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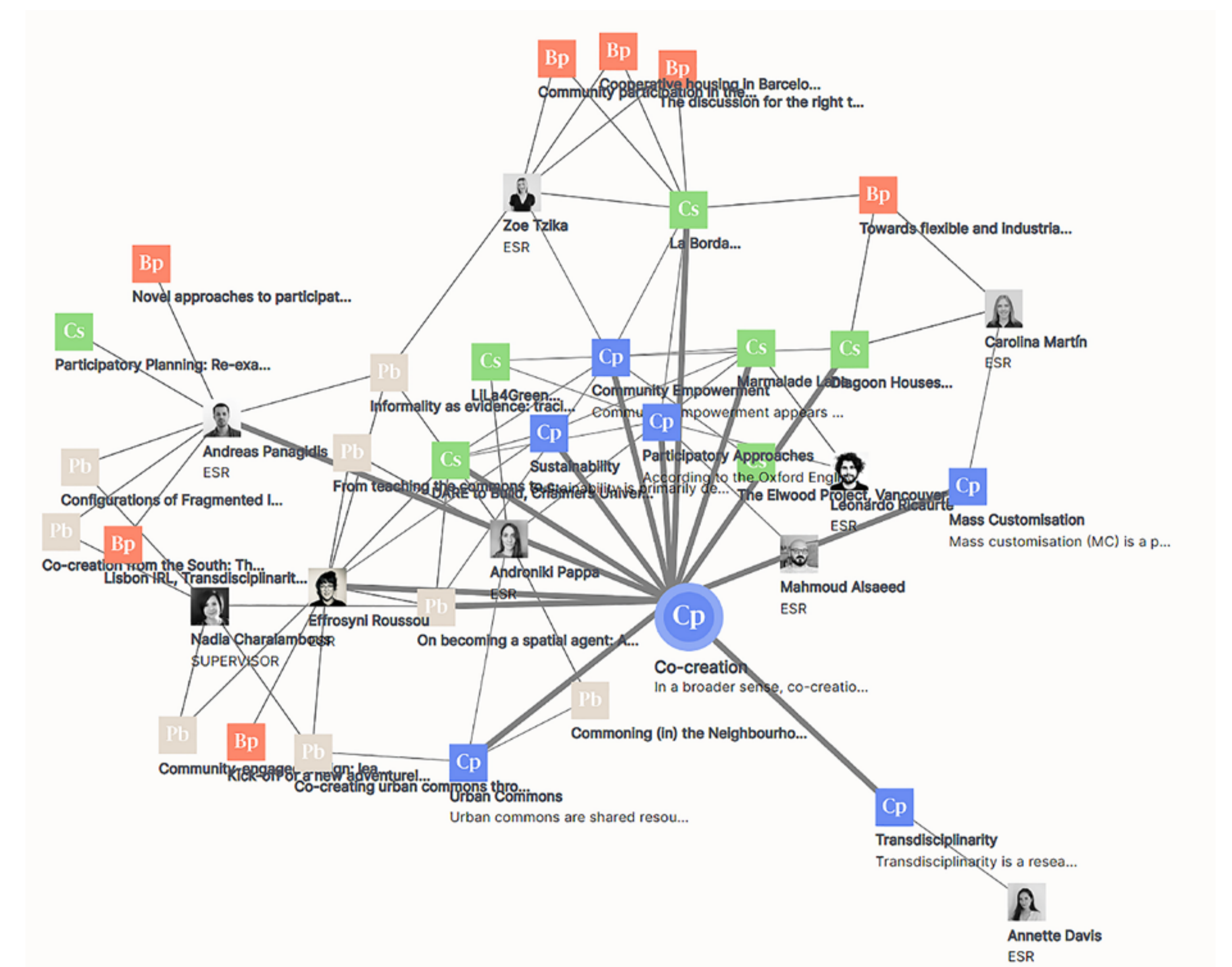
Vocabulary

