

IHSS Annual Symposium 2023

20 - 22 September 2023

Queen Mary University of London,
Mile End Road, London E1 4NS

London's Housing Crises and Global Capitalism

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This symposium will address London's multiple housing crises from a global perspective. The event will host a conversation between two key contemporary analysts of urban housing and property, Raquel Rolnik and Brenna Bhandar.

Taking an interdisciplinary perspective on housing struggles and dispossession in London, they will discuss how London's unique urban challenges are embedded within global circuits of capital. Focussing on colonial and racial regimes of property, and the changing dynamics of financialisation, this event will offer fresh insights into London's housing by situating it in a global and historical context.

The Speakers

Raquel Rolnik is a Professor at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the University of São Paulo. She is an architect and urban planner, with over 35 years of scholarship, activism and practical experience in planning, urban land policy and housing issues. In her career, she has held various government positions including Director of the Planning Department of the city of São Paulo (1989-1992) and National Secretary for Urban Programs of the Brazilian Ministry of Cities (2003-2007) as well as NGO activities, such as Urban Policy Coordinator of the Polis Institute (1997-2002). In May 2008, Ms Raquel Rolnik was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing for a six-year mandate, ending in June 2014. She is the author of several books, including *Urban Warfare: Housing and Cities in an Age of Finance* (Verso, 2019).



Brenna Bhandar is an Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia, which is located on the unceded lands of the Musqueam First Nation. Prior to returning to Canada, she was Reader in Law and Critical Theory at SOAS. She is the author of *Colonial Lives of Property: Law, Land and Racial Regimes of Ownership* (Duke University Press, 2018), and co-editor with Rafeef Ziadah of *Revolutionary Feminisms: Conversations on Collective Action and Radical Thought* (Verso: 2020). Her work takes a critical legal, feminist and anti-colonial approach to studying property and relations of ownership.



Programme

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

17:00 - 19:30

Film "Estate, a Reverie" – Film Screening and Discussion

BLOC Cinema, Arts One Building

Thursday, 21 September 2023

15:00 - 17:00

A Conversation with Raquel Rolnik and Brenna Bhandar

Colette Bowe Room, Queens' Building

Friday, 22 September 2023

10:00 – 11:00

A Stroll Through the New Architectures of Finance on Hackney Road

Meeting point: TBC (on Hackney Road)

14:30 – 17:30

Housing Struggles in London: Linking the Global and the Local

Colette Bowe Room, Queens' Building