

Political perceptions of the metropolitan area. The case of Barcelona

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Debate on metropolitan governance has focused on efficiency and democracy, but mainly efficiency. Studies on metropolitan democracy are scarce and based mainly on the debate reform vs public school, that is, the relationship between size, institutions and citizen participation. In this article we focus on one aspect of this debate: the relationship between citizen participation, mobility and institutional building. Based on the Barcelona case, and using both quantitative and qualitative methods, we analyze how citizens conceive the metropolitan area in terms of their attachment to the space and their political orientations towards it.