Feminist Explorations of Urban Futures

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Welcome!

The research project, Urbanization, gender, and the global south: A transformative knowledge network (GenUrb) is pleased to welcome you to the Feminist Explorations of Urban Futures International Conference.

The conference brings together leading feminist urban scholars, shapers of urban policy, activists working on gender and the urban at global, national, and local scales, as well as new and emerging scholars presenting their research on feminist approaches to the urban.

This conference will explore how we understand the process of decolonizing urban knowledge production, the gendered nature of urbanization, women’s place-making strategies, the resurgence of social reproduction, the gendered nature of the climate crisis, and how we rethink the urban from the perspective of “the global south,” both comparatively and relationally. We do so as scholars who live and work in the global south, who form the global south diaspora in the north, and those from the north who engage in transnational feminist praxis with those in the south.

We look forward to the conversations both in and beyond the formal sessions and welcome you to York University and Toronto.

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11:00-11:15 Break
11:15-12:30 Keynote Address with Clara Han
12:30-1:30 Lunch Break (Meal Provided for Speakers)
1:30-3:00 Parallel Sessions 1

| GenUrb Research: Everyday Place-making | Gendered Mobilities I: Transit and Safety | Right to the City Workshop | Practices of Resistance |

3:30-5:00 Reception at Schulich (All Conference Attendees Welcome)

LEGEND
✦ Workshop
✹ Roundtable

All other sessions are research paper sessions. All GenUrb sessions are indicated in maroon.

Unless otherwise indicated, conference sessions will be held at the New Student Centre (NSC). We encourage participants to continue their conversations in the Conference Common Room, located at the New Student Centre, Room E2. Please note that attendees are expected to vacate the NSC space following the last sessions on each day.
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DAY ONE

Thursday 26 September

8:00-9:00 | Registration (NSC Lobby)

9:00-9:30 | Welcome Address (NSC Main Conference Hall)

Celia Haig-Brown, Professor, Associate Vice-President of Research and Innovation
JJ McMurtry, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Alice Hovorka, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies
Linda Peake, Director, City Institute
(York University)

9:30-11:00 | Roundtable (NSC Main Conference Hall)

‘Decolonizing the Urban in a Time of Neocolonialism’

Chair: Lata Narayanaswamy (University of Leeds)

Grace Adeniyi Ogunyankin (Queen's University)
Amita Bhide (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)
Faranak Miraftab (University of Illinois)
Dalia Wahdan (Nile University)
Lorena Zárate (Habitat International Coalition)

In the conference’s opening plenary, panelists discuss how urban spaces are being made and remade through the interaction of historical landscapes of coloniality and emergent forms of neocoloniality. In this context of urban transformation, how do we understand gendered experiences of the urban? How do we work towards decolonizing urban futures in a time of neocolonialism and resurgent nationalisms across the globe?

11:00-11:15 | Break
DAY ONE

11:15-12:30 | **Keynote Address** (NSC Main Conference Hall)

**Clara Han**, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University

‘*Echoes of a death and the Life Story*’

Chair: **Carlota McAllister** (York University)

12:30-1:30 | **Lunch Break**
(Meal Provided for Speakers)

1:30-3:00 | **Parallel Sessions 1**

1A: GenUrb Research: Case Studies of Place-making and the Everyday (NSC A2)

Chair: **Nasya Razavi** (York University)

**Penn Tsz Ting Ip** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and **Jing Wang** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Disadvantaged women, social capital, and urbanization in the Tianshan workers’ new villages, Shanghai

**Monica Orisadare** (Obafemi Awolowo University)

Women, poverty, and access to city spaces

**Omnia Khalil** (City University of New York)

Feminist research on geographies of violence in post-revolutionary times

**Natasha Aruri** (DIA; K LAB, TU Berlin; UR°BANA)

Ramallah, bring back ‘small politics’ into knowledge production
DAY ONE

1B: Gendered Mobilities I: Transit and Safety (NSC B2)

Chair: **Luisa Sotomayor** (York University)

