

**Empire, City, Nature**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ConferenceInternational Graduate Research Program,  
Berlin-New York-Toronto:'The World in the City: Metropolitanism and Globalization from  
the Nineteenth Century to the Present'

30.05.2013 - 02.06.2013

York University and the University of Toronto  
Toronto

## Conference Program:

<u>30.05.2013</u>	<u>Thursday (HNES Building, York University)</u>
10:00-10:30	Registration (FES Lounge, Main Floor)
10:30-11:00	Introduction (Room 140, HNES Building)
11:00-12:00	Keynote on Empire: Leo Panitch, <i>Rethinking Empire with Neil Smith</i> Chair: Kanishka Goonewardena
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	Panels 1A (B15 HNES), 1B (B17 HNES) and 1C (141 HNES)
14:30-15:00	Break
15:00-16:30	Panels 2A (B15 HNES) and 2B (B17 HNES)
16:30-18:00	Reception and Book launch (York Bookstore)
18:00-19:00	Faculty-student meetings
19:00-	Dinner
<u>31.05.2013</u>	<u>Friday (University of Toronto)</u>
09:30-11:00	Keynotes on City: George Ignatieff Theatre Stefan Krätke, <i>Cities in Contemporary Capitalism</i> Damaris Rose, <i>Whither Critical Gentrification Research?</i> Chair: Ute Lehrer
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break (Munk, 202 North)
11:15-12:45	Panels 3A (Munk, 208 North) and 3B (Munk, 108 North)
12:45-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	Panels 4A (Munk, 208 North) and 4B (Munk, 108 North)
15:45-16:00	Break
16:00-19:00	Tours of Downtown/Waterfront
19:00-	Dinner (location TBA)

01.06.2013                      Saturday (University of Toronto)

09:30-11:00                      Keynotes on Nature: George Ignatieff Theatre  
Dorothee Brantz *Uneven Natures: An  
Historian's View on the Environmental  
Production of Urban Spaces*  
Roger Keil *The Urban Political Ecology of  
Ontario's Greenbelt*  
Chair: Jennifer Jenkins

11:00-11:15                      Coffee Break (Munk, 202 North)

11:15-12:45                      Panels 5A (Munk, 208 North) and 5B (Munk,  
108 North)

12:45-14:15                      Lunch (Munk, 202 North)

14:15-16:15                      IGK business meeting (Munk, 208 North)

16:15-17:45                      Faculty-student meetings

19:00-                              Dinner at Jennifer Jenkins's home:  
329 Quebec Avenue, Toronto, ON M6P 2V2

02.06.2013                      Sunday (Bus Tour)

11:00-17:00                      Suburban Toronto, bus tour

**30.05.2013 (13:00-14:30)**

**Panel 1A (Room B15, HNES Building, York University)**

**>> The World in the City during the Age of Empire**

- 1 **Tara C. Foley** (FU, NYC)  
'Nuisance Control': Representations of the Factory, its Workers  
and the Fight to Zone NYC
- 2 **Dustin Harris** (UT, Toronto)  
Colonial Power Relations and the Production of Public Space in  
Dakar, 1857-1915
- 3 **Botakoz Kassymbemova** (CMS, Berlin)  
Grand Hotels in Imperial Russia: Capital, Trust and Status in  
Moscow Fin-de-Siècle

Moderator : Patrick Hege (CMS, Berlin)  
Discussant: Jennifer Jenkins (UT, Toronto)

**Panel 1B (Room B17, HNES Building, York University)**

**>> Social Reproduction and the City**

- 1 **Simon Black** (YU, Toronto)  
Social Reproduction in the Revanchist City: Childcare Policy in  
Giuliani's New York
- 2 **Peter Brogan** (YU, Toronto)  
Understanding the New Urban Apartheid in the 'Great American  
City': Social Reproduction and the Containment in the Chicago  
Public Schools
- 3 **Claire Major** (YU, Toronto)  
The Social Reproduction of Homelessness in Fort McMurray,  
Alberta

Moderator : Gergely Baics (Barnard, New York)  
Discussant: Gerda Wekerle (YU, Toronto)

**Panel 1C (Room 141, HNES Building, York University)**

**>> Colonization and Space: On the Politics of Gentrification,  
Segregation and Pacification**

- 1 **Oded Haas** (YU, Toronto)  
Bedouin communities in the Israeli Negev desert: A case study for  
colonization by "ethnocracy".

- 2 **Kim Jackson** (YU, Toronto)  
Gentrification in the Junction, West Toronto: A Case Studies for  
Ongoing (so-called) 'primitive accumulation'
- 3 **Parastou Saberi** (YU, Toronto)  
On the productive dimension of war: (Geo)politics of fear,  
"vertical poverty," and neo-colonial pacification in Toronto's  
"middle ring"
- Moderator : Kanischka Goonewardena (UT, Toronto)  
Discussant: Ranu Basu (YU, Toronto)

**30.05.2013 (15:00-16:30)**

**Panel 2A (Room B15, HNES Building, York University)**

**>> New Globalism, New Urbanism**

- 1 **Afia Afenah** (CMS, Berlin)  
From Fishing Village to Modern Metropolis: On Trajectories of  
Urban Planning for Accra, Ghana
- 2 **Sabine Barthold** (CMS, Berlin)  
Cities as Actors, Sites and Objects of Global Environmental  
Governance
- 3 **Ayesha Basit** (UT, Toronto) + **Nathan Prier** (YU, Toronto)  
Toronto as 'Sanctuary City' for Undocumented Migrants

