

Discussion

strengths

problems

spatial scaling

time scales, dynamism

language again

gender

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Some immense strengths

- Transdisciplinarity - really used here to mean also 'organic' in Gramsci's sense
- Critical distance - embodied in emphasis on Sociology of Knowledge and careful meta-theory
- Abstraction, not generalisation - especially as a basis for non-trivial inspiration
 - Careful use of language
(*assets, social capital, regeneration, partnership*)

Spatial scaling

- Many exclusion experiences (and their corresponding agent groups) show up initially as local - the block, street, local jurisdiction
- ...while the mechanisms, structures, powerful agents act at larger scales
 - policies, agencies in public sphere
 - markets in private sphere
- It is a particular challenge to Katarsis-type work to demonstrate/explore these links. (cf London experience >>>)

London experience

- 2000: new metropolitan govt (Mayor)
- Spatial plan public hearings...
- '03 - no mobilisation/coordination
- '05 - attempts through social forum structure >> collapse of organisation
- '07 - much stronger engagement + inclusion through a formal organisation originated by the Mayor's office (London Civic Forum)
 - old people ("Age Concern")
 - "Homeless Action"
 - "Black Londoners' Forum"
 - London (Municipal) Tenant's Federation
 - and others

Time scale and dynamics

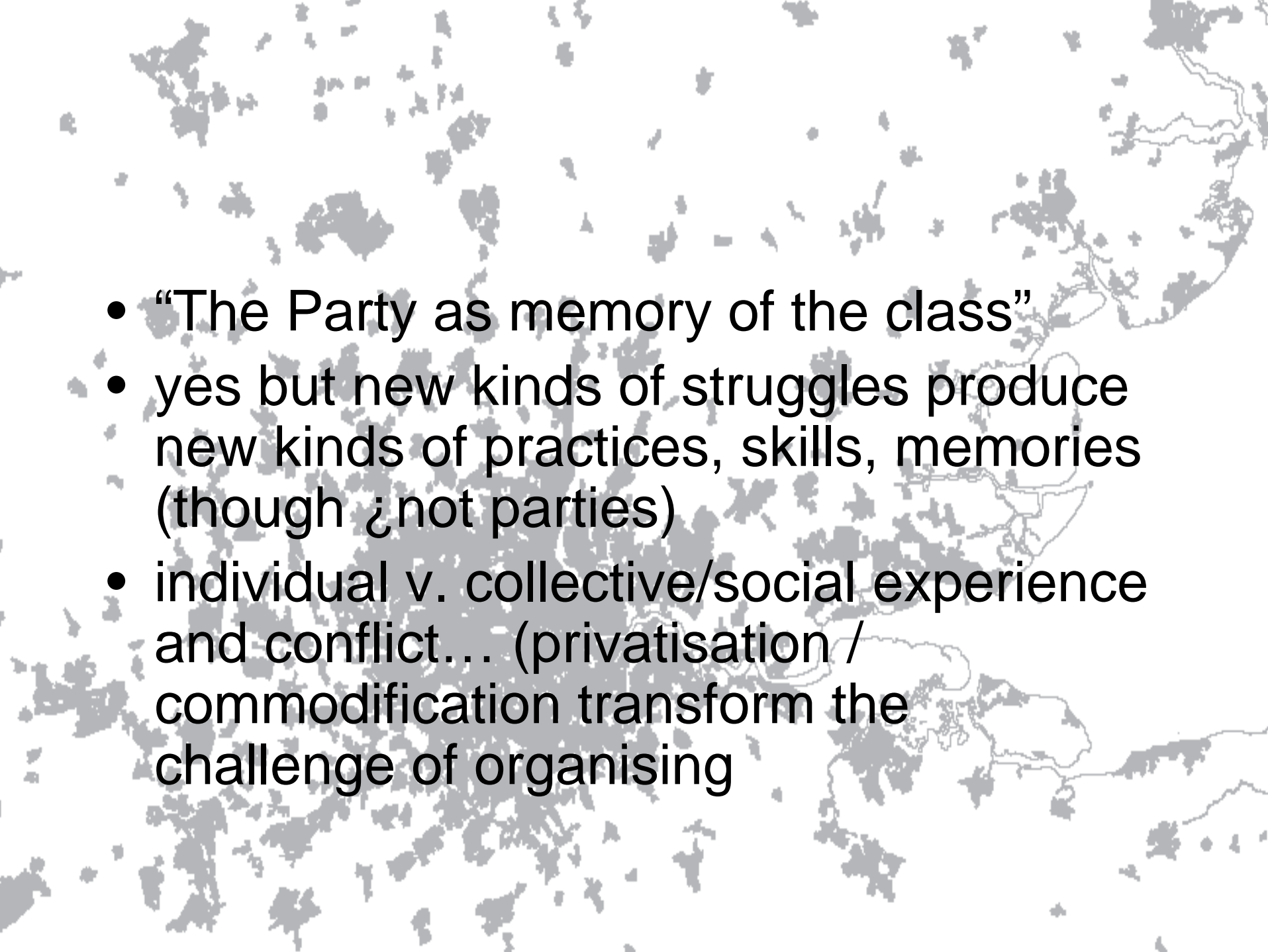
- **Changes** (e.g. in welfare regime, housing rights) can be extremely important
 - in de-stabilising precarious ways of life
 - in provoking resistance ('adversity' today)
 - in undermining established concepts/assumptions
- example - meteoric revival of private rental in UK housing
- Future: utopias, dystopias etc

