

The City and the State of Exception State of Emergency

Ausnahmezustand and the Urban Condition

**FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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AT THE CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES BERLIN – NEW YORK**

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Exceptional times call for exceptional measures. Following this logic, debates about states of emergency and states of exception have gained high political, public, and academic currency in recent times. Even though urban areas are often the central sites of such Ausnahmezustände – due to their population density, infrastructural significance as well as cultural, economic, and political centrality – thus far not enough attention has been paid to the specific urban dimensions of such forms of crisis.

The aim of this conference is to examine how specific manifestations of states of exception and states of emergency have shaped urban conditions and imaginaries and how they, in turn, have led to the reevaluation of urban practice, the structuration of urban space, and, more generally, mechanisms of power and state control. What causes urban states of exception and how do they expose the inherent tensions between order and chaos, freedom and security, continuity and change, inclusion and exclusion, and sobriety and excess? To what extent is the concept of Ausnahmezustand even useful and where lie its limitations?

We will discuss these questions through a range of historical and contemporary case studies that look at concrete instances of violent uprisings, natural disasters, or political turmoil in order to explain how states of emergency and exception have affected urban governance and planning as well as the social practices and cultural imaginaries in and of cities across five continents. The conference provides an interdisciplinary forum for young and established scholars from numerous disciplines including geography, history, philosophy and political science, sociology, architecture, and urban planning.

CONFERENCE LOCATION
ROOM H1035 | CENTAL BUILDING OF THE TU BERLIN
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THURSDAY JUNE 4TH 2009

- 5 – 7 pm **Welcome**
Harald Bodenschatz, TU Berlin
Dorothee Brantz, CMS Berlin
- Keynote**
Stephen Graham, Durham University
- 7 pm **Reception**
Sky-Lounge, TEL 20-0, Ernst-Reuter-Platz 7, 10587 Berlin

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH 2009

- 9 – 9:30 am **Introduction**
Peter Marcuse, Columbia University New York
New Urban Security Regimes and Social Uprisings
- 9:30 – 10:45 am **PANEL I: New Urban Security Regimes and Social Uprisings**
Chair/Commentator:
Volker Berghahn, Columbia University New York
Ingo Bader, CMS Berlin
- Derya Özkan, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Securitization from the Urban to the Global:
NATO 2004 Summit in Istanbul as a State of Exception
Penny Koutrolidou, National Technical University of Athens
The Normalisation of a State of Emergency and its Everyday Politics:
The Case of Athens, Greece
Flora Ikawa-Witte, Transparency International Berlin
Rebuilding the Urban Fabric:
Nairobi in Post-Ausnahmezustand
- 10:45 – 11:15 am Break
- 11:15 – 12:30 am **PANEL II: Responses to Environmental Catastrophes in Urban Settings**
Chair/Commentator:
Dorothee Brantz, CMS Berlin
Alessandro Busà, CMS Berlin
Karin Hauer, University of Salzburg
Ausnahmezustand in the City of Salzburg:
The Great Rockslide on the Moenchsberg in 1669
Heike Hoffmann, University of Kassel
Normality in the State of Exception?
New Orleans after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
Bahar Sakizlioglu, Utrecht University
From Preventing Urban Crises to Creating to Social Disasters:
The Case of Istanbul

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

2 – 3:15 pm **PANEL III: Negotiating Power and Decisions within Urban Governance**

Chair/Commentator:

Klaus Weinbauer, Leuphana University Luneburg
Anne Vogelpohl, CMS Berlin

Hilary Darcy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

**Perpetual State of Emergency:
The Exercise of Irish State Power during Dublin's Anti Drugs Movement**

Moritz Isenmann, University of Cologne

**For the Good and Peaceful State of the City:
State of Emergency versus Rule of Law in Renaissance Florence**

Jan Kemper, CMS Berlin

**The Discretionary Power of Bureaucracies:
The Case of Berlin-Neukölln**

3:15 – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 – 6 pm **ROUNDTABLE: Normalizing the State of Exception:
Did the Suspension of the Legal Order become Permanent?**

**A discussion on urban revolts, security regimes, antiterrorist policies and the new
juridical-political geography of exception**

Moderation:

Ingo Bader, CMS Berlin
Sabine Horlitz, CMS Berlin

Participants:

Raul Zelik, Political Scientist, Writer, Berlin
Jon Coaffee, University of Manchester
Stavros Stavrides, National Technical University of Athens

7 pm **Dinner at Technical University's Sky-Lounge**
TEL 20-0, Ernst-Reuter-Platz 7, 10587 Berlin

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH 2008

9 – 10:30 am **PANEL IV: States of Emergency between Metropole and Colony
during the Interwar Period**

Chair/Commentator:

Jörg Bababerowski, Humboldt University Berlin
Sasha Disko, CMS Berlin

Tim Opitz, CMS Berlin

The Order that came from the Colonies

Max Ward, New York University

**National Polity as Anomie:
Urban Space, Thought Crime and Interwar Japanese Fascism**

Maggie Clinton, New York University

**Colonial Concessions:
Emergency Laws and Territorial Sovereignty in 1930s Shanghai**

Sherene Seikaly, Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin

Haifa Partitioned: Revolt, Resistance, and Conviviality in 1936 Palestine

10:30 – 11 am Break

2 – 3:15 pm **PANEL V: Regulating Spaces – From Exception To Norm**

Chair/Commentator:

Stavros Stavrides, National Technical University of Athens
Baris Ülker, CMS Berlin

Anna Holian, Arizona State University

**Spaces of Exception in Postwar Germany:
The Case of Displaced Persons**

Sonia Paone, University of Pisa

**Emergency/Exception and Production of Space:
Temporary Detention Centers for Foreign Immigrants in Italy**

Estela Schindel, Berlin

**Airports, Detention Centres, Shopping Malls:
Architectures of Exception for the Society of Control**

12:15 – 1:45 pm Lunch Break

1:45 – 3 pm **PANEL VI: Ausnahmeorte – Spaces and Places of Exception**

Chair/Commentator:

Rosemary Wakemann, Fordham University New York
Johanna Schlaack, CMS Berlin

Martin Klamt, Humboldt University Berlin

**Localized Norms: A Concept to Encounter the Spatial Dimension
of the Idea of Ausnahmezustand and its Urban Condition**

Anke Hagemann, HafenCity University Hamburg

From Stadium to Fanzone:

Host Cities in a State of Emergency

Nicole Huber, University of Washington / Ralph Stern, University of Washington

Las Vegas 50% Off:

Cash-outs, Closeouts, and Contamination in the Mojave Desert

3 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 5 pm **PANEL VII: Cultural Imaginations and Anticipations
of the State of Emergency/Exception**

Chair/Commentator:

Alexa Färber, Humboldt University Berlin
Kristina Graaff, CMS Berlin

Stefan Höhne, CMS Berlin

Nightmares and Lucid Dreams of the New York City Subway

Christian Fröhlich, Leipzig University

Purification of the City and the Uprising of the Dead:

The "Ausnahmezustand" in Postmodern Horror Films

Frank Mehring, Free University Berlin

The State of Exception in the Urban Visions of German Émigré Film Directors

Christian Salewski, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich

The Virtual Ausnahmezustand:

On the Use of the Unexpected in Urban Planning

5:15 pm **Closing**

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