**Julie Gamble** (Trinity College)
Machismo and transit infrastructure in Quito, Ecuador

**Sara Ortiz Escalante**, (Col·lectiu Punt 6; University of British Columbia)
Planning everyday/everynight mobilities through feminist participatory action research

**Alexandra Parker** (Gauteng City-Region Observatory)
Inequalities within and without: How gender dynamics within families impact upon spatial footprints

1C: Workshop: The Right to the City as a Tool for Promoting Feminist Urbanism and Connecting Local Struggles with Global Agendas (NSC C2)

Facilitator: **Lorena Zárate** (Habitat International Coalition)

This workshop focuses on Right to the City campaign strategies as a way to engage with, and advocate for, the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.
DAY ONE

1D: Practices of Resistance (NSC D2)

Chair: Arnisson Andre C. Ortega (Syracuse University)

Azam Khatam (York University)
The veil and control over women’s body in Iran: Where the patriarchal state meets the family

Rajyashree Reddy (University of Toronto)
Holy cow, unholy politics: Dalit abolition struggles and more-than-human urban ecological futures

Sanchita Khurana (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
Street art and the transgender citizen in neoliberal Delhi

Mary Delphine Freedman (Queen’s University Belfast; University of Cambridge)
Film and the female flâneur in Rio de Janeiro: Making visible the reciprocal construction of women and urban space through micronarratives of the everyday

3:00-3:30 | Walk from New Student Centre to Schulich

3:30-5:00 | Reception
All conference attendees welcome
Schulich Executive Dining Room

5:00 | Day One Close
DAY TWO

Friday 27 September

8:00-8:30 | Registration (NSC Lobby)

8:30-10:00 | Parallel Sessions 2

2A: GenUrb Feminist GIS Workshop (Ross N 302 - Geoinformatics Teaching Lab)
Facilitator: Nazgol Bagheri (University of Texas at San Antonio)
What are the conceptual and technical assets and limitations of GIS (Geographic Information System)? This hands-on tutorial will demonstrate the uses of GIS in feminist urban research, including feminist data visualization.

2B: GenUrb Roundtable on Comparative Feminist Urban Research (NSC A2)
Chair: Beverley Mullings (Queen’s University)
Speakers: Faranak Miraftab (University of Illinois), Linda Peake (York University), Cristina Temenos (University of Manchester)
In this roundtable, we discuss how feminist urban scholars might think through the comparative differently, as well as discussing specific comparative studies.

2C: Invited Speaker Talk: Circular Labour Mobilities, Infrastructure and Claims to the City: A View from Ahmedabad, India (NSC C2)
Chair: Shubhra Gururani (York University)
Speaker: Renu Desai (Independent Researcher)
DAY TWO

2D: Infrastructures of Work (NSC D2)

Chair: Laam Hae (York University)

Sidra Kamran (The New School)
Infrastructures of intimacy: Social reproduction in interactive service workplaces in Karachi, Pakistan

Cecilia Tangian (Mindanao State University)
Urban policy frameworks and women gold miners in the riverine and urban landscape at Bayug-Mandulog, Northern Mindanao, Philippines

Josie Wittmer (University of Guelph)
Rethinking inclusion: Women waste pickers’ perceptions and experiences of organizing, collectivizing, and non-participation in the move toward formalized ‘inclusive’ waste management in Ahmedabad, India

2E: Climate Crisis Workshop A: How Empowering Women and Girls Can Help Stop Global Heating (NSC E2)

Facilitator: Satya Robinson (Drawdown Toronto)

Based on the rankings in Project Drawdown’s carbon research, empowering woman and girls could be the number one solution to reversing global heating. Participants will explore links between their own work and the climate crisis.

10:00-10:15 | Break
DAY TWO

10:15-11:45 | Parallel Sessions 3

3A: GenUrb Roundtable on Social Reproduction after Planetary Urbanization (NSC A2)

Speakers: Elsa Koleth (York University), Darren Patrick (York University; University of Toronto), Linda Peake (York University), Gökbörü Sarp Tanyildiz (York University)

The analytical framework of planetary urbanization has rapidly taken up hegemonic status in academia in explaining not only our urban world but our urban future(s). Feminist and queer scholars find points of alignment with planetary urbanization, but also points of divergence, not least over its failure to engage with social reproduction. This session explores the journey of an engagement with planetary urbanization and beyond to feminist concerns with social reproduction.

