



PHILOSOPHY OF THE CITY

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Throughout human history, the city has been a site for the articulation of new forms of knowledge, political community, economy and individuality with respect to the (sometimes conflicting) norms of freedom, equality, and justice. Yet, the continued urbanization of the globe poses tremendous problems, particularly in this time of ecological crisis, economic inequality and political uncertainty.

Philosophy began in the city (Plato, Aristotle), and the city is a recurrent topic in the history of philosophy (Aquinas, Machiavelli), and the urban figures as a prominent site of investigation in numerous fields. Among many contemporary philosophers, however, the city as an object of study lacks prominence. Yet, trailblazing members of the philosophic community are taking the discipline in new directions, analyzing the city in a 21st century context.

The aim of this conference is to build their network and engage those issues from a variety of philosophical and related perspectives (e.g. ethical, political, phenomenological, feminist, critical race theory, cultural studies, environmental and others).

The following are some of the Confirmed Presentations taking place at this conference:

Dec 5th: Room 9206, CUNY Graduate Center, 4:15PM – 6:15PM

Special Session on Participatory Democracy

Dec 6th: Student Center, Brooklyn College, 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Sharon Meagher, *"Philosophical Streetwalking: Grounding Philosophy in Public Life"*

Ron Sundstrom, *"Building Equality Through Solidarity: Democratic Responses to Residential Segregation"*

Steven Vogel, *"Thinking Like A Mall"*

Shelley Wilcox, *"Is Civic Environmentalism a Satisfactory Urban Environmental Ethic?"*

Dec 7th: Boylan Hall, Brooklyn College, 9:00AM – 8:00PM

Kyle Pows Whyte, *"Philosophizing Participation and Urban Environmental Justice: the Case of Detroit"*

Nathalie Alegre, *"Rebuilding After Superstorm Sandy: Climate Change, Inequality and the Resilient City"*

Daniel Weinstock, *"A Normative Definition of the City"*

Jules Simon, *"Exile and the City"*

Ralph Acampora, *"Neighboring Species: In the Hood with Other Animals"*

Roger Paden, *"Urban Parks and Open Spaces"*

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