

PROTEST AND PUBLIC SPACE

The second annual conference of The Public Space Working Group — a collective of faculty and graduate students at the CUNY Graduate Center

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Public space endures as a dynamic site for the transformation of identities, democratic practices, and political infrastructures in cities around the world. Recent events from Tahrir Square to Zuccotti park underscore the potential of public spaces to serve as catalysts for social and political change. Over two days, we will interrogate the contemporary and historical roles of public space in urban life. Panelists include both senior and emerging scholars in the field as well as activists who work for social justice.

Wednesday May 2nd, Elebash Recital Hall

9:45 – 10:00 Intro

Katherine Carl, The Center for Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center

Setha Low, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Fabio Mattioli, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

10:00 – 12:00 Neoliberalizing Public Space

Katherine McCaffrey, Anthropology, Montclair State University

Julian Brash, Anthropology, Montclair State University

Jill Siegel, Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

Jeff Maskovsky, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center and Queens College

Discussant: Setha Low, Environmental Psychology, Geography, Anthropology, and Women's Studies; Director of the Public Space Research Group, CUNY Graduate Center

1:00 – 3:00 Lessons from Cairo

Farha Ghannam, Anthropology, Swarthmore College

Claire Panetta, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Dina Ramadan, Languages and Literature, Bard College

Discussant: Jonathan Shannon, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center and Hunter College

3:00 – 5:00 Learning from the Periphery

Juraj Anzulovic, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Goran Janev, Anthropology, University SS Cyril and Methodius

Emily Curtin, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Jessica Greenberg, Anthropology, Northwestern University

Discussant: Gerald Creed, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Thursday May 3rd, DSC room 5414

9:30 – 11:30 Provincializing Public Space

Claudio Sopranzetti, Anthropology, Harvard University

Fabio Mattioli, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Paola Abenante, Anthropology, University of Milano Bicocca

Discussant: Levent Soysal, Anthropology, Kadir Has University

11:30 – 1:15 Social Movements, Bodies, and Protest

Manissa Maharawal, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Aimee Cox, African and African-American Studies, Fordham University, and **Monica Barra**, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Ida Susser, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Andrea Maldonado, Anthropology, Brown University

Discussant: Melissa Checker, Urban Studies, Queens College and CUNY Graduate Center

2:00 – 4:00 Histories of Public Infrastructure

Naomi Adiv, Geography, CUNY Graduate Center

Gwynneth Malin, History, CUNY Graduate Center

Marta Gutmann, Architecture, City College of New York, CUNY

Anru Lee, Anthropology, John Jay College, CUNY

Discussant: Cassie Fennell, Anthropology, Columbia University

4:00 – 6:00 Revolting Times

Ujju Aggarwal, Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center, **Edwin**

Mayorga, Urban Education, CUNY Graduate Center, and

Donna Nevel, Participatory Action Research Center for Education Organizing

Jennifer Ayala, Education, St. Peter's College, and **Anne**

Galletta, Education, Cleveland State University.

Leigh Patel Stevens and Rocio Sanchez, Ares Lynch School of Education, Boston College

Discussant: Michelle Fine, Psychology, CUNY Graduate Center

5:00 – 6:30 RECEPTION Room 5414

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