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"Strikes and revolutionary movements are endemic in the urban environment. Cities, and particularly the great cities, are in an unstable equilibrium".

(Robert Ezra Park, 1925)

PRESENTATION

Social conflict is inherent in urban society in general. Social conflict is a historic constant that makes cities the epicenter of revolt in all of its forms. Despite our attempts to systematically classify the varied logics that lay behind existing disparate scales of uprising, e.g. large mass movements, small groups organized around blueprint actions, or individuals that quietly rebelled with daily contempt, to date it has not been possible to bring them all under a common systemic defiance. Political movements vs. social movements, peaceful vs. violent actions, organization vs. spontaneity, etc., these are old dichotomies overcome by the force of the present situation.

So, how does conflict come about in contemporary cities? The varied kinds of agitation featured in the current crisis are a good example of the different types of rebellion against public order, the norms that sustain it, and the authorities that implement them. From a demonstration against government cuts to apolitical graffiti somewhere on the urban fringe, from insubordination against mortgage repossessions to the refusal to pay for the use of public transport, from symbolic happenings performed in public spaces to the defense, at any cost, of squatted housing, of neighborhood resistance against evictions or of the opposition to identification raids on undocumented migrants.

The aim of this conference is to make an inventory and to analyze, from different ethnographic approaches, those often invisible phenomena of daily or extraordinary disobedience designed for, or inspired by, a rejection of spatial, economic, political, and social order. However, in order to identify them as mechanisms aimed at denouncing a particular order, we must approach these by looking at concepts that synthesize at once the processes that impose a homogeneous order as well as the practices that challenge it. Examples of these kinds of notions are Pere López Sánchez's "Urban Desertions", the "Counter-Movements" of Gaspar Maza, Gary W. McDonogh and Joan J. Pujadas, and J.P. De Gaudemar's "Forced Mobilities".

Under these concepts, struggles for the right to housing, copyleft, daily shop-lifting, food sovereignty, and disputes for public space converge, that is, the generation and conquest of parallel and pugnacious forms of relationship and exchange come together in order to face the current living conditions within urban society. Likewise, actions of "political resistance" coordinated by residents, assemblies, or independent groups take place, as well as those desertion phenomena that have unsettled social sciences so much, due to their lack of discourse: e.g. cyclical uprisings in the fringes of major cities and the periodic riots linked to sporting events. Instigated by the authorities and Capital, all of these phenomena link to mechanisms of urban domination and to the commoditization of the city, taking shape as projects that theme space and make heritage out of it, turning the environment into amenable tourism projects that stimulate the privatization of space, as well as gentrification and real estate speculation, all of which end up forcing large numbers of people into involuntary displacement. These processes are always accompanied by so-called "citizen involvement", which nevertheless legitimates social cleansing and government practices that, far from achieving the involvement they advocate, squeeze it into juridical and punitive frameworks of control which are of an increasingly moralistic and repressive character.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 07/11/2012

15:00	Inaugural Lecture	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
17:30	Coffee Break	
18:00	Session 1: PUBLIC SPACE, DESERTIONS AND URBANITY	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)

Thursday 08/11/2012

09:00	Opening Lecture	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:30	Session 2: NEIGHBORHOODS, CONFLICTIVITY AND COEXISTENCES	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
14:00	Lunch Break	
16:00	Session 3: MOVEMENTS, SPECULATION AND URBANISM	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
17:30	Coffee Break	
18:00	Session 4: SOCIAL RESISTANCE, GENTRIFICATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
19:00	Closing Lecture	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)

Friday 09/11/2012

09:00	Opening Lecture	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	Session 5: TERRITORY, FORCED MOBILITY AND VIOLENCE	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
12:30	Session 6: HETEROTOPIES, MARGINALITY AND STIGMATIZATION	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
14:00	Lunch Break	
16:00	Session 7: URBAN PRACTICES, ILLEGALISMS AND SOCIAL CONTROL	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)
17:30	Coffee Break	
18:00	Closing Lecture	(Aula Magna, 4 floor)

Saturday 10/11/2012

09:00	Session 8: STRUGGLES FOR THE CITY: THE CASE OF BARCELONA	(CCCB)
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:30	Thematic Guided Walk: "Conflictive Barcelona"	
18:00	Session 9: CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY	(La Reina d'Àfrica)
21:30	Closing Party	(La Reina d'Àfrica)

ANALYTIC PROGRAM

Wednesday 07/11/2012

15:00 - 17:30 INAUGURAL LECTURE (coordinated by **Manuel Delgado** - Universitat de Barcelona; presented by **Verena Stolcke** – Institut Català d'Antropologia)

“Global Chinatowns: Social Movements, Urban Conflict and the Renegotiation of Space”

Gary W. McDonogh (Bryn Mawr College of U.S.A.)

