

**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL  
DISSERTATION PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP  
SPRING 2011 WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**PROVINCIALIZING GLOBAL URBANISM**

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**Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA  
Wednesday June 1-5, 2011**

This is the first of two workshops designed to help students prepare cogent and fundable dissertation proposals in their chosen field. The two goals of the first workshop are 1) to map the research field with respect to contributing disciplines, methods, sources, and area knowledge; and 2) to help prepare fellows for their pre-dissertation summer research. (The goal of the second workshop will be to focus on the mechanics and methods of writing a dissertation proposal). The two goals stand in close relation to each other: through a sustained and structured discussion of student proposals and their component parts, we hope to contribute to the mapping of the research field itself.

***ARRIVAL, Wednesday, June 1: Reading handouts / packets will be distributed at registration along with other materials.***

**Wednesday Evening: Reception, 7-9pm.**

Session 1: Introduction – getting to know one another

Students' summaries of their research (8 minutes per student – no power points)  
(Thursday, 9-12 PM)

Session 2: Mapping the research field: What does it mean to provincialize global urbanism?

(Thursday, 2:00 PM – 5 PM)

**Speakers:** Ananya Roy, Helga Leitner, Eric Sheppard (guest)

**Student breakouts** (3 groups): How does your research relate to the research field? (Research statement (i). What are the 2 or 3 theoretical debates within which you wish to locate your work?)

***Required readings:***

-Roy, A. 2010. Slumdog cities: Rethinking subaltern urbanism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. DOI:10.1111/j.1468-2427.2011.01051.x

-Watson V. 2009. Seeing from the South: refocusing urban planning on the globe's central urban issues. *Urban Studies* 45, 11, 2259-2275.

-Bunnell, T. and Maringanti, A. 2010. Practising Urban and Regional Research Beyond Metrocentricity. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 34, 415-420.

-Robinson, J. 2006. Inventions and interventions: Transforming cities – An introduction. *Urban Studies* 43, 2, 251-258.

-Leitner H., Sziarto K., Sheppard E. and Maringanti, A. 2007. Contesting urban futures: decentering neoliberalism. In Leitner, H., Peck, J. and Sheppard, E., eds. *Contesting Neoliberalism: Urban Frontiers*, New York: Guilford Press, 1-25.

-Leitner, H., Sheppard, E. and Sziarto, K. 2008. Spatialities of contentious politics. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 33, 157-172.

Session 3: The research process – theory and practice  
(Friday, 9 AM – 12:00 PM)

**Guest speaker:** Teresa Caldeira

**Student breakouts** (4 groups):

***Required readings:***

-Caldeira, T. 2000. *City of Walls*. Introduction: Anthropology with an accent, 1-19.

-Caldeira, T. 2011. Inequalities and new visibilities in contemporary Sao Paulo. Unpublished manuscript.

Session 4: What is a research site?  
(Friday, 2:00 PM – 5 PM)

**Guest speaker:** Michael Goldman

**Student breakouts** (3 groups): What is your research “site”? (Research statement (ii)).

***Required readings:***

-Goldman, M.2011. Speculative urbanism and the making of the next world city. Forthcoming in: *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

-Simone, A. M. 2010. On cityness. In: *City Life from Jakarta to Dakar*. Routledge,2-58.

***Homework: Prepare mini document on your research project***

The document should clearly state your research questions, research site and why these questions are important (no more than 350-500 words)

Session 5: Ethics and politics of research  
(Saturday, 9 AM – 12:00 PM)

**Speakers:** Ananya Roy, Helga Leitner, and Michael Goldman

**Group discussion:** Discussion of readings. What challenges do you anticipate facing in your research? (Research statement (iii)).

***Required readings:***

-Gilbert, M. 1994. The politics of location: Doing feminist research at home. *The Professional Geographer* 46, 1, 90-96.

-Ortner, S. B. 2010. Access: Reflections on studying up in Hollywood. *Ethnography* , 11, 2, 211-233.

McFarlane, C. 2010. The comparative city: Knowledge, learning, urbanism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 34, 4, 725-742.

Session 6: Group discussion of mini documents on research projects  
(Saturday, 2:00 PM – 5 PM)

-Sunday June 5, 9-10 am. Plenary wrap-up session (common problematics, summer requirements, homework, communication over the summer)

Session 7: Preparing for September: From the research field to the proposal  
(Sunday, 10.00 AM – 12:00 PM)

**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL  
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FALL 2011 WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**PROVINCIALIZING GLOBAL URBANISM**

Research Directors: Helga Leitner and Ananya Roy

**Radisson Plaza – Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia**  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

This is the second of two annual DPDF workshops designed to help graduate student fellows prepare dissertation proposals in their chosen field. The two goals of the second workshop are 1) to help fellows synthesize their summer research; and 2) to draft proposals for dissertation funding. The fall workshop focuses on the mechanics and the philosophy of proposal writing. The workshop also aims to challenge fellows to reflect on their summer research in ways that link meaningfully to their research field. In this, the goals of the fall workshop are closely related to the project of mapping a research field that was started during the spring workshop in Monterey.

