Event Title
Protest and Public Space

Organization
Public Space Working Group/ PhD Student Anthropology

Dates
May 2 - 3, 2012

Event Information
Protest and Public Space concludes the first year of lectures, discussions, and meetings of the Public Space Working Group, a collective of faculty and graduate students sponsored by the Public Space Research Group at the Graduate Center of the CUNY. This two day conference focuses on various kinds of protest and the importance of public space for democratic practices and transformations of cities. Panels interrogate how protest and transformation of space is configured differently in various parts of the globe, highlighting the contemporary Arab Spring and Tahrir Square in Cairo, within the context of school closing protests, social movements to take back the city, reworkings of urban space in eastern Europe in a post Soviet and Socialist context, and the investigation of infrastructure as an enabling structure for new forms of public space. Panels include both senior and emerging scholars in the field as well as activists who work within the academy for equality and social justice in the city.

This conference is an extension of the Public Space Working Group, founded in the fall of 2010 in order to provide a forum for student and faculty scholars working on issues of public space, democracy, and access. Throughout the past three semesters, students have been instrumental in inviting speakers for a regular speaker series, organizing events (including a film screening funded by the DSC) and a conference last spring, entitled Which Space for the Public? (also with DSC funding.)

While last year's conference was internal, with about 50 attendees, we hope to grow the conference this year to provide students with opportunities to network with scholars in the field and share their work more broadly. Panels will be composed of students and faculty together, opening discussion across traditional academic hierarchies.

Budget and Publicity Material

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Other possible revenue sources include the Space-Time Research Collective, and the Center for Human Environments. We hope that they will co-sponsor this event with us.
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Tentative schedule and participants

Organizers:
Fabio Mattioli, PhD student in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Naomi Adiv, PhD student in Geography, CUNY Graduate Center
Setha Low, Professor of Environmental Psychology, Anthropology, Earth and Environmental Sciences and Women’s Studies, CUNY Graduate Center, Director of the Public Space Research Group and the Public Space and Privatization Working Group, Co-chair of the Max Planck Institute Working Group on Public Space and Diversity

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Panel 1
Revolting Times: Schools closed, dream (acts) deferred and public education under siege
Ujju Aggarwal, Parent Leadership Project, Center for Immigrant Families, and Ph.D. candidate in Cultural Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center,
Edwin Mayorga, New York City school teacher, core member of New York Collective of Radical Educators (NYCoRE) and Ph.D. candidate in Urban Education, CUNY Graduate Center;
Donna Nevel, Participatory Action Research Center for Education Organizing (PARCEO)
Jennifer Ayala, Associate Professor, Saint Peter's College
Anne Galletta, Associate Professor, Cleveland State University;
Leigh Patel Stevens, Associate Professor, Boston College,
Rocio Sanchez Ares, Ph.D. candidate at Boston College.
Michelle Fine, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, The Graduate Center - City University of New York

Panel 2
Lessons from Cairo: Historical Context and Contemporary Protest in Public Space
Farha Ghanam, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Swarthmore College.
Claire Panetta, PhD Student of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Negar Azimi, Senior Editor, Bidoun Projects
Moustafa Bayoumi, Professor, Department of English, Brooklyn College

Panel 3
The Neoliberalization of Public Space
Katherine McCaffrey Associate Professor, Co-Director of the Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Montclair State University.
Julian Brash Assistant Professor, Montclair State University
Jill Siegel PhD Student, Penn University
Ida Susser, Professor of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center and Hunter College

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Panel 4.
Protest at the gates of Europe: Lessons from Peripheral Spaces
Fabio Mattioli PhD Student in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Jessica Greenberg, Assistant Professor, Department of Communications, Northwestern University
Juraj Anzulovic PhD Student in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Leven Soysal Professor of Anthropology, Kadir Has University
Emily Curtin PhD Student in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Gerald Creed, Executive Officer and Professor of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center

Panel 5
Social Movements, Bodies, and Protest
Andrea Maldonado PhD Student in Anthropology, Brown University
Aimee Cox Assistant Professor, African American and African Studies, Rutgers University
Monica Barra PhD Student in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Manissa Maharawal PhD Student in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Jeff Maskovsky, Associate Professor, CUNY Graduate Center and Queens College.

Panel 6
The Politics of Infrastructure
Naomi Adiv PhD Student in Geography, CUNY Graduate Center
Andrea Renner PhD student of Art History, Columbia University
Marta Gutmann Associate Professor, Spitzer School of Architecture, City College of New York
Ruth Gilmore, Professor of Geography CUNY Graduate center and Associate Director of the Center for Place Space and Politics

Elebash Recital Hall on May 2, DSC room 5414 on May 3
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