Co-creation



Research area: Community participation

Co-creation refers to the collective creativity of bringing something new to fruition, whether tangible or intangible. It has been applied to citizen participation in urban planning and design, emphasizing partnerships between citizens and the public sector. Citizen involvement levels range from non-participation to greater degrees of control. In urban planning, co-creation describes citizen roles that involve self-organization, commitment, and ownership. However, co-creation, co-production, and participation are often used interchangeably and can be ambiguous. They have sometimes been used decoratively to justify decisions already made. In public spaces, co-creation may involve housing and placemaking, requiring shared decision-making and joint knowledge creation between communities, urban professionals, and local authorities. Co-creation occurs within socio-spatial contexts and aims to influence place-based policy through innovation. It is a transdisciplinary process and a tool for achieving transdisciplinarity in urban planning, housing design, and architecture. Despite the ambiguity, co-creation processes can create inclusive platforms for sustainable and affordable housing.



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“Housing is part of nature, and if we are studying housing we are studying nature. The field of housing is essentially about the relationship between humans, animals, and a material basis of the house – these three elements together make Nature, with capital N. Architects lack a systematic way of looking at the relationship between these three elements”.

David Clapham, keynote speech “Inhabitation in Nature: houses, people and practices”, RE-DWELL Grenoble conference, 8 December 2022



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“The integration of a set of social participation- with design-oriented guidelines is necessary.”

Anna Martin, blog post “Clashing Vulnerabilities”, February 2023



“Transdisciplinarity became expressed in the when and how of voicing opinions, in the excitement in our voices and in the way we critically and selectively chose what to say when in a big group or one to one.”

Andreas Panagidis, blog post “Lisbon IRL, Transdisciplinarity is Now Real”, September 2021

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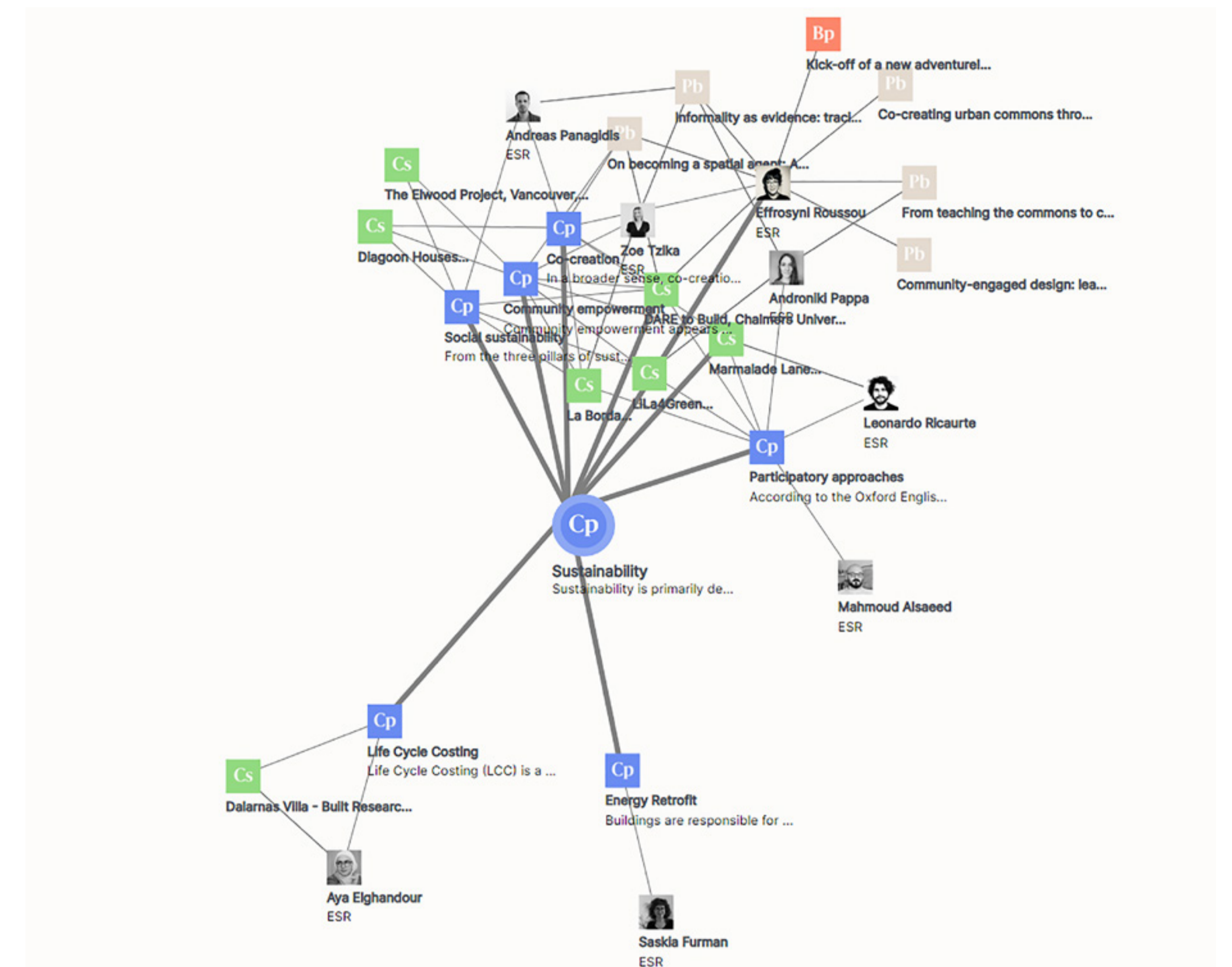
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Social Sustainability

