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Thursday (HNES Building, York University)

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, Rethinking Empire with Neil Smith

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

31.05.2013

Friday (University of Toronto)

08:45-9:30

Light Breakfast (Munk, 202 North)

09:30-11:00

Keynotes on City: George Ignatieff Theatre

Stefan Krätke, Cities in Contemporary Capitalism

Damaris Rose, Whither Critical Gentrification Research?

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 (Munk, 202 North)

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)

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01.06.2013**Saturday (University of Toronto)**

08:45-9:30

Light Breakfast (Munk, 202 North)

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)

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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: Sybille Frank (TU, Berlin)

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 Study for Ongoing (so-called) 'Primitive Accumulation'

3. Parastou Saberi (YU, Toronto)

On the Productive Dimension of War:

The (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)

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

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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)

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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 Panzhuhua, China

3. Prasad Khanolkar (UT, Toronto)

Afterlives of Utopia: Space and Time in Mumbai

4. Azam Khatam (YU, Toronto)

Tehran Urban Modernization and the 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)

The 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

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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: Gergely Baics (Barnard, NYC)

Discussant: Steve Penfold (UT, Toronto)

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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)

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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)

At the Limits of the European Sanitary City: Water Governance,
Social Inequalities and Political Power in Berlin-Brandenburg
1918-1939

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)

