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GOVERNANCE, LAND & INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

AFTER SUBURBIA:
EXTENDED URBANIZATION AND
LIFE ON THE PLANET’S PERIPHERY

YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, OCTOBER 19-21, 2017

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Thursday Oct. 19

Graduate Student Pre-Conference
13:00 - 17:00

CONFERENCE OPENING

SOLLY ANGEL
Keynote: 17:30 - 18:30

MIGRATING THE MARGINS

Reception
18:30 - 19:30

Artist Talk & Tour
19:30 - 21:00

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[Room 138, Health Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

12:00   Registration Opens  
[Room 136, FES Lounge, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

GRADUATE STUDENT PRE-CONFERENCE  
[Room 140, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

13:00 – 14:15  Graduate Student Pre-Conference Session 1  

Chair:  Azam Khatam, York University  
Discussants:  Laam Hae, York University  
Nicholas Phelps, University College London

Rodrigo Castriota, Federal University of Minas Gerais  
Reassessing the Blind Field: Cityism and Industrialism at the Periphery of Capitalism

Himadri Chatterjee, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
Land and Labour at the ‘Borders’ of Kolkata: Refugee Lives In-Between Town and Country

Sara Macdonald, Utrecht University  
The Contested Nature of the Boundaries of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region’s Greenbelt: Thresholds of Opportunities or Hard Lines on a Map?

Yimin Zhao, London School of Economics and Political Science  
Renew the Urban Vocabulary from China: Suburbanization, Rural-Urban Continuum and the Spatiality of Urban Process
14:15 – 15:30  Graduate Student Pre-Conference Session 2

Chair: Oded Haas, York University
Discussants: Christian Mettke, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Jochen Monstadt, Utrecht University

Alex Gatien, York University
Towards a Political Economy of Public Transit in the GTHA

Jon Woodside, University of Waterloo
Zoning with Home-Based Production: Exploring Toronto’s RAC Zone and Suburban Change

Sarah Allen, York University
Vietnamese Cities: Finding the Urban in the Periurban

Suchismita Chatterjee, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Urban Water Networks: Shaping the Future in the Metropolitan Periphery

15:30 – 15:45  Break

15:45 – 17:00  Graduate Student Pre-Conference Session 3

Chair: Murat Üçoğlu, York University
Discussants: Jill L. Grant, Dalhousie University
Bernadette Hanlon, Ohio State University

Sanchari Mukhopadhyay, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Understanding the Geography of the Urban Poor: Tales from the People at the Margin of the Capital City of New Delhi, India

Laura May, University of Antwerp
Street-Making is Place-Making: A Political-Economic Perspective on Suburbanization in Antwerp, Belgium (First Half of the 20th Century)

Katherine Perrott, University of Toronto
Post-Suburban Aesthetic Governmentality: Planning and Packaging Suburban Intensification as “World-Class” and “Urban”
Introducing the Global Suburbanisms series

What’s in a Name?
Talking about Urban Peripheries
edited by Richard Harris and Charlotte Vorms

What’s in a Name? explores the different connotations and substitutes for the word ‘suburb’ in cities around the world including Beijing, Bucharest, Montreal, Mumbai, Rio de Janeiro, and Rome.

‘The book shows not only how and why local settings matter in particular ways but also how people across different contexts aspire for similar social goods and civic amenities.’

Sanjeev Vidyarthi, University of Illinois at Chicago

Old Europe, New Suburbanization?
Governance, Land, and Infrastructure in European Suburbanization
edited by Nicholas A. Phelps

In this book, Nicholas Phelps highlights the varied historical and geographical patterns that have shaped urban areas and processes of suburbanization in cities including London, Madrid, Athens, and Zurich.

‘Old Europe, New Suburbanization? is an admirably rich and detailed analysis, and is an invaluable volume for anyone seeking to understand European suburbanization now.’

Robert Fishman, University of Michigan

Suburban Governance
A Global View
edited by Pierre Hamel and Roger Keil

Suburban Governance presents groundbreaking essays by leading urban scholars on how governance regulates the creation of the world’s suburban spaces and everyday life within them.

