



# Philosophy of the City Conference, University of San Francisco

Pre-Conference Event:

November 16<sup>th</sup>: Remmon Barbaza Colloquium (Philosophy, Ateneo de Manila University),  
"Duterte and the Sense of Law in the Philippines." (5:15-6:45pm)

## I. Day 1 of Conference November 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00-9:00: Breakfast & Check-in Room: Fromm 110

8:45-9:15: Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**Ronald Sundstrom** (University of San Francisco)  
**Shane Epting** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

### Session 1a.

9:15 - 10:45: *Democracy and Equality* Room: Fromm 110

**Frank Cunningham** (University of Toronto) The Possessive-Individualist City

**Judith Green** (Fordham University) Advancing the Meanings of Justice for All: Deploying Philosophical Pragmatism in Democratic Political Economy

**David W. Woods** (Deputy Director of Planning, City of Stamford, CT & NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering) A Pragmatist Model of Transforming Urban Inequalities: Creating Livable Cities in a Time of Crisis

### Session 1b.

9:15 - 10:45: *Cities, Experience, and Culture* Room: Fromm 111

**Abel Franco** (California State University, Northridge) Why We Like Ugly Cities: The Strange and Complex Relation Between Our Aesthetical and Our Emotional Responses to Cities

**Kenneth Bracker** (University of North Carolina) Creating Better Communities: The Relevance of Greek Philosophical Perspectives on City Planning for the 21st Century

**John Ortiz** (Millersville University) Plato's Raving Republic: Theorizing the City through Fiesta & Carnival

### Session 2a.

11:00 - 12:30: *Community Autonomy, D-I-Y, and the City* Room: Fromm 110

**Mary Carmen Marcous** (Florida State University) Time Banking and the Sharing Economy

**Sarah Gelbard** (McGill University) Schlemihls and Buffoons: The Spatial-political Margins of Punks and Pariahs in the City

**Shane Epting** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Participatory Budgeting and Vertical Agriculture: A Thought Experiment in Food System Reform

**Session 2b.**

11:00 - 12:30: Session 4, *Tensions between Private and Public* Room: Fromm 111

**Brian Weiner** (University of San Francisco) Billboards, Commercial Speech and the Urban Spectacle

**Florian Grosser** (UC Berkeley) Contested Site, Contested Concept: The City Square in the History of Political Thought

**Michael Glawson** (University of South Carolina) Urbane Sprawl: How Urban Norms Propagate through Commercial Products and Advertisements

12:30 - 1:00: Lunch Room: Fromm 110

**1:00 – 2:00: Presidential Address, Michael Menser** (Brooklyn College) Room: Fromm 110  
Undoing the Urban/Region: the City after Sustainable Development

**Session 3a.**

2:00 - 3:30: *Extending the Land Ethic into the City: Part I* Room: Fromm 110

**Joan McGregor** (Arizona State University) Urban Ethic and Food: Are our Values on our Plates?

**Samantha Noll** (Haverford College) Animal Refugees in the City: The Role of Urban Communities in Ecological Resilience for a Changing Climate

**Deborah H. Williams** (Johnson County Community College) The Ecology of a Parking Lot: Exploring Ecological Resilience in Built Environments

**Session 3b.**

2:00 - 3:30: *Architecture, Infrastructure, and Space* Room: Fromm 111

**Tobias Cheung** (Humboldt-University) Global and Local Metabolic Space: Kisho Kurokawa's Vision of the Future Megalopolis and its Biotechnic Culture.

**Maia Nichols** (California Institute of the Arts) Emerged Interface and Interception in Atrophied Forts

**McKay Holland** (Georgetown University) Homelessness and the Cognitive Reserve: How Homes and Multipurpose Urban Spaces Support Personal Agency

3:30 - 4:00: Coffee Break Main Foyer

**Session 4a.**

4:00 - 5:30: *Extending the Land Ethic into the City: Part II* Room: Fromm 110

**Sean McAleer** (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire) Plato's Leopoldian City

**Alexandria Poole** (Elizabethtown College) The Socio-Politics of Walking in the Land Ethic

**Yogi Hale Hendlin** (University of California, San Francisco) The Limits of the Automobile City

**Session 4b.**

4:00 - 5:30: *Art and Public Space*

Room: Fromm 111

**Dominique Lämmli** (Zurich University of the Arts and FOA-FLUX) Artists Working Reality: An Art-based Capability Approach?

**Stephanie Cheung** (Lead Curator, Make a Difference Institute) Back and Forth: Between Belief and Practice, Curating in Public Space

**Yang Yeung** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) How Artists Lead

**II. Day 2 of Conference** November 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30-9:00: Breakfast & Check-in

Room: Fromm 110

**Session 1a.**

9:00-10:30 Author Meets Critics on **Margaret Kohn's** *The Death of Life of the Urban Commonwealth* Room: Fromm 110

**Margaret Kohn** (University of Toronto)

**Loren King** (Wilfrid Laurier University)

**Sharon Meagher** (Widener University)

**Patrick Turmel** (Laval University)

**Daniel Weinstock** (McGill University)

**Session 1b.**

9:00 - 10:30: *City Identity*

Room: Fromm 111

**Michael Nagenborg** (Twente University) The City is Falling Apart

**Maria João Couto** (Universidade do Porto) Identity: Acknowledgement and Anonymity

**Kenny Easwaran** (Texas A&M University) The City as a Group Agent

**Session 2a**

10:45 - 12:15: *The City as Lived Experience*

Room: Fromm 111

**John Russon** (University of Guelph) City Experience as Resolution to the Limitations of Domestic Life and Nationalism

**Whitney Howell** (LaSalle University) Environmental Consciousness: Cities as Material Conditions of Existential Health

**Gregory Kirk** (Northern Arizona University) Natural Tensions in Forms of Life in the City and The Virtue of Citizenship

