

Ten Years of Global Metropolitan Studies at Berkeley: A Symposium

April 3-4, 2017

Social Science Matrix

Barrows Hall, 8th Floor

UC Berkeley

Event is free and open to the public. Please [RSVP here](#) to let us know if you plan to come!

Monday, 3 April 2017

9:30 – 10:00

Breakfast

10:00 – 10:30

Opening Remarks

Teresa Caldeira and Joan Walker, GMS Co-directors

10:30 – 12:30

Panel 1: Knowledge Production and the Re-imagining of Global Metropolitan Studies

Chair: Teresa Caldeira *University of California, Berkeley; GMS-Co-director*

Gautam Bhan *Indian Institute for Human Settlements*

What Must Be Our Urban Question? Reflections on Contemporary Urban Knowledge from Delhi

Ricardo Cardoso *New York University*

Atlantic Metropolitan Studies: Contemporary Lineaments of an Elapsed Field

Joseph Godlewski *Syracuse University*

Contending with Post-Truth Politics, Anti-Planning, and Occult Urbanism

Ryan Centner *London School of Economics*

The Spatial Politics of “The Middle”

12:30 – 1:15

Lunch

1:15 – 3:00

Panel 2: Infrastructure and Critique – Part 1

Chair: Peter Evans *UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus; Former GMS Director*

Hun Kim *ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute*

Infrastructures of Infrastructure in Ho Chi Minh City

Mona Damluji *University of California, Santa Barbara*

Cultural Infrastructures of Everyday Life

Julie Gamble *Universidad San Francisco de Quito*

Playing on the Urban Street: Gender, Risk, and Transit Infrastructure in Quito, Ecuador

3:00 – 3:15

Break

3:15 – 5:00

Panel 3: Infrastructure and Critique – Part 2

Chair: Elizabeth Deakin *UC Berkeley Professor Emerita; Former GMS Director*

Sergio Montero *Universidad de Los Andes*

Leveraging Bogotá: Sustainable Urban Development, Global Philanthropy and the Increased Speed of Urban Policy

Oscar Sosa Lopez *University of California, Berkeley*

Climate Adaptation, Green Infrastructure and Urban Citizenship: Insights from Mexico City

John Stehlin *University of California, Berkeley*

Vernacular Mobilities and the Biopolitics of Urban Data: The Formalization of Bicycle Infrastructure in North America

5:15

Ananya Roy *University of California, Los Angeles; Former GMS Director*

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

9:30 – 10:00

Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00

Panel 4: City Making, Urban Citizenship, and New Configurations of the Political

Chair: James Holston *University of California, Berkeley; Former GMS Director*

Jennifer Tucker *University of New Mexico*

Deal-making, Livelihood and Urban Rights

António Tomás *African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town*

Local Political Dynamics as Counter-movements: Municipal Concerns and the Reconfiguration of the Political in Angola

Saima Akhtar *Yale University*

Waging Love: Water Rights and Urban Activism in Detroit

Sara Hinkley *University of California, Berkeley*

Workers of the City, Unite!

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 1:15

Panel 5: Land Commodification, Urbanization, and New Forms of Uncertainty and Spectacle

Chair: Richard Walker *UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus; Former GMS Director*

Jia-Ching Chen *University of California, Santa Barbara*

Rural Revanchism?: State-led Spatial Restructuring, Land Commodification and Class Making in China

Alex Schafran *University of Leeds*

The Urban as an Economic Sector

Matt Wade *University of California, Berkeley*

Spectral Time, Archipelagic Utopias, and Planning in the Age of Climate Apocalypse

Kah-Wee Lee *National University of Singapore*

Casino Urbanisms: Networks of Profit and the Architectural Fix

1:15 – 2:00

Lunch

2:00 – 3:30

Final Round Table Discussion: Future Trends in Global Metropolitan Studies

GMS Co-directors Past and Present; and All Participants

Global Metropolitan Studies sprang to life during a decade of major transformations not only in cities around the world but also in how we study cities. The implications of global urbanization are widespread: from environmental challenges to entrenched patterns of segregation to new configurations of politics and social movements. UC Berkeley created GMS in 2004 as a New Initiative Center to promote multidisciplinary doctoral-level education and research on global urbanization. In 2009, the program became a Designated Emphasis, or Ph.D. minor. Since its inception, 61 doctoral students have enrolled in the Designated Emphasis and 34 have graduated. We celebrate these accomplishments in this two-day symposium where we bring together GMS alumni, current and former directors, affiliated faculty, and current students to discuss and debate what has emerged in the field and to anticipate new directions in the field.