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# experimenting / experiencing the city

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Through crossed perspectives, **Experimenting / Experiencing the City** will try to tackle both the risk and the interest of a multi-disciplinary approach to question the city. It aims to open the debate around the notions of "city" and "urban" in the complex relationship that unites them, to study the links between integration, exclusion and citizenship in an era of globalisation and complex urban identities.

Among other approaches, the notion of spatial justice can help to look at these issues. The use – and definition – of public space or public art needs to be questioned. The housing options offered to city-dwellers, particularly the middle classes, need to be viewed and interrogated: what forces drive the market and orient the shape of the city?

Experimentations and experiences from South Africa, Mozambique, Brazil, India, and elsewhere, will be presented and confronted. Debates will gather academics, who question and conceptualize the city, urban actors (from street vendors to developers), who make the city, and artists, who live and share their experience of the city. Artistic works and events – performances, photos and films – will be expanded to the workshops and echo and enrich the discussions.

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# photographing / walking the city

20 may 2017

Photo exhibition opening & book launch / 11:00

Venue: Alliance Française of Johannesburg

Photo exhibition / **Along the Corridors** by Mark Lewis

Book launch of #8 in the series **Wake Up, This is Joburg**  
(Fourthwall Books) by Mark Lewis & Tanya Zack

Photo exhibition until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, as part of the project "Corridors of Freedom",  
supported by the AFD and the University of the Witwatersrand

# screening / viewing the city

11-14 may 2017

Documentary Film Festival

Venue: *The Bioscope Independent Cinema*

Screening / Q&A with Nduduzo Shandu  
11 may / 19:30

**Soweto Time of Wrath**

Siphamandla Bongwana, Stanford Gibson, Nduduzo Shandu, Jerry Obakeng Gaegane, Asanda Kupa & Gontse, 2016 (61 min)

Screenings

12 may / 19:30

**Unhinged: Surviving Jo'Burg**

Adrian Loveland, 2010 (52 min)

13 May / 20:00

**The Battle for Johannesburg**

Rehad Desai & Darryl Els, 2010 (71 min)

14 may / 19:00

**Africa Shafted**

Ingrid Martens, 2011 (55 min)

# discussing / debating the city // elsewhere

17 may 2017

/ cape town

Debate / 18:00

**Urban and social mobility in Cape Town**

Venue: Alliance Française of Cape Town

Speakers (tbc)

**Edgar Pieterse** (ACC, Univ. of Cape Town)

**Premesh Lalu** (Univ. of the Western Cape)

**Solène Baffi** (Univ. of Stellenbosch)

**Myriam Houssay-Holzschuch** (PACTE, Univ. Joseph Fourier, Grenoble)

**Arthur Germond** (AFD)

22 may 2017

/ durban

Debate / 18:00

**Envisioning Durban as a walkable and transparent city**

Venue: Alliance Française of Durban

Speakers (tbc)

**Monique Marks** (Urban Futures Centre, Durban Univ. of Technology)

**Tinus Kruger** (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research)

**Karen Lévy** (LAVUE, Univ. Paris Nanterre)

IRD Exhibition opening

Venue: Alliance Française of Durban

**The New City**

I am the new city

How to create a more sustainable urban world, together

22 may 2017

/ maputo

Seminar / 8:30-11:30

**Justiça espacial, desafios fundiários e imobiliários nas cidades da África Austral. Abordagens comparadas Moçambique/África do Sul**

Venue: Anfiteatro da Faculdade de Arquitectura da Universidade Eduardo Mondlane

**João Tique** (Univ. Eduardo Mondlane)

Políticas urbanas de habitação e urbanismo - Desafios para o futuro

**Teodoro Vales** (Univ. Eduardo Mondlane, ISCTEM)

A relação de direitos fundiário e imobiliário na produção dos espaços urbanos: espaços da prática e prática dos espaços

**Philippe Gervais-Lambony** (JSSJ, LAVUE, Univ. Paris Nanterre)

As diversas dimensões da relação espaço e justiça

# discussing / debating the city

15 may 2017

/ Univ. of the Witwatersrand

Welcome / 8:00-8:30

Opening remarks / 8:30-9:00

Prof. Zebon Vilakazi (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

H.E. Christophe Farnaud (French Ambassador to South Africa)