‘This book is a landmark volume for the consolidation of global urban studies... It sets a new standard for the growing commitment to post-colonialize urban studies.’

Jennifer Robinson, University College London

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OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING
17:30 – 17:45 Welcome Remarks and Land Acknowledgement
[Tribute Recital Hall, Accolade East Building]

Rhonda L. Lenton, President & Vice-Chancellor, York University
Robert Haché, Vice-President Research & Innovation, York University
Ravi de Costa, Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University
Linda Peake, Director of the City Institute at York University
Roger Keil, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

17:45 – 18:30 Opening Keynote
[Tribute Recital Hall, Accolade East Building]

SOLLY ANGEL

Shlomo (Solly) Angel is a Professor of City Planning and Director of the NYU Urban Expansion Program at the Marron Institute of Urban Management and the Stern School of Business at New York University. He is the author and co-author of numerous books and articles including A Pattern Language (1977), Housing Policy Matters (2000), Planet of Cities (2012) and Atlas of Urban Expansion (2016).

MIGRATING THE MARGINS
18:30 – 19:30 Reception
[CIBC Lobby, Accolade East Building]

19:30 – 21:00 Artist Talk & Tour
[Art Gallery of York University, Accolade East Building]
MIGRATING THE MARGINS

Curated by Philip Monk and Emelie Chhangur
15 September – 3 December 2017

Migrating the Margins looks to the future of Toronto art and the new conditions of artistic production, reflective of the vast changes in the city’s culture as a result of decades of immigration and life in the suburbs. The exhibition looks at how a new generation of Toronto artists are imagining this place, and picturing its future, by realizing the conditions of the future that exist now. This imagination is the altogether different and unexpected product of the multicultural dream: a cultural synthesis unique to Toronto—now the mixing of cultures and not just their (un)equal representation. This exhibition weaves together various lines of contemporary cultural inquiry, including: immigrant memory; dialogue with place origins through alliances with and allegiance to mothers; traces of Afro-Caribbean diaspora in the perseverance of Black life; the recovery of forgotten Black histories in Toronto; paeans to working class immigrant life in the suburbs and their burgeoning aesthetics; and spirituality and sacrifice.

A Scarborough-based multi-disciplinary, conceptual artist Erika DeFreitas explores the influence of language, loss, and culture on the formation of identity through public interventions, textile-based works, and performative actions that are photographed, placing an emphasis on process, gesture and documentation.

Anique Jordan’s trans-disciplinary practice employs poetry, photography, performance, and installation to draw...
attention to the Afro-Caribbean body as a site of political resistance and futuristic imagining. As an artist, educator, activist, and social-entrepreneur, Jordan is interested in how arts-based methodologies can expose approaches of community and self-survival to create community-led and self-sustaining models of local development.

Jamaican-Canadian artist Tau Lewis’ self-taught practice in sculpture and installation uses recycled, personal, plant-based, and synthetic materials to simulate living things and to explore the political boundaries of nature, identity, and authenticity. Her most recent solo exhibitions in Toronto at The Pendulum Project (2016) and at 8-11 (2017) explored black beauty, identity politics, and the African diaspora while interrogating the appropriation of urban black bodies and landscapes.

Rajni Perara’s art practice in painting, installation, and curating explores issues of hybridity, sacrilege, irreverence, the indexical sciences, ethnography, gender, sexuality, popular culture, deities, monsters, and dream worlds. A graduate of OCADU, where she won the Medal for Drawing and Painting in 2011, Perara has shown locally and internationally, most recently in the Colombo Art Biennial in Sri Lanka (2016), her native country.

Nep Sidhu’s art practice in painting, textiles, and sculpture explores the way in which memory, social landscape, and stylistic interpretation can give way to myth, identity, and truth. His work has been shown nationally and internationally, most recently in a solo exhibition at the Surrey Art Gallery in British Columbia (2016) and at the Aichi Triennial in Japan (2016).