Research area: Community participation

Sustainability and sustainable development are terms which have gained global attention and are widely accepted as valuable. However, due to the vagueness and ambiguity in their definitions, there is an ongoing debate about whether their institutionalization and operationalization as it is now is positive. Some argue that the current understanding of sustainability and sustainable development has been influenced by neoliberalism, leading to the disempowerment of environmental discourses and a focus on economic profit over social and ecological well-being. Murray Bookchin suggests that social and environmental issues are interconnected and rooted in hierarchical and dominating systems. To re-radicalize sustainability, we need to challenge hierarchical relations and promote non-dominating intra-relationships in society. Community participation is seen as valuable in empowering communities and improving well-being, but it has also been co-opted by neoliberalism and lost its transformative potential. Marcus Miessen proposes a cross-benching approach to participation that questions power relations and fosters internal struggle. Through this approach, community participation can become a politicized force that challenges dominant spatial discourses. Sustainability through community participation involves reconfiguring relationships between humans and non-humans to question and dismantle dominance.



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“Social rented housing is not currently capable of accommodating all low-income households. One of the reasons why it is not is that those who are currently renting social housing are finding it increasingly difficult to do so because of the rise in the price of private housing. These households are finding it harder and harder to get out of social housing, and so to free up space for those waiting in line and, above all, those looking to buy their own home”.

Jean-Claude Driant, keynote speech “The issue of affordable housing in metropolitan public policy in France”, RE-DWELL Grenoble conference, 9 December 2022



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Kick-off of a new adventure!

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“Through a sustained collaboration on co-creation and design & build projects, the aim is to re-introduce the University as a vital actor in spatial production. This aim is anchored in the need for an alternative approach to urban governance and land use, especially in contexts such as Cyprus, where the value system around the commons in the pre-colonial era is reminiscing of the contemporary conceptualisations of an anti-capitalist perspective on the right to land and space.”

Nadia Charalambous, Effrosyni Roussou, Christina Panayi (2023). “Co-creating urban commons through community-engaged pedagogies”, EAAE Conference (forthcoming)