3B: GenUrb Roundtable on Gender within UN-Habitat, the UN Gender Hub and the Habitat International Coalition (NSC B2)

Chair: Kathryn Travers (Concertation Montréal; Women in Cities International)

Speakers: Ana Falú (UN-Habitat; Universidad Nacional de Córdoba), Angela Mwai (UN-Habitat), and Lorena Zárate (Habitat International Coalition)

Join this discussion with Angela Mwai, the Gender Equality Unit Director at UN-Habitat, Lorena Zárate, the President of Habitat International Coalition, and Ana Falú, the coordinator of the UN-Gender Hub, on the work being undertaken by the United Nations, Habitat International Coalition, as well as by civil society and grassroots organizations, to promote a global agenda on gender equality and women’s rights to the city.
DAY TWO

3C: Affective Cultures in the Urban (NSC C2)

Chair: Laura Waddell (York University)

Soha Mohsen (The American University in Cairo)
  On the becoming of friends and the making of cities
Shivani Gupta (National University of Singapore)
  Gendered mobilities in the sacred city of Banaras
Nazgol Bagheri (University of Texas at San Antonio)
  Gendered place-making in Tehran: A tale of a shopping mall from its American
dream to its Iranian reality
Nayrouz Hatoum (Concordia University)
  ‘The wall was like a war’: Sensory politics of spatial carcerality in Jerusalem

3D: Spaces of Work (NSC D2)

Chair: Wangui Kimari (University of Cape Town)

Tukunda Chabata (Women’s University in Africa) and Sharon Masawi (Women’s
  University in Africa)
  Space-making and increasing visibility for women in urban Zimbabwe:
The story of women in Harare
Shruti Kalyanaraman (York University)
  Negotiating new work spaces: Self-Employed Indian urban women’s
  experiences of conducting business through contemporary social media
Zoe Johnson (University of Oxford)
  Shifting topographies of possibility and constraint: Portraits of young women in
  Wukro’s Bunabëts
DAY TWO

3E: Climate Crisis Workshop B: Sustainable Food for Urban Communities in the Climate Crisis (NSC E2)

Facilitator: Roxanne Cohen (OASIS Food Hub Education and Youth Director)

In this workshop we will explore co-operative circular food economies run by and for communities that respect human and earth rights. Learn about the OASIS full-cycle food hub in development in St. James Town, Toronto, and work together to problem-solve barriers and opportunities for full-system and full-cycle solutions to the climate crisis in our urban centers.

11:45-12:45 | Lunch Break
(Meal Provided for Speakers)

12:45-2:15 | Parallel Sessions 4


Facilitators: Penn Tsz Ting Ip (Shanghai Jiao Tong University), Dolce Wang (Vox Photo Project), Jing Wang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and Siya Zhang (York University)

Focusing on fieldwork experiences in Shanghai, this workshop shares the multiple qualitative research methods employed by the GenUrb Shanghai Research Team, including in-depth interviews, home-visiting, life histories, mental mapping, eating-together, and more recently, the photo-diary method. In this session we will discuss the challenges we faced during fieldwork and the resolutions we adopted to establish a trust-relation between the researchers and the research participants.
4B: Invited Speaker Talk: Smoke and Mirrors: Including Gender in Urban Planning and Policy (NSC B2)

Chair: Ranu Basu (York University)

Speaker: Amita Bhide (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

Women (not gender) are seen to be a new high point of inclusion on varied urban policies. On the one hand, these policy measures are a tokenism and feed into the needs of an NGOised civil society. On the other hand, they can also be seen as possible opportunities towards deeper transformations. Join this talk by Amita Bhide for a discussion of how gender factors into urban policy and discourses.