Public art projects by:

Farrah Miranda, Otherness, and Sister Co-Resister
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2017

LAND
9:00 – 10:15  Session 1

1A  THE CHANGING POLITICS OF LAND IN SOUTH ASIA

Time:  9:00-10:15
[Room S201, Ross Building]

Chair:  Shubhra Gururani, York University

Nausheen H. Anwar, Institute of Business Administration
Land, Security, Real Estate and Suburbia: Constructing 21st Century Pakistan

Rajarshi Dasgupta, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Changing Land and Labor Regimes in Bosila and Mohammadpur: Peripheral Urbanization in Dhaka

Atreyee Majumder, University of Toronto
Taking Urban Theory to the Hinterland

Andrew Nelson, University of North Texas
Connected Brokers & Privileged Real Estate Companies: The Social Production of Land Conversion in Kathmandu’s Urban Periphery

1B  BOUNDARIES AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

Time:  9:00-10:15
[Room S203, Ross Building]

Chair:  Ludger Basten, Technical University Dortmund

Laam Hae, York University
The ‘Construction State’ Unbound: Variegated Neoliberal Urbanization and Struggles over Greenbelt Deregulation in the Seoul Metropolitan Region

Henning Nuissl & Lin Hierse, Humboldt University of Berlin
(B)Ordering Berlin’s New Suburbia? Governance Strategies for an In-Between Space in Transition
Giancarlo Paba & Camilla Perrone, University of Florence
The Physicality of Governance in the Post-Metropolitan Transition: The Role of Territory and the Inter-City Cooperation in the Case of Florence and Tuscany

Rob Shields, University of Alberta
Neocolonial Relations and Suburban Infrastructures in Alberta Canada: Critical Indigeneity in Planning and (Sub)Urban Research

10:15 – 10:30  Break
10:30 – 11:45  Session 2

Extensions/ Contractions: Suburban Land on the Move
Time:  10:30 -11:45
[Room S201, Ross Building]
Chair:  Caroline Andrew, University of Ottawa

Marcy Burchfield, The Neptis Foundation
The Evolving Geography of Suburban Employment

Victor Doyle, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ontario
The Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan: Setting the Record Straight

Jill L. Grant, Dalhousie University, Scott Low, Dalhousie University & Pierre Filion, University of Waterloo
The Challenge of Achieving Suburban Recentralization in Halifax

Jan Nijman, Georgia State University
The Life of North American Suburbs

Peri-Urban Development, Informal Settlement, and the Middle Class
Time:  10:30 -11:45
[Room S203, Ross Building]
Chair:  Ute Lehrer, York University

Lara Esther Bartels, Trier University
Uneven Urbanization as the Quiet Encroachment of the Middle Class: The Case of Accra

Alan Mabin, University of the Witwatersrand
Do We ‘Need’ New Theory to Understand Suburbanisms in the South of the World?

Alison Todes, University of the Witwatersrand
The Diversity of Peripheral Urban Transformations: South African Cases
12:00 – 12:45  Land Keynote  
[The Underground, York University Student Centre]

ROBERTO LUÍS DE MELO MONTE-MÓR

Extended Urbanization, Urban Utopias and Other Economies

Roberto Monte-Mór is a Professor in the graduate program in Economics at Cedeplar – Center for Regional Development and Planning, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG). He coordinates the Metropolitan Plan of Belo Horizonte and its unfolding programs since 2009, as well as the Center for Indian Studies at UFMG.

Chair & Discussant: Richard Harris, McMaster University

GREATER TORONTO SUBURBAN WORKING GROUP (GTSWG) PRESENTS: MAYORS PANEL

12:45 – 14:00  Lunch & Panel  
[The Underground, York University Student Centre]

GOVERNING & CHANGING THE URBAN PERIPHERY

The municipalities of the Greater Golden Horseshoe region have evolved to become far more than the periphery of Toronto. These towns and cities now have the majority of population and economic growth, and are becoming more central to sociocultural identity and prosperity of one of the world’s pre-eminent regions. The towns and cities around Toronto are inventing new modes of governance in the rapidly changing (sub)urban region. Hear and see for yourself from the Mayors of the municipalities how the suburbs’ physical and political landscapes are not what you would expect and why that’s a good thing.
Mayor Rob Burton, Oakville
Mayor Rob Burton has served as Oakville’s Mayor since 2006. Working alongside Council and staff, he has focused on controlling growth, saving green space, and making key investments in community facilities, services and infrastructure; all while maintaining the best fiscal health in the province and keeping tax increases at or below inflation.