**Workshop Assignments**

**August 1, due on DPDF Google site:** Brief reports on status of summer research

**September 1, due on DPDF Google site:** Draft dissertation proposal to be presented and discussed at the workshop. Fellows are expected to thoroughly read all proposals and to prepare a short presentation on the proposal they have been assigned to present (see below).

**September 18, due on DPDF Google site:** Proposals highlighting revisions made during the fall workshop

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## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, September 14th

Arrival and registration

7 PM - Welcome Reception

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### Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Session 1: Plenary Session  
(Thursday, 9 AM – 12:00 PM)

#### **The Dissertation Proposal: Strategies and Funding Sources**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Dissertation Funder Presentations

Session 2: (Thursday, 2:00 PM – 5 PM)

2-4 pm: Welcome back to the Provincializing Global Urbanism group and discussion of summer fieldwork including:

Key findings and how these have shaped dissertation proposals  
Methods of research put into action and their limitations  
Ethical and personal challenges of research

4-4:15 pm: Break

4:15-5:00 pm: General discussion of the writing of research proposals, specifically a) research questions; b) contributions to existing literature; c) research methodology; d) generalizability

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## **Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Session 3: (Friday, 9 AM – 12 PM)

### **Presentation of individual proposals**

Note that we have grouped proposals by theme to take account of similarities and connections across these proposals in research question, methodology, and field literature. We do not expect fellows to address these themes in their proposal presentations and discussions.

Each proposal will be presented by a peer fellow. This presentation will be no more than 5 minutes and will summarize the proposal and present its key strengths and weaknesses. Comments should not be addressed directly to the author. The group will then discuss the proposal for 15 minutes. Finally the author will have 10 minutes to respond. We do not intend for authors to “defend” their proposal. Instead, we recommend that this time be used to further a discussion of the proposed research (including clarifications) and share any particular dilemmas regarding the research questions and research design.

### **Global Urbanism**

1. 9-9:30 am: Stuart Schrader (presented by Marisol)
2. 9:30-10 am: Sergio Montero (presented by Stuart)
3. 10:00-10:30 am: Marisol LeBron (presented by Sergio)

Break: 10:30-11 am

### **11-12 noon: Individual meetings + breakout groups**

11-11:30 am:

Helga meets with Sergio

Ananya meets with Stuart

11:30-12 noon:

Helga meets with Marisol

Ananya meets with Radhika

All other fellows break out into groups of 3-4 to discuss summer fieldwork and research proposals.

Session 4: (*Friday, 2:00 PM – 5 PM*)

Presentation of proposals: **Urban Governmentalities**

1. 2-2:30 pm: Jose Bortoluci (presented by Elisabeth)
2. 2:30-3:00 pm Jacob Doherty (presented by Jose)
3. 3:00-3:30 pm Elisabeth Wulandari (presented by Jacob)

Break 3:30 pm-4:00 pm

**4-5 pm: Individual meetings + “writing dates”**

4-4:30 pm:

Helga meets with Alper  
Ananya meets with Jessi

4:30-5 pm:

Helga meets with Elisabeth  
Ananya meets with Jose

All other fellows break out into groups of 2-3 to work on revising research proposals

**PGU Group Dinner: Location and time TBA**

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**Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Session 5: (*Saturday, 9 AM – 12 AM*)

Presentation of proposals: **Claims to the City**

1. 9-9:30 am: Radhika Gore (presented by Alper)
2. 9:30-10 am: Jessi Quizar (presented by Radhika)
3. 10:00-10:30 am: Alper Yagci (presented by Jessi)

Break 10:30 am-11 am

**11 am-12 noon: Individual meetings + “writing dates”**

11-11:30 am:  
Helga meets with Jacob  
Ananya meets with Sian

11:30-12 noon:  
Helga meets with Sophie  
Ananya meets with Asli

All other fellows break out into groups of 2-3 to work on revising research proposals

Session 6: (*Saturday, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM*)

Presentation of proposals: **Enclave Spaces**

1. 2-2:30 pm. Sian Butcher (presented by Asli)
2. 2:30-3 pm. Sophie Gonick (presented by Sian)
3. 3-3:30 pm. Asli Ikizoglu (presented by Sophie)

3:30-5:00 pm: Work on revisions of research proposal either in groups or individually;  
Ananya and Helga will be available for consultations

**Saturday evening: SSRC informal happy hour**

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**Sunday, September 18**

Session 7: (*Sunday, 9 AM – 12:30 PM*)

Revised proposals must be uploaded to the DPDF google site by 9 am; presentation of revised proposals, 10 minutes per fellow.