Language (again)

- Critical exposé of a word can be
 - a tool
 - a weapon even
 - So these debates should not stay ‘in the family’ but be polished up as weapons
- English in international discussion - a problem. What is lost?
- Local minority languages
- value of multiple media, cf Spectacle, CityMined
- Williams, R (1976) *Keywords : a vocabulary of culture and society*, Oxford University Press



Leye, M (2004) 'Wijk-Up (Wake-up)' *City* 8(2): 302,

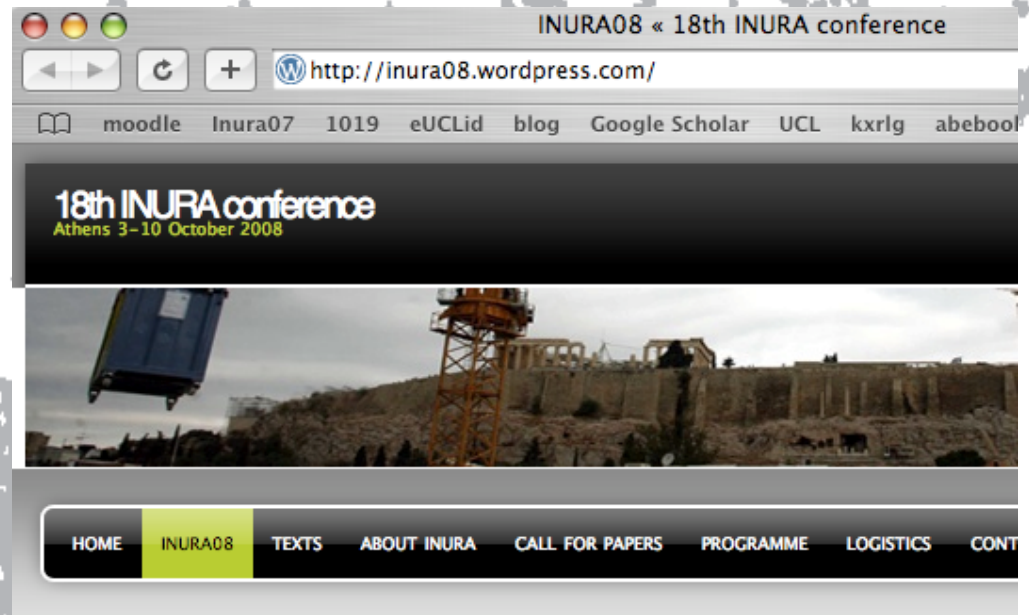
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- “The Party as memory of the class”
 - yes but new kinds of struggles produce new kinds of practices, skills, memories (though \neq not parties)
 - individual v. collective/social experience and conflict... (privatisation / commodification transform the challenge of organising)

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- *gender dimension*
- *very very helpful analysis for the existential fields. Next project must handle more centrally*
- *Subsidiarity:*
- *¿because capital finds it easier to deal with these things with the national-level differences preserved?*
- *EU competences also exclude*
 - *housing / schools / urban transport*
- *[nb suburbanisation creates new opportunities for patriarchy to bite - differential access to the car etc]*
- *¿if genderised segmentation of markets is so valuable to capital might we expect a large number of genders to be created or formalised as market segments?*

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