Mayor Linda Jeffrey, Brampton
Mayor Linda Jeffrey has an established track record in public service both at the municipal and provincial levels. During her 20-year tenure in the political field, she served as a Brampton City Councillor for four consecutive terms from 1991-2003. A resident of Brampton since 1983, Mayor Jeffrey is strongly rooted in Brampton and is passionate about the city’s development.

Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie
Jeff Lehman is the 46th Mayor of the City of Barrie, having been re-elected to a second term in 2014 with 92.3% of the popular vote. As the head of Council, he is leading Barrie through a period of rapid change. During his first term in office, Barrie led all metropolitan areas east of Alberta in the rate of job creation. From 2014-2017, Lehman chaired Ontario’s Big City Mayors’ Caucus (LUMCO), representing Ontario’s 27 largest cities.

Mayor Steve Parish, Ajax
Steve Parish was appointed as Mayor of the Town of Ajax in December 1995. He is the longest serving Mayor in the Town’s history, having been re-elected to the position in each of the Municipal Elections, from 1997 to 2014. Mr. Parish has been an outspoken advocate for the environment and sustainable development. In 2000, he championed the adoption of an environment first Official Plan by the Town of Ajax.

Chair: Sean Hertel GTSWG, City Institute
Sean Hertel is a Registered Professional Planner with 20 years of experience, and leads a Toronto-based practice that is uniquely positioned at the intersection of different disciplines, environments and processes. As a connector of ideas and people to shape cities, Sean and his collaborators lead a diverse range of projects that reflect the complexity of the urban landscape.
Panel 9 from Urban Growth on the Periphery, graphic by Markus Moos and Robert Walter-Joseph
COMPARATIVE SUBURBANISMS

14:00 – 14:45   Comparative Suburbanisms Keynote
(The Underground, York University Student Centre)

JENNIFER ROBINSON

Some Effects of Comparing “Suburbs”: Methodological and Conceptual Innovations

Jennifer Robinson is a Professor of Human Geography at University College London. Current projects include exploring transnational aspects of Johannesburg and London’s policy making processes, and collaborative and community-based research comparing governance of large scale urban developments in London, Johannesburg and Shanghai (with Phil Harrison and Fulong Wu). Jennifer has also published extensively on the history and contemporary politics of South African cities, including The Power of Apartheid (Butterworth-Heinemann, 1996).

Chair & Discussant: Shubhra Gururani, York University

15:00 – 16:15   Session 3

Suburban Creatives: Culture, Aesthetics and the Creative Economy in the Metropolitan Area

Time: 15:00 - 16:15
[Room S201, Ross Building]

Chair: Stijn Oosterlynck, University of Antwerp

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Ilja Van Damme, University of Antwerp & Ruth McManus, Dublin City University

The Trouble with Woking: Exploring Cultural and Creative Production in the Wider Metropolitan Area from the Eighteenth-Century Onwards

David Gilbert, Royal Holloway University of London

Hidden Creativity in the Shadows of Hyper-Capitalization: Lessons from West London

Nicholas Phelps, University College London

Ordinary Suburbs: Creativity and Innovation Beyond the City
Switching Scales: A Comparative Look at Regional Suburbanisms

Time: 15:00 - 16:15
[Room S203, Ross Building]

Chair: David Wilson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Alessandro Balducci, Valeria Fedeli, Francesco Curci, Polytechnic of Milan & Camilla Perrone, University of Florence
Looking for a New Urbanity: A Portrait of Contemporary Italian Urban Phenomena

Ranu Basu, York University
A ‘Geopolitical Suburb’? Caimanera as Guantanamo’s Revolutionary Frontier

Naomi C. Hanakata, Christian Schmid, Rob Sullivan, ETH Zurich
Laminar Urbanization in Los Angeles and Tokyo

Robin Bloch, ICF
Politics and Plans in Nigeria’s City-State Zones

16:15 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 17:45 Session 4

Massive Suburbanization Roundtable

Time: 16:30 - 17:45
[Room S203, Ross Building]

