

Research Workshop:

Urban Regeneration and Mega-Events



Wed 1st May 2013 – Venue: University College London (more details TBC)

Call for contributions from PhD students and early career researchers

The workshop is aimed at PhD students at any stage of their study and early career researchers with the aim of creating a supportive forum to reflect on methods and narratives to investigate urban regeneration and mega-events.

Moving from a series of discussions on the London 2012 Olympic Games and on their impact on the broader area of the East End and London in the whole, the opening workshop of the [Crossing Spaces](#) forum will focus on “Urban Regeneration and Mega-Events”. The aim is to stimulate a reflection on the relations between mega-events (whether they be the Olympics or other sports and cultural festivals) and the processes of urban regeneration, transformation and change. Far from situating them within the boundaries of a privileged discipline, such processes are intended in the broader sense of the urban, architectural, economic, political, social and cultural impact on the city. Therefore, the workshop is open to contributions from all research areas to provide different perspectives and insights into this multifaceted matter.

For that reason, the symposium is organised into thematic areas, rather than disciplines:

1. “Ways of thinking”: the exploration of methods and possible ways of conceptualising and analysing the relations between mega-events and the processes of urban regeneration;
2. “Ways of making”: the investigation of specific cases of urban regeneration projects related to a mega event.

The criteria at the basis of such distinction are not to establish differences, but to highlight the intimate relations between the thinking and the making in the research and debate around urban regeneration. Each session will feature a keynote speaker who will informally discuss their work and insights on methods and research implications.

Call for abstracts

Please send your abstract and title with no more than 250 words indicating which of the panels you would like to present your work. Please include your name, year of study, department and university and email to **crossingspacesforum@gmail.com**

The deadline for submissions is **April 1st 2013**.

Provisional Programme

11:00-11:15	Welcome
11:15-11:45	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Gavin Poynter (University of East London)
11:45-12:45	PhD panel: <i>Ways of Thinking</i>
12:45-13:15	Discussion
13:15-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Mike Raco (University College London)
14:30-15:30	PhD panel: <i>Ways of Making</i>
15:30-16:00	Discussion
16:00-16:15	Closing remarks