**Session 2b.**

10:45 - 12:15: *Is the Rent too Damn High?*

Room: Fromm 110

**Tyler Zimmer** (Northeastern Illinois University) An Egalitarian Defense of Rent Control

**Rachel Brahinsky** (University of San Francisco) Against Inevitability

**François Boucher** (Université de Montreal) and **Jocelyn Maclure** (Université Laval) Gentrification and Social Justice

12:15 - 1:15: Lunch

Room: Fromm 110

1:15 - 2:15, Keynote, **Anver de-Shalit** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) Room: Fromm 110  
City-based Visas: Should Cities have Border Control?

1:45 - 2:15: Coffee Break, Main Foyer

**Session 3a**

2:15 - 3:45: *Ecological Thinking in Urban Contexts*

Room: Fromm 110

**Caitlin Zera** (Missouri Coalition for the Environment) The Right to Reclamation: Harvey's Urban Rebellion through Gesamtkunstwerks

**Gerald J. Erion** (Medaille College) Philosophy and the Garden City

**Nir Barak** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) Towards a Model of Civic Ecological Citizenship

**Session 3b**

2:15 - 3:45: *Continental Thinking and the Built Environment*

Room: Fromm 111

**Matthew Crippen** (American University of Cairo) Heidegger's Concept of Worldhood and Mandalay's Water Festival

**Brian Elliott** (Portland State University) Lost Cities: Situating the Urban Phenomenon in Contemporary Continental Philosophy

**Jules Simon** (University of Texas El Paso) Hannah Arendt as 'Exilic City Planner' for the Emerging 21st Century Cosmopolitan City

4:00 - 6:00: Break and Travel to SPUR in downtown San Francisco

6:00 - 8:00: Presentation and panel on the documentary series "One Day in an American City"  
Sponsored by SPUR (San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association) and San Francisco Urban Film Fest

Address:

654 Mission Street

San Francisco, CA 94105-4015

### III. Day 3 of Conference    November 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30-9:00: Breakfast & Check-in    Main Foyer

#### Session 1a.

9:00 - 10:30: *Public Reason and Urban Belonging*

Room: Fromm 110

**Matteo Bonotti** (Cardiff University) and **Yael Peled** (McGill University)  The Architecture of Public Reason: Deliberation and Public Justification in the Contemporary City

**Remmon Barbarza** (Ateneo de Manila University) Up/rootedness in the City: Thinking Metro Manila with Simone Weil

**Melis Bas** (Twente University) The End of Privacy as We Know It: Reconsidering Public Space in the age of Google Glass

#### Session 1b.

9:00 - 10:30: *Migration and the Right to Dwell*

Room: Fromm 111

**Paul Tubig** and **Claire Becerra** (University of Washington) Contested Spaces, Contested Identities: An Ethical Analysis of Gentrification

**Paula Cristina Pereira** (Universidade do Porto) Migrations and the Right to Dwell

**Jason Flato** (Georgia State University) Metaphilosophy, Housing and the City

#### Session 2a.

10:45 - 12:15: *Ethical, Aesthetical, and Political Considerations*

Room: Fromm 110

**Taylor Stone** (Delft University of Technology) The Morality of Darkness: Urban Nights, Light Pollution, and Evolving Values

**Roman Meinhold** (Mahidol University, International College, Nakhonpathom) Bangkok City Canals --- Ethics & Aesthetics: Descriptive Juxtapositions and Projective Perspectives regarding Sustainability and Well-Being in and along Bangkok's Khlongs)

**Jason Matteson** (Northern Arizona University) The Formation of Cities and Political Authority: Philosophy Meets Pre-State Societies

#### Session 2b.

10:45 - 12:15: *Fighting for the Right to the City*

Room: Fromm 111

**Chen Zhong** (Shanghai Academy of Social Science) City Rights: Global Horizon and Chinese Issue from the Perspective of the City's Philosophy and Critical History

**Federico Tomasello** (European University Institute, Florence) and **Jean-Tomas Arrighi**, (Université de Neuchatel) Social Violence and the City. Thinking Urban Riots as a Theoretical Subject

**Jean-Tomas Arrighi** (Université de Neuchatel) and **Federico Tomasello** (European University Institute, Florence) Talking about the Barricades: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Contemporary Urban Riots

12:15 - 12:45: Lunch

Room: Fromm 110

12:45 – 1:45: **Keynote, Arthur K. Biermann** (San Francisco State University) Room: Fromm 110  
The Philosophy of Urban Existence

1:45 - 2:15: Coffee Break, Main Foyer

### **Session 3a.**

2:15 - 3:45: Session 19, *Technology and the Ecology of the City*

Room: Fromm 111

**Gerard Kuperus** (University of San Francisco) and **Stephen Zvestoski** (University of San Francisco) Smart Cities; Smart Communities?

**Giovanni Frigo** (University of North Texas) 100% Renewable City Plans: Challenges of Local Energy Policy and the Emergence of an Energy Ethics

**Eleanor Muse** (New York University) Killer Robots or No-Fault AI: Assigning Responsibility to Artificial Intelligences