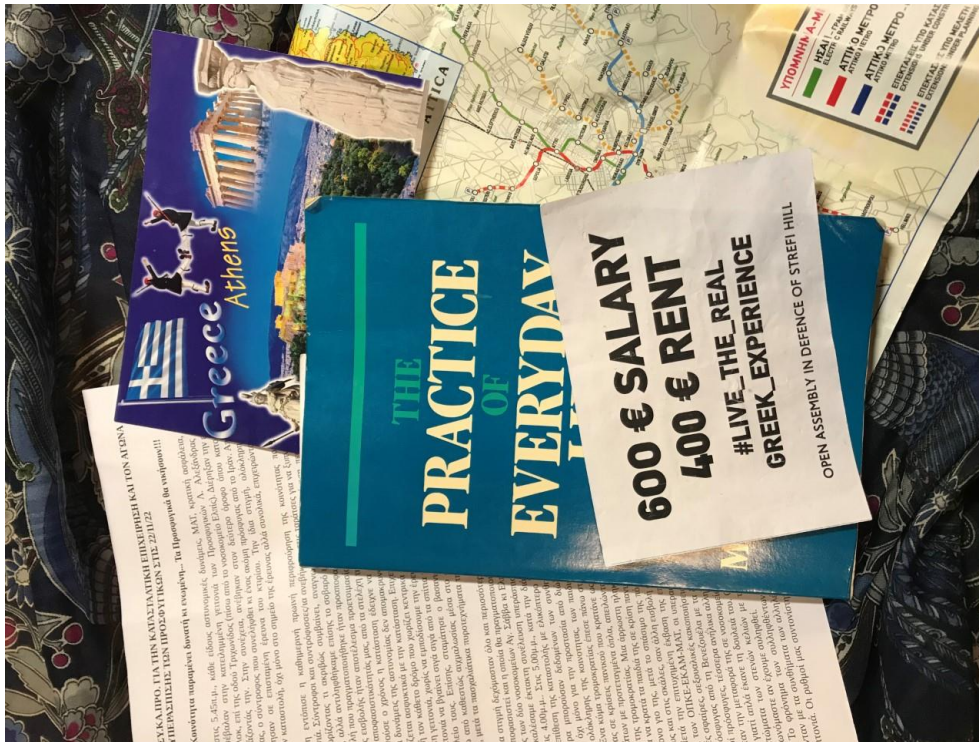


## “Making do” – The Creative Potential of the ill-suited

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With theoretical background in Michel de Certeau’s book “The practice of everyday life”, the lecture will highlight the everyday life in some of the squatted housing blocks in Athens, with focus on the neighborhood of Exarchia. Michel de Certeau uses the notions “strategies” and “tactics” for two ways of operating in the world. Strategies is a force-relationship instigated by “...a subject of will and power”, in the case of this lecture for example AirBnB and the Municipality of Athens. Tactics, on the other hand, is describing the creative use of the systems by “the weak” or “the ordinary man”, in this case the squatters and the legal inhabitants of Exarchia. The lecture will try to give a tour on the battlefield of housing in Athens, but aims specifically to zoom in on the eventual traces of politics in everyday activities such as cooking, sleeping and socializing.



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