4C: Urban Peripheries (NSC C2)

Chair: Arnisson Andre C. Ortega (Syracuse University)

Aparna Parikh (Dartmouth College)
Hard boundaries, soft edges: Gendered negotiations of shifting urban ecologies in Mumbai, India

Atyeh Ashtari (University of Illinois) and Faranak Miraftab (University of Illinois)
Gendered apartheid and the micro-politics of liberating space: Spatial struggles and practices of women in urban and peri-urban Iran

Flavia Mazzanti (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna)
Urbanization and the ‘Right to the City’: The case of Rio de Janeiro's peripheral areas

Shan Yang (American University in Cairo)
Gendering rural-urban disparity: Work, family and Chinese migrant labor
DAY TWO

4D: Debt, Capital, and Financialization (NSC D2)

Chair: Michelle Buckley (University of Toronto Scarborough)

E. Alkim Karaagac (University of Waterloo)
Living in debt: Financialization of housing and the crisis of social reproduction in state-led mass housing projects in Turkey

Caroline Sage Ponder (Florida State University)
New debt ecologies or ‘archipelagos of autogestion’? Close encounters with marketized social reproduction in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Lana Salman (UC Berkeley)
Peripheral capitalization: When debt builds the post-revolution city

Jennifer Tucker (University of New Mexico)
Outlaw capital and territories of populism

4E: Climate Crisis Workshop C: Basic Income: Women, Resilience and Climate Adaptation (NSC E2)

Facilitator: Josephine Grey (Low Income Families Together, OASIS Food Hub, and Basic Income Network Canada)

In this workshop, learn how a human rights based basic income can empower women and vulnerable communities to engage in climate adaptation, local resilience, and a clean transition.

2:15-2:30 | Break
DAY TWO

2:30-4:00 | Parallel Sessions 5

5A: GenUrb Policy Brief and Memo Writing Workshop (NSC A2)

Facilitators: Cristina Temenos (University of Manchester) and Elsa Koleth (York University)

This workshop addresses strategies for communicating research to policy audiences and the public through building skills in drafting policy briefs and memos.

5B: Gendered Mobilities II: Spatial Segregation and Everyday Practices (NSC B2)

Chair: Dalia Wahdan (Nile University)

Pallavi Gupta (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)
‘Unthought’ lives: Social reproduction in Indian railway stations

Sevim Ozdemir (Independent Researcher)
Feminist urban policy perspectives on refugee women’s urban worlds of Izmir

Marina Pereira Santos Gomes da Silva (São Paulo University)
Pedestrian women in the city of São Paulo

Natalia Florencia Ramírez González (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)
A feminist perspective of urban segregation in Santiago

5C: Housing and Changing Land Use in the City (NSC C2)

Chair: Teresa Abbruzzese (York University)

Jordana Ramalho (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Urban resilience and social reproduction: Lessons from informal settlements in Metro Cebu, the Philippines

Nasya Razavi (York University)
‘Habitat para la mujer’: An alternative housing collective in Bolivia

Michelle Buckley (University of Toronto Scarborough)
Between house and home: Renovations, labour and the production of residential value

Bahar Sakizlioglu (Erasmus University)
Rethinking the nexus of gentrification and social reproduction
DAY TWO

5D: Roundtable on Social Reproduction: Contours of Social Reproduction across Precarious Times (NSC D2)

Chair: Gökbörü Sarp Tanyildiz (York University)

Speakers: Kasmine Forbes (Queen’s University), Hilal Kara (Queen’s University), Beverley Mullings (Queen’s University), Nathalia Ocasio Santos (Queen’s University), Tesfa Peterson (Queen’s University), and Carolyn Prouse (Queen’s University)

In this roundtable, speakers share their respective work centered on diasporic caring relationships; creative cultural productions; community-centered food and infant-feeding practices; and new forms of work and labour. At the heart of these projects sits a shared concern: to advance a feminist political economy embedded in decolonial and anti-racist praxis.

