

Cities and the New Wars

Friday, September 25, 2009

1:00pm – 6:45 pm

Wood Auditorium, Avery Hall

1:00 – 1:30 Introduction

Saskia Sassen

Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Member, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University.

1:30 – 3 Geographies of Terror

Chair, Saskia Sassen

Arjun Appadurai

Goddard Professor of Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University

Stephen Graham

Professor of Human Geography and Deputy Director of the Centre for the Study of Cities and Regions, University of Durham.

Jessica Stern

Professor of Law and Affiliate, the Belfer Center's International Security Program, Harvard University.

3-4 War and Displacement

Chair: Elazar Barkan, Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University.

Les Roberts

Associate Clinical Professor of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, and former Director of Health Policy at the International Rescue Committee.

Karen Jacobsen

Associate Professor at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, and Academic Director of the Feinstein International Center, Tufts University

4 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 5:15 Economic Violence

Chair: Yasmine Ergas, Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

Sudhir Venkatesh

William B. Ransford Professor of Sociology and Director, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University.

Claire Cutler

Professor of International Law and Relations, University of Victoria, Canada.

5:15 – 6:45 Urban Spaces as a Technology of War

Chair: Claire Cutler, Law and International Relations, Victoria U.

Eyal Weizman

Architect, Professor and Director of the Centre for Research Architecture at Goldsmiths College. Member, architectural collective "Decolonizing Architecture" in Beit Sahour/Palestine.

Peter Marcuse

Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University.

Partha Chatterjee

Professor of Anthropology and Member, Committee on Global thought at Columbia University and, Professor of Political Science at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences in Calcutta, India.

6:45 – 7:30 Reception

Saturday, September 26, 2009

11:00am – 7 pm

The Dictionary of War Project

The concepts will be presented in 20-minutes time slots, in alphabetical order and without a break; they are recorded in a television studio setup, encoded in real-time and published on the internet.

- 11:00 Cold war planning - **Jennifer S. Light** (Northwestern University)
- 11:30 Information - **Ted Byfield** (Parsons, The New School for Design)
- 12:00 Not-not- war - **Rosalind C. Morris** (Columbia University)
- 13:00 Pigeon - **Gediminas Urbonas** (MIT, Visual Arts Program)
- 13:30 Re-appropriating the city of fear - **Fiona Jeffries** (CUNY, Graduate Center)
- 14:00 Marketing War - **Danny Kaplan** (Tel Aviv University, Israel)
- 14:30 Annexpression - **Tony Conrad** (University of Buffalo, New York)
- 15:00 The Wall - **Richard Sennett** (New York University and London School of Economics)
- 15:30 Urban Warfare – **Gar Smith** (Environmentalists Against War)
- 16:00 Virtuous War - **James Der Derian** (Brown University)
- 16.30 War Games - **Ashley Dawson** (CUNY Graduate School)
- 17:00 Explosion Implosion: war in our time - **Susan Crile** (Artist, New York)
- 17.30 When a riot becomes a war - **Suketu Mehta** (New York University)
- 18:00 Wounded Cities - **Ida Susser and Jan Schneider** (CUNY Graduate Center)

(Dictionaryofwar.org is a collaborative platform for creating concepts on the topic of "war". This is their first US presentation. Previous events have been held in Frankfurt, Munich, Graz, Berlin, Novi Sad, Gwangju, Bolzano and Taipei. Fifteen speakers will each present a concept that plays a crucial role in the contemporary discourse on war and urban space. Such a concept might be a term that needs to be newly created, one that has been neglected so far, or one that needs to be re-invented.)