

INSURGENCY and PUBLIC SPACE

March 31, 2-5 pm. KTH, Lindstedtsv 5, Room D3

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In cities around the world, in a variety of contexts from post-industrial sites to suburban landscapes, instances of pop-up spaces, appropriated sites, temporary events, and guerrilla actions now constitute new expressions to the notions of public realm and public space. This presentation will explore how acts of public space insurgency may reinvigorate both making of the public and remaking of the contemporary city.

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The squatting of urban land and housing has a complicated global history of occupation, settlement and eviction. This presentation examines contemporary debates on urban squatting through the lens of recent scholarship on the "right to the city," which it seeks to recast as a right that is characterized by a constituent desire to participate in the production of urban space.

Alexander Vasudevan is a Lecturer in Cultural and Historical Geography at the University of Nottingham. His research focuses on radical politics in Germany and the wider geographies of neo-liberal globalisation.

discussion with

KARIN BRADLEY, KTH, Stockholm and **MAPLE RAZSA**, Colby College, Waterville

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