5E: Climate Crisis Workshop D: Climate Crisis, Climate Response in Canadian Cities (NSC E2)

Facilitator: Lyn Adamson (ClimateFast)

In this session Lyn Adamson of the advocacy group ClimateFast will outline initiatives for climate emergencies in municipalities across Canada and will illustrate the difference between empty declarations and meaningful climate plans. Lyn will introduce the Transform TO Climate Action Plan and the Cities Climate Caucus of Climate Action Network Canada. The importance of grassroots support for funding and co-benefits to the community will be discussed.

4:00 | Conference Attendees Leave NSC

5:30-7:00 | Dinner with Conference Speakers
The City Institute, 7th floor, Kaneff Tower
Music by Island Accents

7:00 | Day Two Close
DAY THREE

Saturday 28 September

8:00-8:30 | Registration (NSC Lobby)

8:30-10:00 | Parallel Sessions 6

**6A: GenUrb Photo Diary Workshop II: Creative Courage (NSC A2)**

Facilitators: Penn Tsz Ting Ip (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and Dolce Wang (Vox Photo Project)

Join Dolce Wang, founder of Vox Photo Project and former Walt Disney Imagineer, as she shares techniques on using creativity to empower underserved communities, including a recent collaboration with Penn Ip, joint-lead of the GenUrb Shanghai Research Team. In this session you will learn about previous workshops in various countries, as well as participate in application exercises.

**6B: Gendered Urban Policy and Planning (NSC B2)**

Chair: Gerda Wekerle (York University)

*Kathryn Travers* (Concertation Montréal; Women in Cities International)
- Safety and public spaces: Mapping metropolitan gender policies and MTElles

*Uttara Purandare* (IIT Bombay-Monash University Research Academy)
- Obscuring the margins: India’s ‘smart cities’ policy

*Seyedmohsen Alavi* (York University)
- Women’s contributions to urban development in post-revolutionary Iran
DAY THREE

6C: Gendered Mobilities III: Materialities, Encounters, and Methods (NSC C2)

Chair: Nazgol Bagheri (University of Texas at San Antonio)

Raksha Vasudean (University of Texas-Austin)
  Mobilities and materialities: (Re)visiting urban spaces through embodied experiences

Hilal Kara (Queen’s University)
  Gendered mobile encounters: Navigating the neoliberal city

Mica Jamison (Georgia State University)
  How do we get from here to there? Exploring queer methodologies for transit research

Jill Wigle (Carleton University), Lucy Luccisano (Wilfred Laurier University), Laura Macdonald (Carleton University), and Paula Maurutto (University of Toronto Mississauga)
  Gender (in)security in public spaces: Evaluating Mexico City’s transit policies

6D: Violence and Securitization (NSC D2)

Chair: Cristina Temenos (University of Manchester)

Amanda De Lisio (York University)
  Negotiating military urbanism in the Olympic City: Sex work and securitisation in Rio de Janeiro

Mantha Katsikana (York University)
  ‘Never seen/never heard’: Spatialities of gendered violence in Athens times of austerity and survival responses

Wangui Kimari (University of Cape Town)
  Security beyond the men: Women and their everyday security apparatus in Mathare, Nairobi

Alaa Attiah (American University in Cairo)
  Wayfarer paths: Movement and knowledge beyond modern roads/infrastructures
DAY THREE

10:00-10:15 | Break

10:15-11:45 | Parallel Sessions 7

7A: GenUrb Roundtable: Lost in Translation? Research across Cultures, Bodies and Languages (NSC A2)

Chair: Elsa Koleth (York University)

Speakers: Grace Adeniyi Ogunyankin (Queen’s University), Omar Elsharkawy (York University), Sara Koopman (Kent State University) Rawan Mostafa (York University) Monica Orisadare (Obafemi Awolowo University) Penn Tsz Ting Ip (Shanghai Jiao Tong University), Nasya Razavi (York University), and Siya Zhang (York University)

In this session scholars from the GenUrb project will discuss challenges related to translation in a comparative feminist project at various stages of the research process, including issues of translation across knowledge frameworks, across cultural contexts, across bodies, and across languages.