Chair: Robin Bloch, ICF

K. Murat Güney, Boston University
Building Northern Istanbul: Mega-Projects, Speculation and New Suburbs

Oded Haas, York University
Suburbanisms of Ethnocracy: Building New Peripheries in Israel/Palestine

Stefan Kipfer, York University
De-Constructing the Grands Ensembles: How Much More than a Housing Question?
**Steven Logan**, University of Toronto  
*Learning from the Socialist Suburb*

**Julia Strutz**, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich & **Erbatur Çavuşoğlu**, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University  
*From Kayabaşı to Kayaşehir – A City Grows ‘Out in the Sticks’*

**Murat Üçoğlu**, York University  
*Eroding the Ecology of Istanbul’s Periphery: Crony Capitalism and Late Neoliberalism*

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**On the Edge of Curating: Towards New Practices Afield**

**Time:** 16:30 - 17:45  
[Room S201, Ross Building]

**Chair:** **Emelie Chhanghur**, Art Gallery of York University

**Discussants:** **Alissa Firth-Eagland**, Humber Galleries, Toronto  
**Christine Shaw**, Blackwood Gallery, Mississauga

How is “being on the edge” off-centred curating? **On the Edge of Curating** looks at the specificities of curating in suburbia. As the field of curating is expanding to encompass a range of activities not exclusively tethered to the (epi)centre(s) of art, the priorities of curatorial work are also moving further afield. What special circumstances does the suburban locale offer curating at the level of practice and, more importantly, how does this locale’s social and civic particularities challenge curating’s conventions or concerns?

**Randell Adjei**, Spoken Word Poet from Scarborough, Founder of Reaching Intelligent Souls Everywhere (RISE)

**Janine Marchessault**, Professor of Cinema and Media Studies, York University

**Emilie Renard**, Director of La Galerie Contemporary Art Center, Noisy-le-Sec, Paris.

**Jordan Strom**, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at the Surrey Art Gallery, British Columbia

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18:00 – 19:00  
**Dinner Buffet**  
[The Underground, York University Student Centre]
Did you hear? There’s a body in the Greenhouse...

Concord Floral re-imagines Giovanni Boccaccio’s medieval allegory The Decameron in a contemporary Canadian suburb, in which ten teens must flee a plague they have brought upon themselves. A piece about beauty, cruelty, mercy and being human.

19:30 – 21:30    CONCORD FLORAL
[McLean Performance Studio, 2nd Floor, Accolade East Building]

Reading by members of the Toronto and Ottawa casts, for the original BRUBACHER/SPOONER/TANNAHILL production

Erin Brubacher, Cara Spooner & Jordan Tannahill began work together on Concord Floral in 2012. All multi-disciplinary artists, the Brubacher/Spooner/Tannahill trio have taken on different roles throughout Concord Floral’s development, informed by their distinct bodies of work. Playwright Tannahill wrote the
script over three iterations, while Brubacher and Spooner have directed the process as well as the casts of young performers who have brought the piece into being in cities and sites across Canada. Works by these artists have been presented at The National Arts Centre, Harbourfront Centre’s World Stage, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, Nightwood Theatre, Dance Made in Canada, Canadian Stage, the Toronto International Film Festival, the British Film Institute, the CONTACT Photography Festival, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Goethe Institut and others.

Laura Levin is Associate Professor of theatre and performance studies at York University. Laura is the author of Performing Ground: Space, Camouflage, and the Art of Blending In, winner of the Canadian Association for Theatre Research’s 2015 Ann Saddlemeyer Book Award; Associate Editor of Canadian Theatre Review; and Editor/Co-Editor of Theatre and Performance in Toronto (2011), Conversations Across Borders (2011), and Performance Studies in Canada (2017).

