

# CITY AXIOMS

## A Common Ground Forum for Contesting Common Sense Urbanity

CITY AXIOMS is a series of open lectures and discussions on contemporary ideologies and practices of urban design. A city axiom is a concept with an assumed value, what we take for granted as desirable or improper when debating or engaging in solving the problems of urban life. We are interested in the common sense quality of that which precedes and implicitly informs the different stakes in the battles for the rights to shaping and inhabiting the city. Key to understanding such battles, we believe, is the corporate appropriation of the urban commons, but also the emergence of arenas for sharing and exchange where domination is rationalised or contested in new ways or forms. While setting a scene for a general conversation between practice and theory, the series pays special attention to the role of architecture in steering or questioning the direction of urban change. In doing so, it taps into on-going debates on architecture as docile or inimical to market logics and on the relation of aesthetics to the politics of city space.

- 28/1 **AUSTERITY URBANISM** **Aula Magna, Stockholm University, 2-5 pm**  
JAMIE PECK, Geographer, University of British Columbia, Vancouver  
Catharina Gabrielsson, Architect, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm  
Johan Lindquist, Anthropologist, Stockholm University
- 25/2 **COMMUNAL SUSTAINABILITY** **Katsan, White's Stockholm office, 2-5 pm**  
MARK GRAHAM and LISSA NORDIN, Anthropologists, Stockholm University  
Moa Tunström, Cultural Geographer, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm  
Fredrik Nilsson, Architect, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg
- 31/3 **INSURGENCY AND PUBLIC SPACE** **KTH, Lindstedtsv. 5, Room D3, 2-5 pm**  
JEFFREY HOU, Landscape Architect, University of Washington, Seattle  
ALEXANDER VASUDEVAN, Geographer, University of Nottingham  
Karin Bradley, Urban Planner, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm  
Maple Razsa, Anthropologist, Colby College, Waterville
- 28/4 **URBAN INSECURITY** **Aula Magna, Stockholm University, 2-5 pm**  
FELICITY D. SCOTT, Architect, Columbia University, New York  
JOSHUA COMAROFF, Architect, Lekker Design, Singapore  
Francis Cody, Anthropologist, University of Toronto  
Katja Grillner, Architect, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
- 12/5 **SPACES OF ENCLOSURE** **Katsan, White's Stockholm office, 2-5 pm**  
AMITA BAVISKAR, Anthropologist, Delhi University  
FRAN TONKISS, Sociologist, London School of Economics  
Beppe Karlsson, Anthropologist, Stockholm University