

URBANITY WEEK

Remaking the city

Life and planning at the informal/formal interface

Public Lectures

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Missionskyrkan, S:t Olofsgatan 40, Uppsala

Vanessa Watson, University of Cape Town

Conflicting rationalities in Cape Town: Power at the interface

Amin Kamete, Bangor University, UK

On urban planning, informality and the 'polis' in Southern Africa

Carole Rakodi, University of Birmingham

Beyond failed formal and inadequate informal: institutions and the built environment

Alan Mabin, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Peripheries, suburbanisms and change in African cities

Chairs: Ilda Lindell (Dept Human Geography, Stockholm Univ.) &

Andrew Byerley (The Nordic Africa Institute)

Urban regulation often seeks to narrowly define legitimate behavior in the city. This can construct the majority of urban residents in Africa and beyond as deviant from the (modern) norm thus constraining rights to the city. This event examines both contestations and potentialities arising at the interface between formal planning practices and innovative dynamics from below. Can these potentially antagonistic rationalities be articulated to make the city more socially inclusive and compatible with the aspirations of urban majorities?

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