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IGK 1705: “The World in the City:
Metropolitanism and Globalization from the Nineteenth-Century to the Present”

Urban–Activism–Scholarship: Global Discourses in Local, Historical and Contemporary Contexts

November 2nd and 3rd, 2012

**TU Berlin
Main Building, room 1035
Straße des 17. Juni 135
10623 Berlin**

Friday, November 2nd, 2012

9:00–9:15 **Welcome:** Dorothee Brantz (IGK-Director, TU Berlin) and Alexander Nützenadel (IGK-Co-Director, HU Berlin)

9:15–10:45 **Panel 1: On the History and Meaning of Urban Social Movements**

Moderator: Afia Afenah (IGK-Fellow, CMS)

Belinda Davis (Rutgers University) “Cities, Imaginary Geographies, and Imagining New Forms of Activism: 1960s-70s West Berlin and Beyond”

Marianne Maeckelbergh (Leiden University) “The Rise of Prefigurative Politics as Strategy in Global Social Movement Networks”

Margit Mayer (FU Berlin) “The Role of Urbanity in City-Based Social Movements”

Commentator: Rosemary Wakeman (Fordham University)

Coffee break

11:00–12:30 **Roundtable 1: Urban Renewal and Citizen Protest**

Moderators: Ute Lehrer (York University) & Anna Steigemann (IGK-Fellow, CMS)

Cordelia Polinna (TU Berlin & Think Berlin)

Matthew Griffen (Deadline, Berlin)

Regina Viljasaar (Linnalabor, Tallinn)

Thorben Wieditz (York University)

Discussion with Moderators and the Audience

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

Friday, November 2nd, 2012

14:00-15:00 **Film Screening:** "Another World is Plantable!" (by Ella van der Haide)

15:15-16:15 **Roundtable 2: Urban Gardening as a Form of Urban Protest**

Moderators: Dorothee Brantz (IGK-Director, TU Berlin) & Christian Haid (IGK-Fellow, CMS)

Ella van der Haide (Munich)

Severin Halder (FU Berlin)

Miranda Martinez (City University New York)

Discussion with Moderators and the Audience

Coffee break

16:30-17:00 **Book Presentation:** "Thick Space: Approaches to Metropolitanism"
(Bielefeld: Transcript, 2012)

Dorothee Brantz (Editor) & Sasha Disko (Editor)

17:00 – 18:00 **Keynote Lecture:** Roger Keil (York University) "Occupy the Strip Malls: Universities, Communities and Politics in the Post-Suburban Metropolis"

Introduction: Alexander Nützenadel (IGK Co-Director, HU Berlin)

Reception

Saturday, November 3rd, 2012

9:30-11:00 Panel 2: Public Space and Urban Activism

Moderator: Antonio Carbone (IGK-Fellow, CMS)

Lynn Staeheli (Durham University) "There is No Such Thing as Public Space"

Jessica Sewell (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) "Occupying the City: Spatial Tactics in the Suffrage Movement and Beyond"

Darren Patrick (York University) "'The High Line is Totally Gay': Refiguring the Ground of Gay Green Gentrification in New York City"

Commentator: Annika Hinze (Fordham University)

Coffee break

11:15-12:45 Panel 3: Reflections on Different Forms of Activism and Protest

Moderator: Berit Hummel (IGK-Fellow, CMS)

Beate Kutschke (University of Leipzig) "Music and 1968"

Ricardo Campos (Universidade Aberta, Lisbon) "Urban Visual Culture and the Aesthetics of Transgression: The Case of Graffiti and Street Art Scenes in Lisbon"

Emily Bereskin (IGK-Fellow, CMS) "Tourism Development as Activist Strategy in Northern Ireland"

Commentator: Stefanie Bürkle (TU Berlin)

12:45-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Panel 4: Tenant Protest Past and Present

Moderator: Marc Pradel Miquel (University of Barcelona)

Lisa Vollmer (IGK-Fellow, CMS) "What Does it Mean to Act 'Political'? The Tenant Movement in Berlin, 1872-1932"

Andrej Holm (HU Berlin) "The Recurrence of the Housing Question: Changing Housing Policies and Tenants Protest in Europe"

Gülden Erkut (Istanbul Technical University) "Planning Agenda of Post-2000's in Istanbul: Imposed Urban Transformation Projects Versus People"

Commentator: Kanishka Goonewardena (University of Toronto)

17:00 **Excursions in Berlin** (For IGK Members and Conference Participants only)

20:00 **Conference Dinner at Skylounge**
(For IGK Members and Conference Participants only)

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