Moderator : Margit Mayer (FU, Berlin)

Discussant: Uli Best (YU, Toronto)

**Panel 2B (Room B17, HNES Building, York University)**

**>> Contested Spaces**

- 1 **Adèle Cassola** (CU, NYC)  
Gentrification and the State: Policy Responses to Neighborhood  
Diversification and Displacement
- 2 **Christian Haid** (CMS, Berlin)  
Legitimate or not - Tracing Informal Spatial Practices in Berlin
- 3 **Cory Jansson** (YU, Toronto)  
The Gentrification of Neukölln: Tourism and Class Struggle
- 4 **Nimrod Lin** (UT, Toronto)  
Spatial Violence and Urban Planning in Jaffa 1936-1960

Moderator : Dietrich Henckel (TU, Berlin)

Discussant: Stefan Kipfer (YU, Toronto)

**31.05.2013 (11:15-12:45)**

**Panel 3A (Munk School, Room 208 North, University of Toronto)**

**>> Futures Past: Space, Time and Urban Utopias**

- 1 **Natasha Barykina** (UT, Toronto)  
From Utopian Visions to Socialist Constructions: German  
Modernist Architects and Planners in the USSR
- 2 **Wang Chao** (UT, Toronto)  
Planning the Future through the Utopian Past: Urban Development,  
Socialist Legacy and Spatial Struggle in Panzhihua, China
- 3 **Prasad Khanolkar** (UT, Toronto)  
Afterlives of Utopia: Space and Time in Mumbai
- 4 **Azam Khatam** (YU, Toronto)  
Tehran Urban Modernization and Reform Movement in Iran

Moderator : Angela Uttke (TU, Berlin)  
Discussant: Rosemary Wakeman (FU, NYC)

**Panel 3B (Munk School, Room 108 North, University of Toronto)**

**>> Ruins, Land and Rent**

- 1 **Rachael Baker** (McMaster U, Hamilton)  
Concentrating the Motor City: Residential Reconfiguration and  
Civic Ruination in Detroit
- 2 **Meisen Wong** (CMS, Berlin)  
Made in China: Land Use, Property Speculation and the Production  
of Ghost Cities
- 3 **Thorben Wieditz** (YU, Toronto)  
Don't Let the Condos Eat my Job: From the Production Cookies to  
the Production of Space

Moderator : Emily Bereskin (CMS, Berlin)  
Discussant: Robert Beauregard (CU, NYC)

**31.05.2013 (14:15-15:45)**

**Panel 4A (Munk School, Room 208 North, University of Toronto)**

**>> Capital, Value and the Built Environment**

- 1 **Martine August** (UT, Toronto)  
Speculating Social Welfare: Public Housing Redevelopment in  
Downtown Toronto
- 2 **Peter Pantalone** (YU, Toronto)  
Environmental Determinism and Contemporary Urban Renewal
- 3 **Laura Calbet I Elias** (CMS, Berlin)  
Financialization of Housing: Reflections on Neil Smith's  
'Generalized Gentrification'

Moderator : Lisa Vollmer (CMS, Berlin)

Discussant: Ute Lehrer (YU, Toronto)

**Panel 4B (Munk School Room 108 North, University of Toronto)**

**>> Mobility and City**

- 1 **Jean-Paul Addie** (YU, Toronto)  
Mobility and Marginality: Transportation and the Production of  
New City-Regional Topologies
- 2 **Martin Danyluk** (UT, Toronto)  
The Urban Revolution in Logistics
- 3 **Steven Logan** (YU, Toronto)  
The City as Product in the Age of Automobility: The Case of the  
South City, Prague

Moderator : Sybille Frank (TU, Berlin)

Discussant: Steve Penfold (UT, Toronto)

01.06.2013 (11:15-12:45)

**Panel 5A (Munk School, Room 208 North, University of Toronto)**

>> **Nature, City, Empire: Critical-Theoretical Reflections**

1 **Karen Asp** (YU, Toronto)

Wild Things in the City: Adorno and 'New Materialism'

2 **Zev Moses** (UT, Toronto)

Revisiting the Urban Question: Lefebvre, Althusser and the so-called 'Blind Field'

3 **Carmen Teeple-Hopkins** (UT, Toronto)

Capitalist Accumulation and Primitive Accumulation in the Making of Precarious Labour and Empire

Moderator : Adrian von Buttlar (TU, Berlin)

Discussant: Shubhra Gururani (YU, Toronto)

**Panel 5B (Munk School, Room 108 North, University of Toronto)**

>> **Water and Urban Politics**

1 **Marcela Arrieta** (CMS, Berlin)

Communal Water Supply Systems as an Alternative to Urban Expansion into Rural Areas

2 **Christoph Bernhardt** (IRS, Erkner)

Major Problems of Water Governance in Europe since 1945

3 **Frederick Peters** (YU, Toronto)

Privatization and the Damage Done: Gdansk and Tallinn after a Decade of Water Services Privatization

Moderator : Berit Hummel (CMS, Berlin)

Discussant: Scott Prudham (UT, Toronto)