PERIPHERIES: DECENTERING URBAN THEORY

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5-7 February 2009

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Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona, Center for Latin American Studies,
Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Anthropology, Department of City and
Regional Planning, and the Townsend Center for the Humanities

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

5:30 – 6:30 Welcome Reception
Department of City and Regional Planning - Wurster Hall, second floor

6:30 Introduction – 112 Wurster Hall
Teresa Caldeira, UC Berkeley, City & Regional Planning – conference co-organizer
James Holston, UC Berkeley, Anthropology – conference co-organizer
Richard Walker, UC Berkeley – co-director, Global Metropolitan Studies
Josep Ramoneda – general director, Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona

6:45 – 8:30 Panel 1 – Peripheral Visions
Teresa Caldeira, UC Berkeley – Peripheries: Spaces in the Making
AbdouMaliq Simone, University of London – Intersecting Peripheries: Rethinking Urban Politics
Richard Walker, UC Berkeley – Peripheral Vision and the Urban: Moving Beyond Old Geographic Metaphors

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

Howard Room – Faculty Club

9:00 – 11:30 Panel 2 – New Urbanities and Mobilities
Jose Castillo, Universidad Iberoamericana – The Intense Periphery: Half a Century of Changes in the Peripheries of Mexico City
Martina Rieker, American University in Cairo – Cartographies of Inclusion and Exclusion in Middle East Urbanism
Nasser Abourahme, United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Jerusalem – The Production of Space, Political Subjectivication, and the Folding of Polarity: the Case of Deheishe Camp, Palestine (with Sandi Hilal)
Discussant: Nezar AlSayyad, UC Berkeley
1:00 – 3:00  Panel 3 – NeoCenterings
Judit Carrera, Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona – El Raval, Barcelona: The Periphery in the Center of the City
Neera Adarkar, Majlis Mumbai – A Contested Center: Textile Precinct of Mumbai
Discussant: Ananya Roy, UC Berkeley

3:30 – 5:30  Panel 4 – States, Citizens, and Metropolitan Fringes
Adrián Gorelik, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes – Roles of the Periphery in Buenos Aires: From the Expansive City to the Archipelago City
You-tien Hsing, UC Berkeley – Village Corporatism, Metropolitan Real Estate, and Local Autonomy in Southern China
Discussant: Li Zhang, UC Davis

SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY
Howard Room – Faculty Club

9:00 – 11:30  Panel 5 – Citizenship In-Formations
Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion University – The Politics of “Gray-Space”: Radicalizing the “Invisibles” in Israel/Palestine
Edgar Pieterse, University of Cape Town – Democratic Renovations of the City
James Holston, UC Berkeley – Rights to the City Repositioned
Discussant: David Theo Goldberg, UC Humanities Research Institute

1:00 – 3:00  Panel 6 – Peripheral Recognitions
Mona Harb, American University of Beirut – Peripheral Claims for the Right to the City: Leisure Geographies of Pious Morality in Beirut’s Southern Suburb (with Lara Deeb)
Josep Ramoneda, Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona – Peripheries and the Question of Recognition
Discussant: James Ferguson, Stanford University

3:30 – 5:30  Open Discussion among All Participants