

The PHILOSOPHY OF THE CITY  
10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE  
FULL SCHEDULE (subject to change, check back for updates);  
OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, 2023  
Brooklyn College Student Center, Gold, Maroon and State Rooms  
2705 Campus Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11210  
Sponsored by the [Philosophy of the City Research Group](#)  
Hosted by the Department of Philosophy, Brooklyn College/CUNY  
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DAY 1 WEDNESDAY OCT 4  
9:00am-9:15am – Welcome and coffee

9:15 – 10:45 – SESSION 1

Session 1A

“The Ethics of Urban Commemoration”, Daniel Weinstock (McGill University)

“Urban Diversity: Fact or Value?,” Marian Counihan (University of Groningen)

“Urban Justice: A Recognition-Theoretical Perspective,” Bart van Leeuwen (Radboud University)

Session 1B

“Guerilla Gardening Movement: from Urban Space to Internet Space,” Maciej Kędzierski (Adam Mickiewicz University)

“Urban AI Infraethics,” Otello Palmini (University of Ferrara)

9:15-10:45am Session 1C

Panel Discussion: Philosophy In the City: For Whom? By Whom?

Joseph Biehl (St. John's University/Gotham Philosophical Society, Inc.)

Samantha Noll (Washington State University)

Ian Olasov (Brooklyn College)

Sandra Lapointe (McMaster University)

Sergio Gallegos (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)

Chair: Linda Alcoff (Hunter College/CUNY)

SESSION 2

11am– 12:30, 2A

“There is No Demonstration in Disneyland: Ethical impact of exploitation of public realm in favor of private values,” Aneta Kohoutová (University of Pardubice)

“Tourism and marginalization. The touristic city as a locus of marginalization,”

Daniel Guillery (London School of Economics) and Elisabetta Gobbo (Erasmus University)

“The Spatial Experience of Loneliness in City,” Xinyi Angela Zhao, University of British Columbia

11am– 12:30, Session 2B

“Building Sustainable Affordable Housing At All Income Levels,” David Woods, (GreenWoods Associates & NYU)

“Urban Street Art, Gentrification, and Sentimentality,” Heidi Furey (University of Kentucky)

“The Sonic Environment and Gentrification,” Kwabena Edusei (Hamilton College)

11am– 12:30, Session 2C

Joseph Biehl, St. John's University/Gotham Philosophical Society, Inc, Is There No Business Like Human Show Business?

“Brooklyn: Fieldwork for Philosophers,” Marian Counihan and Ryan Wittingslow (University of Groningen)

12:30 – 2pm LUNCH (Served on Site)

2:00 – 3:30, Session 3A

“Political Places and the Place of the Political: Where City Meets Contemporary Identities, Irandina Afonso (University of Porto)

“Defining ‘Public Space’ for Philosophers of the City,” Ryan Wittingslow (University of Groningen)

“Cities as Political Technologies,” Lauri Lahikainen (Tampere University)

2:00 – 3:30, Session 3B

“The Five Pillars of Urban Justice: A Framework for Building Equitable Cities,” Samantha Noll and Tuhina Bhar (Washington State University)

“Outlines for an urban theory of justice,” Francisco Colom-Gonzalez (Spanish National Research Council)

“The Sense of Community: Towards a New Philosophy of Recognition in the Age of Artificial Intelligence,” Kristina Khutsishvili (University of Bologna)

2:00-3:30pm Session 3C

Panel Discussion: “The Maintenance and Repair of Cities”

Mark Thomas Young, University of Vienna,

Rebecca Mossop, University of Luxemborg,

Joost Alleblas, Technical University of Delft,

Steffen Steinert, Technical University of Delft,

3:45 – 5:00, Keynote:

“Philosophy of the City: an emergency response or a philosophical imperative?”

Paula Cristina Pereira (University of Porto)

Day 2 THURSDAY, October 5

9:15 – 10:45, Session 4A

“Overstepping the binary dichotomy of Order versus Chaos: interpretations of informal urbanism in Arab countries,” Vladan Klement (Czech Technical University in Prague)

“The cities of Italo Calvino, Nicoli Siddi (University of Turin)

“The theory of moments of Henri Lefebvre,” Carla Rivera Blanco (City University of New York)

Chair: Daniel Campos (Brooklyn College)

9:15 – 10:45, Session 4B

“City Trouble: Merleau-Ponty’s Way to Extricate from Ontological City/Nature Dualism,” Žygimantas Menčenkovas (Vytautas Magnus University)

“Philosophy and the Rural-to-Urban Transect,” Gerald Erion, (Daemen University)

“Cities in sustainability transformation,” Anni Jäntti (Tampere University)

9:15-10:45am Session 4C

“Pluralist Poetic Pedagogy: Untangling Urban Despair,” Yanai Sened (Fordham University)

“Remaking Urban Home Spaces in the Wake of the Pandemic,” Quill Kukla (Georgetown University)

Chair: Patricia Cipolitti (CUNY GC)

11 – 12:30 – Session 5A

“Mapping collective housing journeys of gender and criminalization,” Sarah Gelbard (University of Ottawa)

“Urban displacement and affective injustice,” Pilar Lopez-Cantero (Tilburg University)