“Re-inventing Spaces of Commoning: Occupied Squares in Movement”

Stavros Stavrides (National Technical University of Athens)

17:30 - 18:00 COFFEE BREAK

18:00 - 20:00 Session 1: **PUBLIC SPACE, DESERTIONS AND URBANITY** (coordinated by **Claudia Contreras** – Universitat de Barcelona)

“La ciudad del derecho a la ciudad: ensamblajes recursivos del espacio público”

Alberto Corsín & Adolfo Estalella (Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales - Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)

“Metrópolis, guerra climática y ecología del miedo-ambiente: pasos hacia una antropología de los afectos”

Carlos Diz Reboredo (Universidade da Coruña)

“Parameters of Darkness: Counternarratives from Arrested Activists at Occupy Los Angeles”

Arpan Roy (California State University)

“Neighbourhood of Mouraria, Territory of Super Diversity: Between Conviviality and Tension”

María Manuela Mendes (Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia - Universidade Técnica de Lisboa)

“Public Space/Conflicts of ‘Publics’: A Migrant Centrality in Paris and its Problems”

María Anita Palumbo (École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales - Laboratoire Architecture Anthropologie)

10:00 - 11:00 OPENING LECTURE (coordinated by **Miquel González Fernández** - Universitat de Barcelona)

"Unstable Places: An Analysis of the Multiple Temporalities of Urban Change"

Monica Degen (London Brunel University)

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 14:00 Session 2: NEIGHBORHOODS, CONFLICTIVITY AND COEXISTENCES (coordinated by **Dolors García** - Universitat de Barcelona)

"From Public Places to State of Exception Zones: Istanbul's Alevi Populated, Leftist Identified Neighborhoods"

Deniz Yonucu (Cornell University)

"Athens Urban Space Riots: from December 2008 Revolt to Mobilizations in the Era of Crisis"

Tsavdaroglou Charalampos & Makrygianni Vasiliki (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

"Vacant Spaces, Dangerous Places: Ambiguity and Conflict in East Belfast"

Rebekah McCabe (National University of Ireland)

"The Riot Refigured: Narrative Practice and the 'Political' Event at a Border Zone in the Middle of Paris"

Julie Kleinman (Harvard University)

"Peace Dove in the Front Command Room: On Drawing and Blurring the Boundaries of the Nation in the Space of the Urban in Haifa"

Rolly Rosen (Haifa University)

14:00 - 16:00 LUNCH BREAK

16:00 - 17:30 Session 3: MOVEMENTS, SPECULATION AND URBANISM (coordinated by **Antigoni Geronta** - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)

“Conflicto social en tiempos de cambio político. El movimiento vecinal en (la) transición”

Iván Bordetas Jiménez (Centre d'Estudis sobre les Èpoques Franquista i Democràtica – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

“El Barrio Chino en los años 30. Arquitectura o revolución”

Celia Marín Vega (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona)

“The Moral Economy of Chinese Home Buyers: Housing Agencies and Post-Purchase Conflicts in China”

Mengqi Wang (Brandeis University)

“Illiberal Amman: Urbanism and Uprising in the Hashemite Kingdom”

Najib B. Hourani (Michigan State University)

17:30 - 18:00 COFFEE BREAK

18:00 - 19:00 Session 4: SOCIAL RESISTANCE, GENTRIFICATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION (coordinated by **Marc Dalmau** - Universitat de Barcelona)

“Espacio recalificado y resistencia ordinaria: el caso de una ciudad postindustrial”

Sarah Rojon (Centre Max Weber - Université Jean Monnet)

“Entre la conservación del estilo de vida y el posible desalojo: análisis del conflicto en torno a la construcción de un puente”

Marianne von Lücken (Universidad de Buenos Aires - Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Técnica)

“Pussies, Veggies and Booze: Urban Labour and Its Class-Struggle Implications within Production as a Totality”

Marc Morell (Universitat de les Illes Balears – Universitat de Barcelona)

19:00 - 20:00 CLOSING LECTURE (coordinated by **Marco Luca Stanchieri** - Universitat de Barcelona)

“Reciclajes urbanos. Del tornillo a la demanda”

Santiago Cirugeda (Recetas Urbanas)

09:00 - 10:30 OPENING LECTURE (coordinated by **Daniel Malet** - Universitat de Barcelona)

“Conflictos sobre los usos del espacio urbano en la ciudad del Río de Janeiro: la operación ‘Choque de Ordem’”

Nilton Silva dos Santos (Universidade Federal Fluminense)

“La exclusión social como revelador de las relaciones entre violencia estructural y violencia cotidiana”

José Fernandes (Universidade do Porto)

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 Session 5: **TERRITORY, FORCED MOBILITY AND VIOLENCE** (coordinated by **Muna Makhoul** - Universitat de Barcelona)

