**Empire, City, Nature**

2nd Annual Conference
International Graduate Research Program, Berlin-New York-Toronto:
'The World in the City: Metropolitanism and Globalization from the Nineteenth Century to the Present'

30.05.2013 - 02.06.2013
York University and the University of Toronto
Toronto

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01.06.2013  Saturday (University of Toronto)
09:30-11:00  Keynotes on Nature: George Ignatieff Theatre
Dorothee Brantz  Uneven Natures: An Historian’s View on the Environmental Production of Urban Spaces
Roger Keil  The Urban Political Ecology of Ontario’s Greenbelt
Chair: Jennifer Jenkins

11:00-11:15  Coffee Break (Munk, 202 North)
11:15-12:45  Panels 5A (Munk, 208 North) and 5B (Munk, 108 North)
12:45-14:15  Lunch (Munk, 202 North)
14:15-16:15  IGK business meeting (Munk, 208 North)
16:15-17:45  Faculty-student meetings
19:00-  Dinner at Jennifer Jenkins's home: 329 Quebec Avenue, Toronto, ON M6P 2V2

02.06.2013  Sunday (Bus Tour)
11:00-17:00  Suburban Toronto, bus tour
30.05.2013 (13:00-14:30)

Panel 1A (Room B15, HNES Building, York University)

>> The World in the City during the Age of Empire

1  Tara C. Foley  (FU, NYC)
   ‘Nuisance Control’: Representations of the Factory, its Workers
   and the Fight to Zone NYC

2  Dustin Harris  (UT, Toronto)
   Colonial Power Relations and the Production of Public Space in
   Dakar, 1857-1915

3  Botakoz Kassymbemova  (CMS, Berlin)
   Grand Hotels in Imperial Russia: Capital, Trust and Status in
   Moscow Fin-de-Siècle

Moderator: Patrick Hege (CMS, Berlin)
Discussant: Jennifer Jenkins (UT, Toronto)

Panel 1B (Room B17, HNES Building, York University)

>> Social Reproduction and the City

1  Simon Black  (YU, Toronto)
   Social Reproduction in the Revanchist City: Childcare Policy in
   Giuliani’s New York

2  Peter Brogan  (YU, Toronto)
   Understanding the New Urban Apartheid in the ‘Great American
   City’: Social Reproduction and the Containment in the Chicago
   Public Schools

3  Claire Major  (YU, Toronto)
   The Social Reproduction of Homelessness in Fort McMurray,
   Alberta

Moderator: Gergely Baics (Barnard, New York)
Discussant: Gerda Wekerle (YU, Toronto)

Panel 1C (Room 141, HNES Building, York University)

>> Colonization and Space: On the Politics of Gentrification,
   Segregation and Pacification

1  Oded Haas  (YU, Toronto)
   Bedouin communities in the Israeli Negev desert: A case study for
   colonization by “ethnocracy”.
2 **Kim Jackson** (YU, Toronto)
Gentrification in the Junction, West Toronto: A Case Studies for Ongoing (so-called) ‘primitive accumulation’

3 **Parastou Saberi** (YU, Toronto)
On the productive dimension of war: (Ge)politics of fear, “vertical poverty,” and neo-colonial pacification in Toronto’s “middle ring”

Moderator: Kanischka Goonewardena (UT, Toronto)
Discussant: Ranu Basu (YU, Toronto)
30.05.2013 (15:00-16:30)

Panel 2A (Room B15, HNES Building, York University)

>> New Globalism, New Urbanism

1 Afia Afenah (CMS, Berlin)
   From Fishing Village to Modern Metropolis: On Trajectories of
   Urban Planning for Accra, Ghana

2 Sabine Barthold (CMS, Berlin)
   Cities as Actors, Sites and Objects of Global Environmental
   Governance

3 Ayesha Basit (UT, Toronto) + Nathan Prier (YU, Toronto)
   Toronto as ‘Sanctuary City’ for Undocumented Migrants

   Moderator : Margit Mayer (FU, Berlin)
   Discussant: Uli Best (YU, Toronto)

Panel 2B (Room B17, HNES Building, York University)

>> Contested Spaces

1 Adèle Cassola (CU, NYC)
   Gentrification and the State: Policy Responses to Neighborhood
   Diversification and Displacement

