The lecture outlines some epistemologies of urban peripheries, with the aim of developing a conceptual framework that focuses on peripheral subjectivities. The framework is based on the wider assumption that peripherality is not simply identifiable through mapping what is out from a relatively central position. Periphery is a people/place related concept, which allows us to identify a mutual relation between the conditions of subjectification and their spatiality. Furthermore, peripherality is the outcome of processes linked to practices of exclusion and bordering, which produce peripheral spaces and people. To understand what is meant by peripheral subjectivities, it is necessary to consider a series of overlapping aspects and key words resp. concepts.

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