Prof. Paul Jenkins (Head of School, Architecture and Planning, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Roundtable 1 / 9:00-13:00

## How does the notion of “spatial justice” assist in understanding contemporary urban dynamics?

*Venue: Dorothy Suskind Amphitheater, John Moffat Building  
Coordinators: Claire Bénit-Gbaffou (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand) & Philippe Gervais-Lambony (JSSJ, LAVUE, Univ. Paris Nanterre)*

Introduction / 9:00-9:30

Session 1 / 9:30-11:30

## Competing claims to spatial justice

**Agnès Deboulet** (LAVUE, Univ. Paris 8)

Seeking for justice in precarious neighborhoods: a view from Cairo

**Nqobile Malaza** (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Conflicting dimensions of justice in Black Economic Empowerment programmes in Johannesburg

**Sophie Oldfield** (ACC, Univ. of Cape Town)

Framing claims to justice in Cape Town townships

**Kate Tissington** (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

How to build a “just” inner city housing policy?  
Contested understanding of justice in Johannesburg housing regeneration processes

Coffee break / 11:30-11:45

Session 2 / 11:45-13:00

## Crafting policy instruments for spatial justice

**Neil Klug** (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

What is a “progressive” planning policy instrument? Reflections from South African cities

**Moses Metileni** (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Negotiating “spatial justice”: exploring disjunctive policy instruments in Johannesburg's housing praxis

**João Whitaker** (Laboratório de habitação e assentamentos humanos, Univ. of São Paulo)

Stakes of housing policy in São Paulo, Brazil: academic practices, local government practices

Lunch break / 13:00-14:00

Roundtable 2 / 14:00-18:00

## What would “just” governance of street trading look like in Johannesburg?

*Venue: First Floor Seminar Room, John Moffat Building  
Coordinators: Claire Bénit-Gbaffou (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand) & Philippe Gervais-Lambony (JSSJ, LAVUE, Univ. Paris Nanterre)*

Introduction / 14:00-14:15

Question 1 / 14:15-15:15

## Terms and conceptualisation of spatial justice

Question 2 / 15:15-16:15

## Dimensions of spatial justice and their tensions

Coffee break / 16:15-16:30

Question 3 / 16:30-17:30

## Scales of justice

Discussion & conclusion / 17:30-18:00

**Mzela Justice Mashele** / MSc Planning, former CEO of the Johannesburg Metropolitan Trading Company

**Mamokete Matjomane** / Researcher at GCR0, PhD candidate (CUBES, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

**Phumlani Ndlovu** / Street trader organisation leader in Gauteng (SAITF)

**Li Pernegger** / Former City official in the Economic Development Unit

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/ MuseumAfrica

Roundtable 3 / 9:00-16:00

### Public spaces and art

Coordinator: *Pauline Guinard (LAVUE-Mosaïques, IHMC, École normale supérieure, Paris)*

Welcome / 9:00-9:30

Session 1 / 9:30-11:00

### Who is doing art in public spaces and what for?

Discussant / **Cynthia Kros** (Historian of Public Culture)

**Eric Itzkin** (Deputy director of the Department of Arts, Culture and Heritage, City of Johannesburg)  
New monuments in Johannesburg

**Jay Pather** (Curator of the Festival *Infecting the City* in Cape Town)

A case for the temporal form: Curating *Infecting the City* and the making of place for elusive and indeterminate futures

**Mariapaola McGurk** (Director of the Coloured Cube)  
Is there a win/win scenario on the horizon?

Coffee break / 11:00-11:15

Session 2 / 11:15-13:00

### Where are the publics of art?

Discussant / **Barbara Morovich** (ENSAS-AMUP, Strasbourg School of Architecture)

**Anthea Moys** (Artist)

Enacting play: public space activation

**Ashley Whitfield** (Curator)

On the tendency to typologize: audience stratification and public art programming

**David Heitner, Senzo Bongwana, Siphe Bongwana, Siphamandla Bongwane** (aka Boy Boy) (Participants from the *Eat My Dust* project)

