



PHILOSOPHY OF THE CITY: SCHEDULE

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Thursday, December 5, 2013

Hosted and Co-sponsored by the
Center for Global Ethics, CUNY Graduate Center
[Location: 365 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10034]

4:15 – 6:15 PM

Room 9206

Reception to Follow

Special Session on Participatory Democracy

Kyle Pows Whyte, Michigan State University

"Climate Justice, Indigenous Peoples and Participatory Democracy"

Michael Menser, Brooklyn College

"Agency, Inequality, and Participation: NYC After Hurricane Sandy"

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College

"Solidarity and Equality in the Democratic Workplace: the Case of Beyond Care"

Moderator: **Carol Gould**, Hunter College / CUNY Graduate Center

Friday, December 6

ALL EVENTS TODAY ARE BEING HELD AT THE STUDENT CENTER, 5TH FLOOR

[Location: East 27th Street and Campus Road, Brooklyn College]

9:00 am

State Lounge

Opening Remarks and Welcome from **Dean Matthew Moore** (Brooklyn College)
and **Shane Epting** (University of North Texas)

9:10 am – 9:55 am

Grand Ballroom

Discussion Session:

Doing Public Philosophy:

Democracy, the City and Civic Engagement at the 21st Century University

Speakers:

Michael Menser, Brooklyn College

Ron Sundstrom, University of San Francisco

Sharon Meagher, University of Scranton

10:00 am – 11:30 am

State Lounge

Meta-ethics and the (Built) Environment

Environmental Ethics, Enlightened Self Interest, and the City as Habitat

Samantha Noll, Michigan State University

Is Civic Environmentalism a Satisfactory Urban Environmental Ethic?

Shelley Wilcox, San Francisco State University

*Dwelling Places: Tension, Necessity, and Possibility of Physicality and
Bioregionalism in the Digital Age*

Caitlin Zera, Webster University

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Occidental Lounge

Framing the Urban Environment

Urban Vacancy: Global Perception & Expression

Ailish Killilea, and Nora Ward, University of North Texas (presented by Ailish Killilea)

Urban Parks and Open Spaces

Roger Paden, George Mason University

Thinking Like A Mall

Steven Vogel, Denison University

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Occidental Lounge

Lunch (RSVP required)

Keynote Address:

Philosophical Streetwalking: Grounding Philosophy in Public Life

Sharon Meagher, University of Scranton

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Occidental Lounge

Ecology and Philosophy in the City

**Sustaining the Urban Sphere: Exploring Perspectives of the Human
within Emerging Frameworks of Urban Socio-Ecological Thought**

And the World Hummed Back: Ecologists and their Bodies in the City

Liam Heneghan, DePaul University

Cultures of Sustainability in Relation to the City

Alexandria Poole, University of North Texas

Anthropos in the City: An Historical Ontology of Urban Ecological Science in Baltimore

David Ribes, Georgetown University

Panel Synthesis and Response

David Wise, University of Illinois at Chicago

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

State Lounge

Democracy and Action in the 21st Century City

The “Right to the City” and other Struggles against the Idiocy of Urban Life

Kafui Ablode Attoh, Murphy Institute, CUNY, Center for Worker Education

The Capable City: Social Freeganism and the capacity dumpster

Kenneth Edusei, SolidarityNYC

Commons Architecture in Berlin and Critical Urban Praxis

Kenton Card, Marlboro College

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

State Lounge

Knowledge, Water and Justice in the City

The Teacher of Nature and Human Nature: The Role of the City in Self-Knowledge

Joseph Aloï, University of North Texas

Does the City Make Us Just? Socrates' Uncomfortable Relationship with the City

Daniel Restrepo, Baruch College

Water and the City

Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Occidental Lounge

Urban Culture in Perspective

Cuidad Juarez-El Paso: The building of an international urban social movement in the context of narco violence

Luis Ruben Diaz, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Unidad Iztapalapa

Intercultural Cities in Europe and Urbanization of Difference

Senka Božić, University of Zadar

From Religious to Postmodern Urban Sociability: An ethnographic study of the Urban Youth in Pakistan

Nasim Ahmad, University of Gujrat, Pakistan

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Occidental Lounge

Building Equality Through Solidarity: Democratic Responses to Residential Segregation

Ron Sundstrom, University of San Francisco

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

State Lounge

Democracy in Brooklyn:

**A “Sustainable” Dinner Honoring Councilmember Jumaane Williams
and the Participatory Budgeting District Committee**

RSVP required (email: morphospace@gmail.com)

Hosted by *Students for Sustainability Today and Tomorrow* (STAT, Brooklyn College)

Catered by Mukti's Kitchen (<http://www.muktiskitchen.com/>)

Saturday, December 7

ALL EVENTS TODAY ARE BEING HELD AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE, BOYLAN HALL

[Location: 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210]

9:30 am – 10:15 am

3313 Boylan Hall

Workshop Session:

*Philosophy from the Inside-Out:
Building Urban Transdisciplinary Partnerships*

Speaker: **Gray Kochhar-Lindgren**, University of Washington-Bothell

10:15 am – 11:45 am

3313 Boylan Hall

Transition and the City

Startup Cities – Enhancing Democratic Learning through the Power of Exit

Julian Müller, Technical University of Munich

Zachary Caceres, Universidad Francisco Marroquín

Exile and the City

Jules Simon, University of Texas at El Paso

The French Republic and Roma Migrants: Failures of an Ethics of Hospitality

Magali Bessone, Université de Rennes

10:15 am – 11:45 am

3309 Boylan Hall

Session 4B: The City and Imagination

Urban Agriculture and Environmental Imagination

Joseph Tuminello, University of North Texas

Imagination in the City: Iris Marion Young and City Life as a Normative Ideal

Bryan Kibbe, Loyola University at Chicago

Epistemic Capacities for Urban Communities

Ian Werkheiser, Michigan State University

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Georgian Room [Boylan Hall]

LUNCH (RSVP required)

Inequality, Democracy and the Future of Environmental Justice

Philosophizing Participation and Urban Environmental Justice

Kyle Pows Whyte, Michigan State University

Rebuilding After Superstorm Sandy: Climate Change, Inequality and the 'Resilient City'

Nathalie Alegre, ALIGN (Alliance for a Just Rebuilding)

Moderator: **Michael Menser**, Brooklyn College

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

3313 Boylan Hall

Animals in the City: Visions of and Reflections on Zoöpolis

Neighboring Species: In the Hood with Other Animals

Ralph Acampora, Hofstra University

The Urban, (Wild) Animal that Therefore I Am (with Apologies to Jacques Derrida)

Diane P. Michelfelder, Macalester College

Can the Animal Subaltern Laugh?

Neoliberal Inversions, Cross-Species Solidarities, and Animal Anarchy

Cynthia Willett, Emory University

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

3309 Boylan Hall

Session 5A: City Identity and the Idea of the City

A Normative Definition of the City

Daniel Weinstock, McGill University

Systems-thinking and City Identity: Metastructures the Role of Incongruence

Shane Epting, University of North Texas

Close-Knit Cities

Jason Matteson, Northern Arizona University

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

3313 Boylan Hall

Space and Experience in the City

Between Modernism and Postmodernism. The Images of (post)Utopia

Jakub Morawski, Jagiellonian University

Public Space, Political Space and the Construction of the Common

Paula Cristina Pereira, Universidade do Porto

Sensorial Perception in Urban Studies: Pragmatist Views on Urban Experience

Olivier Gaudin, University of Poitiers

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

3309 Boylan Hall

Nature and Cities

Henri Lefevre's Urban Blind Fields and the Extinction of Experience:

Uncovering Signs of Nature within the City

Alexandria K. Poole, University of North Texas

Neighborhoods and Civic Environmentalism

Amy Ihlan, St. Catherine University

The Anti-Human city: The Rise of Ecocities and their Impact

on What it Means to be Human

Austin Williams, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

3313 Boylan Hall

Aesthetics and the Built Environment

An Investigation into the Implications of Lighting at Night

Taylor Stone, University of Georgia

Flatiron Spleen: Tracing Nature as Urban Vestige

Matthew Bower, University of North Texas

Urban Culture and the Epistemology of Consensus

Dena Shottenkirk, Brooklyn College

4:05 pm – 4:50 pm

3313 Boylan Hall

Seeing Brooklyn Change: the Good, Bad, and Ugly
Jerry Krase, Brooklyn College

4:50 pm – 5:00 pm

3313 Boylan Hall

Concluding Remarks
Michael Menser and **Shane Epting**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: TBA

Philosophy of the City, General Assembly
(open to everyone)

**For updates and registration information,
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<http://www.philosophyofthecity.org/>**