Reading Director Erum Khan is a 23-year-old film and theatre-maker. She was an original collaborator for Concord Floral since 2012 and originated the role of Nearly Wild in the world premiere at The Theatre Centre in 2014. Since then, Erum transitioned from role of performer to Reading Director for the 2016 presentation of Concord Floral at Canadian Stage and the 2017 presentation at the PuSh International Performance Arts Festival in Vancouver. Her first documentary film, Banjaare ka ghar (A Nomad’s Home), premiered at the 2016 Toronto Independent Film Festival. She is currently the Festival Programming Intern for the Toronto International Film Festival. She was recently selected as one of four artists to be part of the Emerging Creators Unit at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre for their 2017-2018 year. Her first play, Noor will be presented in 2018.
ENSEMBLE

Madison Baines
Fox

Theo Gallaro
John Cabot

Davinder Malhi
Just Joey

Jovana Miladinovic
Bobbie James

Jessica Munk
Rosa Mundi

Emily Ong
Nearly Wilde

Aurel Pressat
Irigukunze
Bobolink

Sofia Slater
Greenhouse

Melisa Sofi
Forever Irene

VOCALIST

Mick (Micaela)
Robertson
Couch

Eleanor Hart
Suburban Populism 1

Time: 9:00 - 10:15
[Room 140, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

Chair: Teresa Caldeira, University of California, Berkeley

Emmanuel Négrier, Marc Smyrl & Arnaud Huc, University of Montpellier
  The Populist Suburbs? Comparing the Vote for Trump and Le Pen

Yannis Tzaninis, University of Amsterdam
  Death and Life of Great Dutch Suburbs: Discontent and Xenophobia Among Natives in Almere

Kevin Ward, University of Manchester
  The Complicated Geographies of Representation: The Examples of Devolution and Brexit in Greater Manchester

K. Murat Güney, Boston University
  From Shantytowns to TOKI’s Massive Housing Projects: Constructing Populism in the Suburbs of Istanbul
Modalities and Scales of Suburban Governance 1

Time: 9:00 - 10:15
[Room 142, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

Chair: Camilla Perrone, University of Florence

Eric Charmes, University of Lyon
The Declining Political Relevance of the “City/Suburbs” Division

Andre Ortega, University of the Philippines
Occupy Suburbia: Urban Poor Resistance in Manila's Suburban Relocation Sites

Momen El-Husseiny, Cairo University
Suburbanizing Cairo: Enclave Governance between Private Security and the Resurrection of a Postcolonial Era

Christopher Niedt, Hofstra University, Katrin Anacker & Chang Kwon, George Mason University
White Suburbs or White Suburbanites? Measuring Settlement Patterns, Isolation, and Segregation Among the Suburban White Working Class

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:45 Session 6

Suburban Populism 2

Time: 10:30 - 11:45
[Room 140, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

Chair: Roger Keil, York University, Canada

Alan Mabin, University of the Witwatersrand
Is there a Suburban/Populism Relationship in (Some) Cities of the South?

David Wilson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Suburban America: Political Messiness and the New Immigrant Politics

Alan Walks, University of Toronto
Suburban Politics and Populism in Canada

Chris Niedt, Hofstra University
Populism, Precarity, and Swing Suburbs in the U.S.

Murat Üçoğlu, York University
The Political Economy of Housing in Istanbul: Financialization and Populism
FULONG WU

Intertwined Modalities of Suburban Governance in China

Fulong Wu is a Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London, UK. His research interests include urban development in China and its social and sustainable challenges. He has recently published a book, Planning for Growth: Urban and Regional Planning in China (2015, Routledge). He is an editor of International Journal of Urban and Regional Research.

Chair & Discussant: Pierre Hamel, Université de Montréal

URBAN GROWTH ON THE PERIPHERY: LAND, URBAN FORM, INFRASTRUCTURE AND EVERYDAY LIFE

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch & Art in the FES Lounge

[ Zig Zag Gallery, Room 136, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]
Reports of the death of suburbs have been greatly exaggerated. Worldwide, the urban periphery of the 21st century is becoming home to more and more people, providing new sites for economic activity and revealing new forms of everyday life. This exhibit brings together various research projects and teaching experiences of the Global Suburbs project. Through interactive installation and photographs, vivid and stunning visuals depict the complexities of suburbanisms today.

