2018

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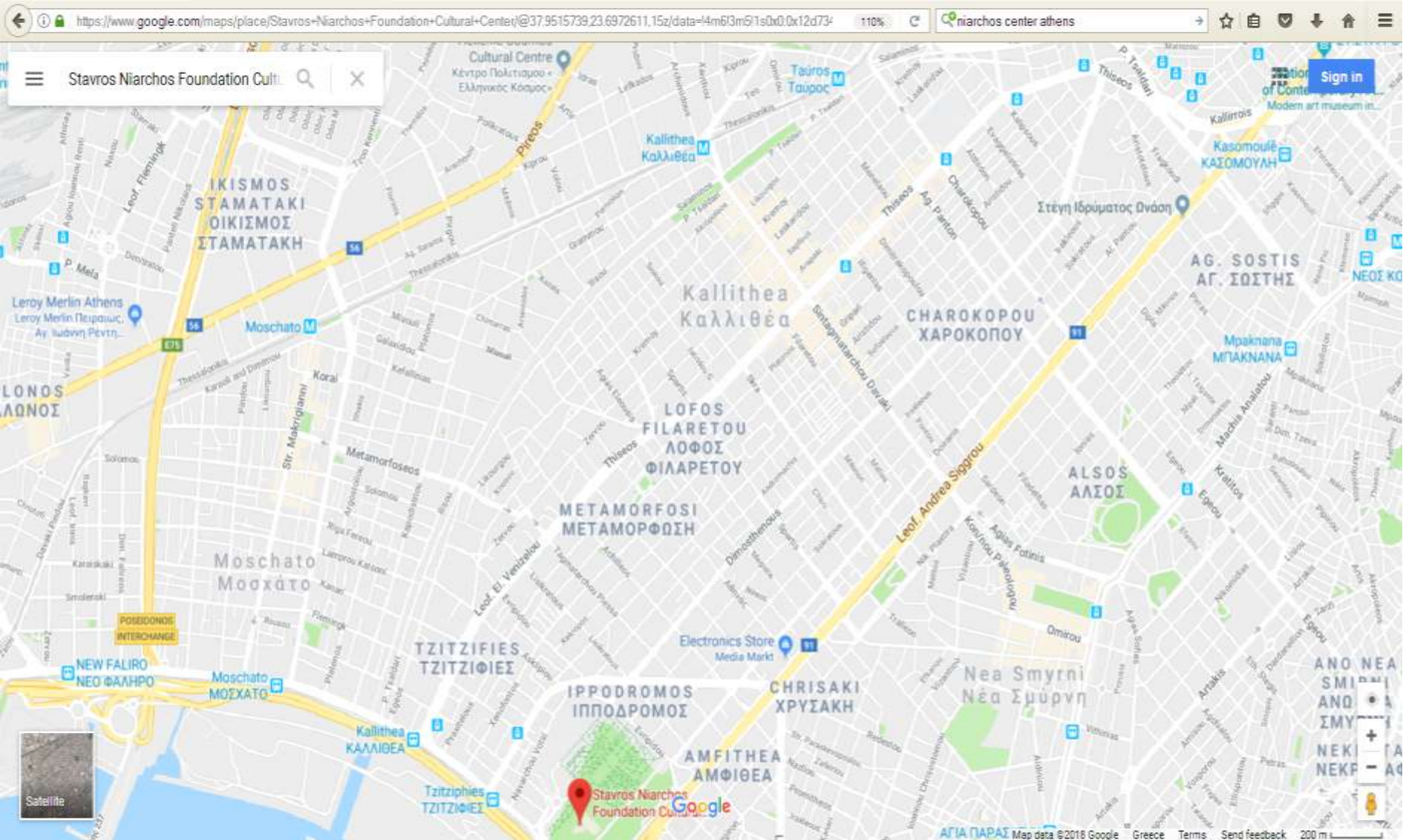
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