



URBAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM  
 SOCIAL JUSTICE, NEOLIBERALISM, CITIES: METHODOLOGIES AND OPEN QUESTIONS

MAY 5, 2007, Rm C475, UBC ROBSON SQUARE

9:00 am – 9:05 am **WELCOME**

Mark Purcell, University of Washington

9:10 am – 10:10 am

**SESSION 1, KEYNOTE: NEOLIBERALISM VERSES CITIES?**

Jamie Peck, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm

**SESSION 4: OF EDGEWORK?**

Transnational lives and gendered immobilities  
 Elizabeth Lee, University of British Columbia

10:15 am – 11:45 am

**SESSION 2: WHAT OF 'LOCAL' ARTICULATIONS?**

Labour regulation in an experimental space: Work and politics in the  
 Kaesong Industrial Zone  
 Jamie Doucette, University of British Columbia

The contemporary capital and geographies of difference  
 Nicholas Lynch, University of British Columbia

Paper birds, policy-work and 'the political'  
 Tyler Rebecca Pearce, University of British Columbia

Liberalism all around when the modern Games come to town: Olympic  
 planning in Vancouver

Bjoern Surborg, University of British Columbia

BREAK: 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Golden Bengal and the city of joy: Leftist politics and neoliberal  
 development in Kolkata, India

Pablo S. Bose, University of Vermont

3:05 pm – 4:15 pm

**SESSION 5: AND, OF HOPE?**

Neoliberal noise: Governmentality and the cultural politics of sound in  
 Trinidad  
 Robin Balliger, San Francisco Art Institute

The "sufficiency economy" as neo-liberalism: Notes from Thailand  
 Jim Glassman, University of British Columbia

Of Supranational Spaces: (Re)imagining a politics in space and  
 architecture through art of the Former East  
 Kristina Lee Podesva, University of British Columbia

11:50 am – 1:00 pm

**SESSION 3, LUNCH AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: MAKING THEORY AT  
 THE MARGINS**

Facilitator: Elizabeth Lee

Innovative urban drug policy under 'advanced liberalism': Rationalities,  
 spatialities, potentialities  
 Eugene J. McCann, Simon Fraser University

1:05 pm – 2:15 pm

**SESSION 4: OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES?**

Neoliberal discourses of urban environmental policy  
 Alex Aylett, University of British Columbia

4:20 pm – 5:00 pm

**SESSION 6, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: OF METHODOLOGIES AND OPEN  
 QUESTIONS**

Facilitator: Tyler Pearce

Smart growth territorialities: Neo-liberalism and the search for city-  
 regional sustainability in the USA

Yonn Dierwechter, University of Washington-Tacoma

Neoliberal governance and democratic resistance: Seattle's Duwamish  
 River cleanup

DINNER AT SUBEEZ CAFÉ (891 HOMER ST.)



