



Who Owns the City?

An International Conference

April 19-20, 2023

Maiersdorf Hall 405, Mount Scopus Campus,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



Day 1 / Wednesday, April 19

- 08:45-09:00 Gathering, registration, refreshments
- 09:00-09:15 **Opening**
- Greetings: **Tomer Brode** / Dean of the Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Introduction: **Katya Assaf** / Faculty of Law and European Forum, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem;
Tim Schnetgöke / Independent Scholar
Conference Co-Organizers
- 09:15-10:45 **Who owns urban meanings? Narratives of contested spaces**
- Chair: **Tawfiq Da'adli** / Dept. of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies and Dept. of Art History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Speakers: **Merav Kaddar** / Institute for Housing and Urban Development, Erasmus University of Rotterdam
My city as a battle ground: (re-)narrating national conflicts through urban activism – 3 examples from Tel Aviv-Jaffa
Michal Huss / Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Conference Co-Organizer
The transgressive art of walking: City walking tours as a means for refugees to claim a right to the city and its heritage
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:15 **Who owns a right to the city? Perspectives on urban (in)equality**
- Chair: **Eran Razin** / Dept. of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Speakers: **Avner De-Shalit** / Dept. Of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
City of equals
Antoni Remisar / Polis Research Centre, University of Barcelona
The suburb that wished to be city. Bon Pastor neighbourhood (Barcelona)
Nir Barak / Dept. of Politics and Government, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Secure citizens: Policing, safety and city-zenship
- 13:15-14:15 Lunch break
- 14:15-16:30 **Who's in charge? Urban authorities and institutions as agents of problem-solving, conflict negotiation and autonomy**
- Chair: **Ronit Levine-Schnur** / Radzyner Law School, Reichman University (IDC) Herzliya
- Speakers: **Stephan Leixnering** / Research Institute of Urban Management and Governance, Vienna University of Economics and Business; Center for Management Science, Mines Paris-PSL
Shared ownership for urban solutions to current crises
Nufar Avni / Dept. of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Filling the void: Cultural institutions as socio-political actors in East Jerusalem
Yishai Blank / Dean of the Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
Local autonomy, solidarity and belonging
- 16:30-16:45 Coffee break

- 16:45-19:00 **Podium Discussion - Imagine: Visions of possible cities**
- Chair: **Ronit Levine-Schnur** / Radzyner Law School, Reichman University (IDC) Herzliya
- Presentation of projects: **Jasmin Jossin** / German Institute of Urban Affairs, Berlin
Urban Xtopia: Who owns the future?
Tareq Nassar / Architect, Jerusalem
Hope through action: The Sinsila model in East Jerusalem
Ido Bruno / Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem
Real Line | Imagined Line: Marking Connections in Urban Space
Katya Assaf / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Conference Co-Organizer; and
Tim Schnetgöke / Independent Scholar; Conference Co-Organizer
If billboards could talk: An experiment in Berlin
- Open Discussion**

Day 2 / Thursday, April 20

- 08:45-09:00 Gathering, registration, refreshments
- 09:00-11:15 **Who owns public spaces? Urban exclusion, isolation and strategies of placemaking**
- Chair: **Katya Assaf** / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Speakers: **Talja Blokland** / Georg Simmel Centre of Urban Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin
Whose public space - What city? A Berlin perspective on the risks of urban seclusion
Limor Yehuda / Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and
Michal Braier / Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace and the Urban Clinic, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The apartheid city and Jerusalem: Law, planning and social transformation
Noga Keidar / University of Toronto and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Evolving epistemologies of Placemaking: Tools for theoretical and diagnostic analysis
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-14:00 **Who owns city walls? Perspectives on graffiti and street art**
- Chair: **Merav Kaddar** / Erasmus University of Rotterdam
- Speakers: **Peter Bengtsen** / Lund University
The urban playground: reflections on city ownership through exploration
Enrico Bonadio / City University of London
Copyright in the street: An oral history of creative processes in street art and graffiti subcultures
Eynat Mendelson / Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
This is mine!!! Who owns the city's walls?

The number of places is limited. **Registration is required.**

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