“Nuevos conflictos en el espacio público: las unidades de policía pacificadora y los dilemas de la urbanización en las favelas de Rio de Janeiro”

Neiva Vieira Da Cunha (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro) & **Marco Antonio Da Silva Mello** (Universidade Federal Fluminense)

“La rebelión de los inquilinos. La ocupación del parque indoamericano y las condiciones de acceso a la vivienda en la ciudad de Buenos Aires”

María Cristina Cravino (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento - Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas)

“Los ‘falsos positivos’ y la jerarquía moral de la vida humana en el conflicto colombiano”

Andrés Manuel Felipe Gonzalez Saiz (Goldsmiths University of London)

“Para un análisis de los procesos de movilizaciones forzadas urbanas en contexto de guerras: poder, territorios y estrategias de control. El desplazamiento forzado intra-urbano en Soacha (Colombia, Departamento de Cundinamarca)”

Tiphaine Duriez (Université de Nice-Sophia-Antipolis - Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire Révits, Culture et Sociétés)

12:30 - 14.00 Session 6: **HETEROTOPIES, MARGINALITY AND STIGMATIZATION** (coordinated by **Giuseppe Aricó** - Universitat de Barcelona)

“Salvem y viu al Cabanyal: poder, resistencia y subversión. Nuevas respuestas a las transformaciones urbanas neoliberales”

Beatriz Santamarina Campos (Universitat de València)

“Salt City: el barri com a refugi i amenaça. Apropiacions de l'espai públic i resistències dels joves de Salt davant l'exclusió i l'estigma”

Judit Font Redolad (Universitat de Girona)

Friday 09/11/2012

"Todos hemos sido muy críticos, pero ser alternativos es otra cosa. Del movimiento social al asociacionismo institucionalizado: un estudio de caso sobre la coordinadora contra la marginación de Cornellà"

Jordi Arola Sánchez (Universitat de Barcelona)

"Construcción de discursos y prácticas racistas a propósito de un asentamiento rom en la ciudad de Turín, Italia"

Cecilia Vergnano (Universitat de Barcelona)

"Liminal Embodied Spaces, Precarious Lives and Creative Critique in the Megacity of Istanbul"

Fotini Tsibiridou (University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki)

14:00 - 16:00 LUNCH BREAK

16:00 - 17:30 Session 7: **URBAN PRACTICES, ILLEGALISMS AND SOCIAL CONTROL** (coordinated by **Livia Motterle** - Universitat de Barcelona)

"From the Deep Web to the City Streets: Hacking As a Political and Cultural Practice"

Christina Grammatikopoulou (Universitat de Barcelona)

"Los grafitis ilegales: formas y expresiones de un fenómeno considerado como problemático en el entorno urbano contemporáneo"

Katia Fersing (Université Nice-Sophia-Antipolis)

"¿Mendigo, vendedor ambulante, delincuente o... músico?"

Olga Picún Fuentes (Instituto de Investigaciones Estéticas - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

"De la tematización a la antitematización: el metro de Barcelona"

Claudia Contreras (Universitat de Barcelona)

17:30 - 18:00 COFFEE BREAK

18:00 - 20:00 CLOSING LECTURE (coordinated by **Gerard Horta** - Universitat de Barcelona)

"On Immigration, Fascism and the Crisis in Greece Today"

Lia Yoka (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

"¿Para qué sirven los conflictos de urbanidad?"

Pedro José García Sánchez (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre)

09:00 - 11:00 Session 8: **STRUGGLES FOR THE CITY: THE CASE OF BARCELONA** (coordinated by **Manuel Delgado** – Universitat de Barcelona)

“Els principis energètics i interactius de l’acció col·lectiva: una recepta contra el diagnòstic institucional ‘antisistema’”

Daniel Malet (Universitat de Barcelona)

“El Forat de la Vergonya: aproximación etnográfica de un espacio reivindicativo”

Ariadna Maestre Gutiérrez (Universitat de Barcelona)

“¿(Re)matar al “Chino” para salvar al Raval? Etnografía crítica de la calle d'en Robador”

Miquel Fernández González (Universitat de Barcelona)

“Provisionalitat post-crisi: mobilitats forçades, resistències socials i apropiacions espacials al barri de Vallcarca, a Barcelona”

Marco Luca Stanchieri (Universitat de Barcelona)

“La Barceloneta rebelde. Resistencia vecinal en el contexto de nuevas formas de movilización urbana y de apropiación capitalista de la ciudad”

Muna Makhoul (Universitat de Barcelona)

“Can Batlló: de la degradació planificada a la construcció comunitària”

Marc Dalmau (Universitat de Barcelona)

“Elogio del incivismo: resistencias y deserciones urbanas en la periferia de Barcelona”

Giuseppe Aricó (Universitat de Barcelona)