2 Christian Haid (CMS, Berlin)
   Legitimate or not - Tracing Informal Spatial Practices in Berlin

3 Cory Jansson (YU, Toronto)
   The Gentrification of Neukölln: Tourism and Class Struggle

4 Nimrod Lin (UT, Toronto)
   Spatial Violence and Urban Planning in Jaffa 1936-1960

   Moderator : Dietrich Henckel (TU, Berlin)
   Discussant: Stefan Kipfer (YU, Toronto)
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Panel 3A (Munk School, Room 208 North, University of Toronto)

>> Futures Past: Space, Time and Urban Utopias

1 Natasha Barykina (UT, Toronto)
   From Utopian Visions to Socialist Constructions: German Modernist Architects and Planners in the USSR
2 Wang Chao (UT, Toronto)
   Planning the Future through the Utopian Past: Urban Development, Socialist Legacy and Spatial Struggle in Panzhihua, China
3 Prasad Khanolkar (UT, Toronto)
   Afterlives of Utopia: Space and Time in Mumbai
4 Azam Khatam (YU, Toronto)
   Tehran Urban Modernization and Reform Movement in Iran

Moderator: Angela Uttke (TU, Berlin)
Discussant: Rosemary Wakeman (FU, NYC)

Panel 3B (Munk School, Room 108 North, University of Toronto)

>> Ruins, Land and Rent

1 Rachael Baker (McMaster U, Hamilton)
   Concentrating the Motor City: Residential Reconfiguration and Civic Ruination in Detroit
2 Meisen Wong (CMS, Berlin)
   Made in China: Land Use, Property Speculation and the Production of Ghost Cities
3 Thorben Wieditz (YU, Toronto)
   Don’t Let the Condos Eat my Job: From the Production Cookies to the Production of Space

Moderator: Emily Bereskin (CMS, Berlin)
Discussant: Robert Beauregard (CU, NYC)
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Panel 4A (Munk School, Room 208 North, University of Toronto)

>> Capital, Value and the Built Environment

1 Martine August (UT, Toronto)
Speculating Social Welfare: Public Housing Redevelopment in Downtown Toronto

2 Peter Pantalone (YU, Toronto)
Environmental Determinism and Contemporary Urban Renewal

3 Laura Calbet I Elias (CMS, Berlin)
Financialization of Housing: Reflections on Neil Smith’s ‘Generalized Gentrification’

Moderator : Lisa Vollmer (CMS, Berlin)
Discussant: Ute Lehrer (YU, Toronto)

Panel 4B (Munk School Room 108 North, University of Toronto)

>> Mobility and City

1 Jean-Paul Addie (YU, Toronto)
Mobility and Marginality: Transportation and the Production of New City-Regional Topologies

2 Martin Danyluk (UT, Toronto)
The Urban Revolution in Logistics

3 Steven Logan (YU, Toronto)
The City as Product in the Age of Automobility: The Case of the South City, Prague

Moderator : Sybille Frank (TU, Berlin)
Discussant: Steve Penfold (UT, Toronto)
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Panel 5A (Munk School, Room 208 North, University of Toronto)

>> Nature, City, Empire: Critical-Theoretical Reflections

1 Karen Asp (YU, Toronto)
Wild Things in the City: Adorno and ‘New Materialism’

2 Zev Moses (UT, Toronto)
Revisiting the Urban Question: Lefebvre, Althusser and the so-called ‘Blind Field’

3 Carmen Teeple-Hopkins (UT, Toronto)
Capitalist Accumulation and Primitive Accumulation in the Making of Precarious Labour and Empire

Moderator: Adrian von Buttlar (TU, Berlin)
Discussant: Shubhra Gururani (YU, Toronto)

Panel 5B (Munk School, Room 108 North, University of Toronto)

>> Water and Urban Politics

1 Marcela Arrieta (CMS, Berlin)
Communal Water Supply Systems as an Alternative to Urban Expansion into Rural Areas

2 Christoph Bernhardt (IRS, Erkner)
Major Problems of Water Governance in Europe since 1945

3 Frederick Peters (YU, Toronto)
Privatization and the Damage Done: Gdansk and Tallinn after a Decade of Water Services Privatization

Moderator: Berit Hummel (CMS, Berlin)
Discussant: Scott Prudham (UT, Toronto)