“Margalitian Self-Respect and the Right to Housing,” Niklas Dummer (Technical University Dortmund)

11 – 12:30 – Session 5B

“Aesthetic Categories of Urban Experience: Surveying Conceptual Tools for an Aesthetics of the City,” Nuno Fonseca

“The Peril and Promise of Urban Street Photography,” McKay Holland (Georgetown University)

“Space development and the dominating nature of spatial injustices,” Elisabetta Gobbo (Erasmus University)

11-12:30 Session 5C

“The Role of Anonymity in Urban Living,” Maria João Couto (Universidade do Porto)

“Morality and Sidewalk Safety: Pedestrians as Marginalized Populations,” Savannah Stevens (University of North Texas)

“The Philippine Jeepney: Contesting Space and Pursuing Justice in a Megacity,” Remmon Barbaza (Ateneo de Manila University)

12:30 – 2pm Lunch on Site

2pm-3:30 Session 6A

“A Superfund Idyll: Dredging Post-Capitalist Climate Futures from the Gowanus,” Matthew Bower (The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art)

“Opportunity Seekers or Exogenous Shock? Neoliberal Ontologies and Teleologies of the City and the Disempowerment of Transnational and Transient Populations,”

Chayce Kenny (Rutgers University)

“Scaling Mt. Trash: Platonic vs. Aristotelian Waste Management Policy,” Melissa May F. Cardenas (Environweave) and Jonald John Morales (Ateneo de Manila University)

2-3:30, Session 6B

“Avant-garde dream practice,” Tanja Tiekso (University of Helsinki)

“The City is a Metaphor,” Milan Ney (CUNY/St. Hilda's, Oxford)

“Neurourbanism. Toward and Enactive Neurophilosophy of the City,” Joerg Fingerhut (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

2pm-3:30, Session 6C

“Georg Simmel and the genealogy of a new urban aesthetic,” Andrea Borsari (University of Bologna)

“Octavio Paz's Cosmopolitanism: Embracing the City of Delhi, India (urban aesthetics),” Jules Simon (University of Texas at El Paso)

“The continuity of the steel walls and dry trees. The artwork as a fold between the city and the landscape,” Filip Šenk (Technical University Liberec)

3:45 – 5pm – Keynote 2 Michael Nagenborg (University of Twente), Codirector's Address

### Day 3 FRIDAY

9:15 – 10:45, Session 7A

Ethnographic Approaches to Urban Theory, A Panel Discussion

Margaret Kohn (University of Toronto)

Daniel Weinstock (McGill University)

Loren King (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Clarissa Hayward (Washington University in St. Louis)

11 – 12:30 – Session 8A

“Theatre-Performances and Space intervention: reconfigurations of the Meanings implied in Spaces,” Oriol Alegria (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

“A philosophical analysis of the construction of the urban woman in cinema. The iconology of the passante,” Isabel Argüelles Rozada (University of Oviedo)

11 – 12:30 – Session 8B

“A Phenomenological Sojourn in Manhattan,” John Kaiser Ortiz (Millersville University)

“Continuing Pragmatism's Narrative Webwork: Who Urban People Really Are and What Kinds of Institutions We Really Need Now,” Judith Green (Fordham University)

“Book Bans: An Existential Crisis for the Whole City,” Heidi Schmidt (University of Kentucky)

11-12:30pm Session 8C

“Book Discussion: The City is an Ecosystem: Sustainable Education, Policy and Practice”

Deborah Mutnick, LIU

Jay Shuttleworth, Queens College CUNY

Carole Griffiths, LIU/American Museum of Natural History

Timothy Leslie, LIU

Margaret Cuonzo, LIU

Jerry Krase, CUNY

12:30 – 1:45pm, Lunch and Grad Students Awards ON SITE

1:45 - 3:15 - KEY NOTE

“Big or Small, Irreplaceability Beckons”

Lewis Gordon, University of Connecticut

[Lewis R. Gordon](#) is Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Global Affairs and Head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Connecticut. He also is Distinguished Scholar at The Most Honourable PJ Patterson Centre for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy at The University of the West Indies, Mona. He is the author of many books, including, most recently, [Freedom, Justice, and Decolonization](#) (Routledge, 2021); [Fear of Black Consciousness](#) (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, and Penguin-UKK 2022); [Black Existentialism and Decolonizing Knowledge: Writings of Lewis R. Gordon](#) edited by Rozena Maart and Sayan Dey (Bloomsbury, 2023); and [“Not Bad for an N—, No?”/ «Pas mal pour un N—, n'est-ce pas?»](#) (Daraja Press,

2023). His accolades include the 2022 Eminent Scholar Award from the Global Development Studies division of the International Studies Association.

**3:30 -5:00 Session 9A, Panel: Philosophy of the city— 10 Years Later, What's Next**

-Judith Green (Fordham U.), Michael Menser (Brooklyn College), Shane Epting (Missouri Univ. Science and Technology), plus special guests!

**On the Philosophy of the City Research Group**

The Philosophy of the City Research Group takes the city as an object of study, focusing on its political, social, epistemological, metaphysical, ethical, and environmental dimensions. We hold conferences annually. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the philosophical dimensions of the city. Attending a conference makes you a member for three years.