



URBAN SUPER-DIVERSITY

Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences 8-10 April 2015

How can people live together, with ever more diverse characteristics, in the world's rapidly expanding cities? Current global migration flows show profound diversification of migrants' nationalities, ethnicities, languages, gender balances, age profiles, human capital and legal statuses. Across the globe, such processes have created conditions of urban 'super-diversity'. Everywhere, recent migrants with complex 'new diversity' traits now dwell in cities alongside people from previous, 'old diversity' waves, often within long-established ethnic/racial hierarchies. What will social relations, spatial patterns, political mobilizations and structures of inequality look like in tomorrow's ever more complex urban spaces?

In addressing these issues, the Urban Super-diversity event combines:

- **Symposia** in which the assembled senior scholars will discuss cutting-edge ideas on how we can conceive, theorize and research new urban complexities;
- **Findings** from 'GlobaldiverCities', a major research project funded by European Research Council and the Max Planck Society comprised of comparative, multi-disciplinary research in Singapore, Johannesburg and New York; and
- **Visualizations** of urban super-diversity exhibited through innovative new films, photography, video installations and interactive graphics.



WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2015

14.00-15.00 Symposium:
Urban Complexity & Institutions,
covering the challenges of increasing
diversification for citizenship and state
agencies, social services, education
and religious bodies

Rainer Bauböck (EUI)
Maurice Crul (Rotterdam)
Thomas Faist (Bielefeld)
Phil Kasinitz (CUNY)
Kim Knott (Lancaster)
Loren Landau (Wits)
Jenny Phillimore (Birmingham)
Paul Spoonley (Massey)

15.00-16.00 GlobaldiverCities:
JOHANNESBURG (HILLBROW)

Intro & Chair: Loren Landau (Wits)
Rajohane Matshedisho (Wits)
Alex Wafer (Wits)

16.00-16.30 break

16.30-18.00 Film & Discussion:
**'Everybody is from Anywhere' –
Hillbrow, Johannesburg**
by Dörte U. Engelkes (MPI-MMG)



THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2015

14.00-15.00 Symposium:
Urban Complexity & Public Space,
discussing the ways new complexities
manifest in and shape urban spaces

Ash Amin (Cambridge)
Dan Hiebert (British Columbia)
Edgar Pieterse (Cape Town)
Jan Rath (Amsterdam)
AbdouMaliq Simone (MPI-MMG)
Sophie Watson (Open)
Brenda Yeoh (NUS)

15.00-16.00 GlobaldiverCities:
SINGAPORE (JURONG WEST)

Intro & Chair: Brenda Yeoh (NUS)
Lavaanya Kathiravelu (Nanyang)
Junjia Ye (Massey)

16.00-16.30 break

16.30-18.00 Film & Discussion:
**'Mix, lah' –
Jurong West, Singapore**
by Dörte U. Engelkes (MPI-MMG)



FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2015

14.00-15.00 Symposium:
Urban Complexity & Social Practices,
addressing aspects of super-diversity,
social interaction and cultural change

Jan Blommaert (Tilburg)
Robin Cohen (Oxford)
Ralph Grillo (Sussex)
Thomas Hylland Eriksen (Oslo)
Nancy Foner (CUNY)
Steve Vertovec (MPI-MMG)
Mary Waters (Harvard)
Amanda Wise (Macquarie)

15.00-16.00 GlobaldiverCities:
NEW YORK (ASTORIA, QUEENS)

Intro & Chair: Nancy Foner (CUNY)
Sofya Aptekar (UMass)
Ania Cieslik (NJCity)

16.00-16.30 break

16.30-18.00 Film & Discussion:
**'A Different Kind of Diversity' –
Astoria, New York City**
by Anna Seegers-Krückeberg (MPI-MMG)



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