7B: Workshop on Decolonizing Research (NSC B2)

Facilitator: Lata Narayanaswamy (University of Leeds)

Participants will explore the ethics of decolonial research though the university. This workshop is structured around two key aspects of decolonizing research: (inward) the institution of the university, namely the procedures, hierarchies, gate-keepers, visibility, recognition; and (outward) to the the field, involving positionalities, accountabilities, responsibilities and decisions.
DAY THREE

7C: Mobilizations and Feminist Urban Activism (NSC C2)

Chair: Marieme Lo (University of Toronto)

Supriya Jan-Sonar (CORO India)
Grassroots mobilisation and advocacy: The Right to PEE campaign in Mumbai

Hazel Dizon (York University) and Arnisson Andre C. Ortega (Syracuse University)
‘Women hold up half the sky’: Urban poor women in the struggle for urban social justice in Manila

Luna Lyra (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais)
The burden of social reproduction work for women in grassroots movements: The case of Vicentão occupation in Belo Horizonte, Brasil

7D: Social Reproduction: Spaces of Crises and Intervention (NSC D2)

Chair: Nathalia Ocasio Santos (Queen's University)

Blanca Valdivia (Col·lectiu Punt 6)
Towards a paradigm shift: The caring city

Fabrice Mopi Touoyem (Université de Yaoundé 1)
Female dynamism and territorial development in southern cities:
Lessons from Cameroonian cities

Ceren Lordoglu (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University)
The meaning of home making for women escaping from their houses due to domestic violence in Istanbul

Ranu Basu (York University)
Urbanizing ‘radical openness’ from streets to classrooms: Feminist revelations from Kolkata to Havana

11:45-12:00 | Break
8A: GenUrb Roundtable on Trauma in the Field (NSC A2)

Chair: Elsa Koleth (York University)

Speakers: Grace Adeniyi Ogunyankin (Queen’s University), Joy Nicola Marcus (Red Thread Ghana), Monica Orisadare (Obafemi Awolowo University), Penn Tsz Ting Ip (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and Nasya Razavi (York University)

In this session members of the GenUrb Early Career Scholars Network will discuss the role of trauma in poverty-related research, and consider how trauma is invoked and negotiated in embodied encounters between researchers and research participants in the field.

8B: GenUrb Roundtable on Activism and the Academy (NSC B2)

Chair: Marieme Lo (University of Toronto)

Speakers: Karen de Souza (Red Thread), Mantha Katsikana (York University), Sara Koopman (Kent State University) and Linda Peake (York University)

In this session we explore the nature of long-term engagements between activists and academics in particular urban places, highlighting the pleasures and pitfalls of working together politically.

8C: Invited Speaker Talk: Urban Risk and the Right to the City (NSC C2)

Chair: Natasha Aruri (Guest Professor of Urban Design, DIA; Post-Doc, K LAB, TU Berlin; UR°BANA)

Speaker: Dalia Wahdan (Nile University)

Urban risk and the Right to the City: Women’s livelihoods in “unsafe” neighbourhoods in Cairo, Egypt, and their chances for NUA’s inclusive urbanity
8D: Migration and Displacement: Enacting Agency (NSC C2)

Chair: Valerie Preston (York University)

Kajal Kiran Singh (South Asian University)
Experience queerness and negotiating spaces: An inquiry into the narratives of genderqueers in New Delhi

Victor Bénédictus Douanla Banka (Université de Yaounde)
The role of women in the socio-economic integration of migrants in the English-speaking areas of Cameroon: The case of displaced people in the city of Melong

Kundan Mishra (University of Massachusetts Boston)
Distress, decision and dilemma: A study on the aspirations and migration decisions of women in rural households

1:30-2:30 | Lunch Break
(Meal Provided for Speakers)

2:30-4:00 Keynote Address (NSC Main Conference Hall)

Katherine McKittrick, Gender Studies, Queen’s University

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Chair: Grace Adeniyi Ogunyankin, Queen’s University

4:00-4:30 Conference Closing Remarks (NSC Main Conference Hall)