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 14:00 Thematic Guided Walk: **"CONFLICTIVE BARCELONA"**

Neighborhoods of Raval, Santa Caterina, Barceloneta



Saturday 10/11/2012

18:00 - 21:30 Session 9: **CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY** (coordinated by **Giuseppe Aricó** - Universitat de Barcelona)

“Ingenios para trocar la vida. Oráculo manual”

Tais Bielsa (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos - CSA La Tabacalera) & **Gloria G. Durán** (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia – CSA La Tabacalera)

“BCN: Luchas Sociales Urbanas”

Eva Legido Quigley (Our Voices on the Move - 15Mbcn.tv)

“Dos Tahrir: Ilums al Caire, ombres a Bagdad”

Andrés Antebi, Alberto López Bargados, Alberto Pérez de la Fuente, José Sánchez García & Agnès Villamor (Observatori de la Vida Quotidiana - GRECS)

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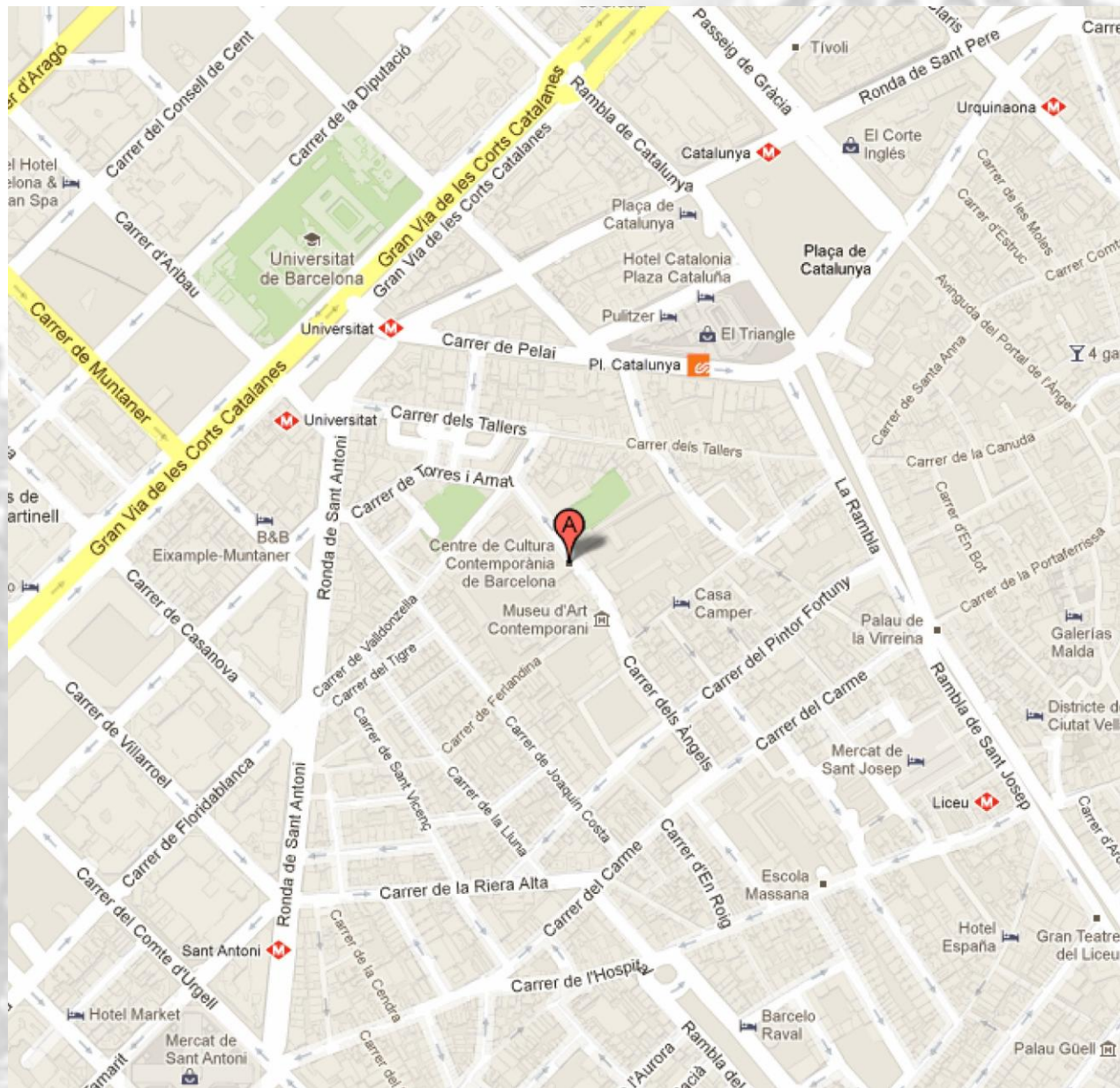
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