

New Perspectives on Public Space: Emotion, Infrastructure and Mobility

The intention of the workshop is to invite the GlobalDivercities postdoctoral researchers to think about their sites substantively and to reflect on new perspectives by way of discussing their preliminary findings; conversely, doctoral students from the Graduate Center will add different contexts and theoretical formulations to the discussion. The morning and early afternoon of the first will be organized as three panels made up of three people-- two post docs from different GlobalDivercities sites and one of the public space working group students. Each panel will have 1 and ½ hours to present 20 minute papers on the topic followed by a discussion by one of the participating guest faculty. At the conclusion of the panels the NYC team will take us on a brief visit to the GlobalDivercities poroject fieldsite. On the second day, we will reverse the process and have the faculty present their current research with a focus on methodology and alternative theoretical frameworks. There would be only one session with faculty papers and all student discussants.

Monday June 25, 2012

- 9:45** Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00-10:15** Welcome by [Steve Vertovec](#) and [Setha Low](#)
- 10:15-11:45** Group 1. Infrastructure: Swimming pools, library rooms, and other parts of the non-human environment
- "The role of situational context in the structuring of meaningful interethnic encounters" ([Anna Cieslik](#))
 - "Whirlpooling: Notes on Newspaper Reports of Sexual Assault in New York City Public Swimming Pools, 1993-1996" ([Naomi Adiv](#))
 - "Restricted mobilities in a city on the move: Zigzagging on overflowing pavement of Hillbrow, Johannesburg" ([Raji Matshedisho](#))
 - Discussant ([Phil Kasnitz](#), Sociology, GC)
- 11:45-1:15** Group 2. Emotions and Public Space: Fear, Loss, and Protest
- "Experiencing loss and change in and through public space" ([Sofya Aptekar](#))



- "Fear in the city: managing affective threat in everyday life" ([Laavanya Kathiravelu](#))
- "Making public space through protest" ([Manissa Maharawal](#))
- Discussant ([Greg Smithsimon](#), Sociology, Brooklyn College)

1:15-2:15 Lunch in 8th Floor Cafeteria

2:15-3:45 The Politics and Historical Context of Encounter

- "Heritage, urban infrastructure and the restoration of Islamic Cairo" ([Claire Panetta](#))
- "Geographies of meaningful encounters" ([Jia Ye](#))
- "Non-human encounters and the specter of death in Hillbrow" ([Alex Wafer](#))
- Discussant ([Sharon Zukin](#), Sociology, Brooklyn College and GC)

4:00-4:30 Leave the Graduate Center to go to Astoria for a visit and dinner.

6:30 Dinner

Tuesday June 26, 2012

- 10:00-12:00** Faculty presentations
[Sharon Zukin](#), [Phil Kasnitz](#), [Greg Smithsimon](#) and [Setha Low](#) (specific topics to be announced)
- 12:00-12:45** Wrap-up for workshop [Setha Low](#) and [Steve Vertovec](#)