Drawing on work from Markus Moos and Robert Walter-Joseph’s recently edited volume Still Detached and Subdivided? Suburban Ways of Living in 21st Century North American (Jovis), which offers an accessible yet rigorous account of “suburbanisms” as particular ways of living, this work demonstrates that aspects of this lifestyle occur simultaneously in urban and suburban places. Visual impressions of urban infrastructure, taken by undergraduate students from York University who explored suburban areas in Canadian cities (Montreal, Toronto, Waterloo, Winnipeg, Vancouver) under the directorship of Roger Keil and Ute Lehrer, are displayed alongside photographs taken by graduate students who participated in international planning workshops on Global Suburbanisms (Leipzig, Germany; Montpellier, France; Shanghai, China; and Johannesburg, South Africa.) A visual essay with aerial photography, which is part of the forthcoming book The Suburban Land Question, co-edited by Richard Harris and Ute Lehrer (UTP), explores similarities and differences of urban forms at the periphery.
Ute Lehrer is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University. She has been involved in comparative urban research on Zurich, Frankfurt, Berlin, New York, Los Angeles and Toronto, investigating new urban forms, the land question, processes of spectacularization, megaprojects, gentrification and condominium development.

Markus Moos is an Associate Professor in the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo. His research is on changing housing markets, suburbanisms, youthification, generational change, and the economy and social structures of cities.

Robert Walter-Joseph has several years of experience in social and economic research and policy development in the public and academic sectors. His work has been featured in a number of publications including the Huffington Post, City Lab, and Curbed New York, and the Ontario Planning Journal.

Berlin-Mahrzahn, Germany, photo: Ute Lehrer
CRYSTAL LEGACY

Infrastructure Planning in the (Sub)urban Age

Crystal Legacy is a Senior Lecturer in Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne in Australia, and a former recipient of the Australian Research Council Early Career Discovery Fellowship and the Vice Chancellor’s Research Fellowship (RMIT University). Crystal’s research focuses on questions of urban conflict, the post-political city, and citizen participation. Her current research examines the politics of urban transportation planning.

Chair & Discussant: Pierre Filion, University of Waterloo

15:00 – 16:15  Session 7

Transforming Suburban Infrastructure

7A

Time: 15:00 - 16:15
[Room 140, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

Chair: Jean-Paul Addie, Georgia State University

Bernadette Hanlon, Ohio State University
Suburban Density and its Opposite: Redevelopment in the Suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland

Caroline Andrew & Angela Franovic, University of Ottawa
Public Transit and its Role in Enhancing Equity, Livability and Place-Making in the National Capital Region

Olivier Roy-Baillargeon, University of Waterloo
Suburbanizing Urban Planning: Manipulating Transit-Oriented Development in the Greater Montreal Area

Leia Minaker & Alexander Wray, University of Waterloo
Cancer in the Suburbs: A Systematic Review of the Planning and Chronic Disease Prevention Literature
Cybernetic Suburbs

Time: 15:00 - 16:15
[Room 142, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

Chair: Jochen Monstadt, Utrecht University

Christian Mettke, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Build, Build, Build? - Transforming Urban Transport in Emerging Economies

Steven Logan, University of Toronto
Etarea: Experimenting with Cybernetics in 1960s Prague

Dirk Heinrichs, German Aerospace Center, Institute of Traffic Research
Suburbanism Next? Speculation and First Indications on the Possible Effects of Digitalization and Automation in Transport on Land Use

Antoine Belaieff, Metrolinx, Ontario
Planning Amidst Rapid Change: The Challenge of a Better Tomorrow

16:30 – 17:15  Closing Keynote
[Room 140, Health, Nursing & Environmental Studies Building]

ROGER KEIL

After Suburbia: Peripheral Notes on Urban Theory

Roger Keil is York Research Chair in Global Sub/Urban Studies, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University in Toronto. He researches global suburbanization, urban political ecology and regional governance and is the Principal Investigator of the Major Collaborative Research Initiative on Global Suburbanisms (2010-18). Keil is the author of the forthcoming Suburban Planet (Polity) and editor of Suburban Constellations (Jovis 2013). A co-founder of the International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA), he was the inaugural director of the CITY Institute at York University and former co-editor of the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research.
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