*Eat my Dust*: projecting the self on the screen to build a collective in Kliptown

Lunch break / 13:00-14:30

Session 3 / 14:30-16:00

### What can art do to public (and) spaces?

Discussant / **Pauline Guinard** (LAVUE-Mosaïques, IHMC, École normale supérieure, Paris)

**Alexander Oppen** (Department of Architecture, Univ. of Johannesburg)

Public art is not for the public

**Rike Sitas** (ACC, Univ. of Cape Town)

Tactics of trespass and transgression

**Donna Kukama** (Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Introduction here: we the people

Performance / 17:00

### Experiential sunset slow run

with **Anthea Moys**

It will take your breath away...

Cocktail / 17:30

Public debate / 18:00-20:00

### Art in public spaces: for what and for whom?

Conducted by **Lawrence Lemaona** (Artist) & **Myriam Houssay-Holzschuch** (PACTE, Univ. Joseph Fourier, Grenoble)

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/ Wits Club, Univ. of the Witwatersrand

Roundtable 4 / 8:45-15:30

### Housing of the middle classes: real estate actors' strategies and urban stakes

Coordinator: *Karen Lévy (LAVUE, Univ. Paris Nanterre)*

Welcome / 8:45-9:30

Session 1 / 9:30-11:00

### Middle class housing stakes: demand, supply and the housing market

Chair / **Margot Rubin** (Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Discussant / **Ivor Chipkin** (PARI)

**François Viruly** (Univ. of Cape Town)

Market dynamics in the South African affordable housing market

**Federica Duca** (PARI)

The promise of the post-apartheid city: from townhouse complexes to estates

**Sian Butcher** (Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

"Affordable suburbia" in southern Gauteng: sketching a supply-side ecology

**Alexandra Appelbaum** (SA&CP, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Methods of resistance: middle-class organizing power in Norwood and Orange Grove, Johannesburg

Coffee break / 11:00-11:15

Session 2 / 11:15-12:45

### Local policies, the private sector and the middle class

Chair / **Philippe Gervais-Lambony** (JSSJ, LAVUE, Univ. Paris Nanterre)

Discussant / **Agnès Deboulet** (LAVUE, Univ. Paris 8)

**Dylan Weakley** (Urban Planning Department Johannesburg)

Regulations, mechanisms and incentives for inclusionary housing in Johannesburg

**Gary White** (Urbanist)

**Julien Migozzi** (Univ. Joseph Fourier, Grenoble)

The filtering mechanisms of the property market and the making of the South African middle classes

Lunch break / 12:45-14:00

Session 3 / 14:00-15:30

### Housing the middle class: individual experiences

Chair / **Thomas Vernet-Habasque** (IFAS-Research)

Discussant / **Kecia Rust** (Executive Director and Founder of the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa)

**João Whitaker** (Laboratório de habitação e assentamentos humanos, Univ. of São Paulo)

Recent policies of mass housing production in Brazil and the role of the private sector: issue or solution?

**Teodoro Vales** (Univ. Eduardo Mondlane, ISCTEM)

The tangle of land and property rights in Mozambique. How do we make housing and what practices?

**Hortense Rouanet** (LATTS, Univ. Paris Est)

The real estate developers and the making of the "World class city" in India. A focus on the Bangalore city-region

Coffee break / 15:30-15:45

Public debate / 15:45-17:15

### Housing the middle class

**Norman Cleaver** / Developer

**Arthur Germond** / AFD

**Alan Mabin** / Univ. of the Witwatersrand

**Marius Marais** / First National Bank

**Margot Rubin** / Univ. of the Witwatersrand

**Yondela Silimela** / City of Johannesburg

Book launch / 17:30-19:00

**Agnès Deboulet** (ed.), *Rethinking precarious*

*neighbourhoods*, Etudes de l'AFD, 2016

with **Agnès Deboulet** (LAVUE, Univ. Paris 8),

**Irène Salenson** (AFD) & **Martha Stein-Sochas** (AFD)

Discussant: **Alan Mabin** (Emeritus Professor, Univ. of the Witwatersrand)

Cocktail / 19:00-20:00