



Challenges of Global Metropolitanization Interdisciplinary Perspectives on: Toronto, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore

September 27th to 29th, 2007, York University, Toronto, Canada

Conference Program

A workshop providing opportunities for leading scholars from fields as diverse as geography, urban studies, fine arts and literature, public health and industrial mathematics, environmental studies, planning, architecture and history to collaborate on new and innovative ways to understand the entangled relationships among the metropolitan centres of Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore and Toronto.

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Student Workshops

Thursday, September 27, 2007, 12:30-5:30 PM

Location: 280 York Lanes

12:30 to 1:00 PM: Registration

1. The Spectacularization of the City

1:00-2:00 PM

Chair: Ute Lehrer (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)

Presenters:

- **Adam Molson** (University of Toronto - Urban Planning Program)
Building the Better Life: An Examination of Housing Trends and Urban Planning in Shanghai
- **Yesim Ozalp** (York – The Schulich School of Business)
The New Bohemia and the New Urbanite: A Study of Queen Street West Loft Developments
- **Tomas Jonsson** – (York – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Tracing the Shifting Terrain of Cultural Institutions in Estonia

2. Urban Citizenship and Planning

2:00-3:00 PM

Chair: Ranu Basu (York University - Geography)

Presenters:

- **Ahmed Allahwala** (York – Political Science)
Managing Diversity, Enhancing Competitiveness? Reflections on Current Immigrant Employment Initiatives in Toronto.
- **So Jin Chun** (York – Communication and Culture Program)
In the Edge of Toronto: Unveiling Scarborough's Multicultural Experience
- **Kadambini Pandey** (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Multicultural Dimensions to Spatial and Visual Aspects of Urban Regeneration
- **Punam Khosla** – (York – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Celebrating Diversity, Creating Segregation: The Social, Political and Economic Boundaries of Urban Citizenship in Toronto

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break

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3. Contested Urban Spaces

3:30-4:30 PM

Chair: Lisa Drummond (unconfirmed) (York University – Urban Studies)

Presenters:

- **Heidy Zunn** (McGill – Geography)
Bartering Place: (Re)Defining Hong Kong Public Market Spaces
- **Heather McLean** (York – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Pedestrian Sundays in Kensington Market: Revitalization, Community & the Creative Class
- **Paul Jackson** (University of Toronto – Geography)
Fear and Filth: International Bio-security in an Infectious World
- **Claire Major** (York- Geography)
Rescaling Toronto: SARS and hospitality workers

4. Landscapes, Literature and Film

4:30-5:30 PM

Chair: Leslie Korrick (York University – Faculty of Fine Arts)

Presenters:

- **Lee Wing Hin** (York – Women's Studies)
The Land of the Free, White and Queer
- **Rob Fiedler** (York – Geography)
Toronto's Suburban High-Modernism: tracing-out the globality of Crescent Town
- **Amy Holt** (York – English)
Women, Belonging and Citizenship: Toronto Fictions and the Mongrel City
- **Julie Nagam** (York – Social and Political Thought)
Strolling Through the Colonial Landscape: Site Specific Alternative History Projects in the City of Toronto

Keynote Address

Thursday, September 27, 2007 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Location: Room 140 HNES Building

Introductions

Roger Keil (Director, The City Institute at York University)
David Dewitt (Associate Vice-President Research and Innovation) (invited)
Adrian Shubert (Associate Vice-President International)
Peter Vanderveest (Director, York Centre for Asian Research)

Welcome Address by Dr. Mamdouh Shoukri, President and Vice-Chancellor

Keynote Address: Bernard M. Frolic (York University)
Canadian and Chinese Urbanization in a Changing World

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Main Conference

Friday, September 28, 2007

Location: Senate Chamber, 940 North Ross Building

8:30-9:00 AM – Registration

1. Urban and Regional Development in Global Cities

9:00-10:30AM

Chair: Gene Desfor (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)

Presenters:

- **Anna Agathangelou** (York University- Political Science)
Geographies, Topographies, and Affective Economies of Urban Transformation: Shanghai, Milan, and Dubai
- **Stefan Kipfer** (York University- Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Globalizing Toronto
- **Philip Kelly** (York University- Geography)
Workplace Cosmopolitanism in Singapore
- **Kanishka Goonewardena** (University of Toronto - Geography)
Image, Art and Architecture in Colombo and Toronto

Discussant: Glen Norcliffe (York University - Geography)

10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Break

2. Lived Experience and Everyday Life in the Globalizing City

10:45-12:15PM

Chair: Roger Keil (York University – City Institute at York University)

Presenters:

- **Lisa Drummond** (York University – Urban Studies)
Consuming Urban Culture
- **Song Lihua** (Shanghai Normal University – The Institute for Urban and Cultural Studies)
Shanghai and Imagined Exotic World in Fiction in the Late Qing Period
- **Steven Flusty** (York University - Geography)
A World City Despite Itself
- **Wendy Wong** (York University – York Center for Asian Research)
Images of Hong Kong in the Cathay Pacific Airways Television Commercials

Discussant: Lucia Lo (York University - Geography)

12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch

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3. Image and Architecture of the Global City

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Chair: Laam Hae (York University – Political Science)

Presenters:

- **Adrian Blackwell** (University of Toronto - Architecture)
Short Cuts and Detours: Strategic and Tactical Approaches to China's Urban Transformation
- **Zhixiao Xu** (Fudan University – Chinese Language and Literature Department)
The Imagination in Chinese urban literature
- **Alison Bain** (York University - Geography)
The new creative edge: contemporary Canadian cultural production in suburbia
- **Ute Lehrer** (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Conjurations in Condoland: Images of the Gentrified City

Discussant: Douglas Young (York University – Urban Studies)

3:30 to 3:45 PM

Coffee Break

4. Diversity and Citizenship challenges of Metropolitanization

3:45 – 5:15 PM

Chair: Patricia Wood (York University - Geography)

Presenters:

- **Liette Gilbert** (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Expanding Border and Citizenship Politics into Municipal Ordinances
- **Xiaolan Chen** (Shanghai University – College of Liberal Arts)
Image of Shanghai in Chinese and Western Novel
- **Alana Boland** (University of Toronto - Geography)
Boundaries of sustainability in urban China
- **Ranu Basu** (York University - Geography)
Education in the Multicultural City

Discussant: Valerie Preston (York University - Geography)

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Saturday, September 29, 2007

Location: Senate Chamber, 940 North Ross Building

1. Health and Environment in the Global City

10:00 – 11:30AM

Chair: Jochen Monstadt (York University- City Institute at York University)

Presenters:

- **Jianhong Wu** (York University – Mathematics and Statistics)
*Managing Disease Outbreaks in a city with information
Overflow an unlimited boundaries*
- **Harris Ali and Roger Keil** (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)
Contagious Cities
- **Karen Murray** (York University – Political Science)
Urban Biopolitics and Administration in Canada
- **Davinder Lamba** (Habitat International Coalition and Mazingira Institute, Nairobi)

Discussant: Roger Keil (York University – City Institute at York University)

11:30 – 11:45 AM Coffee Break

2. Urban Culture in Global Cities

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Chair: Heather McLean (York University – Faculty of Environmental Studies)

Presenters:

- **Congrong Dai** (Fudan University – Chinese Language and Literature Department)
Urban Life in Joyce's World
- **Naiqiao Yang** (Fudan University – Comparative Literature and World Literature)
*Postmodernity, Postcoloniality and Nationality:
On the Creation and Criticism of Chinese Urban Art Influenced by the Fusion of Eastern and Western Cultures*
- **Pan Lu** (The University of Hong Kong – Department of Comparative Literature)
*Cosmopolitan Nostalgia: A Study of Cosmopolitanism via Representations of
Memorization in Hong Kong Film and Literature*
- **Markus Reisenleitner** (York University – Canadian Centre for German and European Studies)
*Global Cities Local Lifeworlds: Cultural Plurality and the Cultures of Everyday life in
Hong Kong and Toronto*

Discussant : Shelley Hornstein (York University- Faculty of Fine Arts)
