

STUDENT INTRO

URBAN

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Established in 2005, UCL Urban Laboratory was formed with the intention of bringing together the best urban teaching and research at UCL, building on a spectrum of work across the arts and sciences, and a rich heritage of pioneering thinkers, communicators and practitioners who have taught and studied at UCL, including Patrick Abercrombie, Reyner Banham, Peter Cook, Ruth Glass, Peter Hall, Derek Jarman, Otto Königsberger, Eduardo Paolozzi and Walter Segal.

Since then, we have been at the forefront of critical and creative urban knowledge exchange, thinking, engagement and practice internationally. Our activities currently focus on six key areas: housing and dishousing; ecology and metabolism; change and crisis; imagination and design; data and place; citizenship and cosmopolitanism.

We pursue these themes through transdisciplinary methods, prioritising collaborative research, public and community engagement, and the development of international comparative frameworks.

Recent projects have included research on the decline of LGBTQI night-time venues in London; case studies on universities roles as actors in the regeneration processes of cities; a mapping exercise of cultural infrastructure in the environs of London's Olympic Park; and working with an artist-in-residence to produce a meditative film on the Shard that questions the relationship between the individual and the larger global dynamics of finance in the City.

We run regular lectures, seminars, workshops and exhibitions that will be of interest to students at all levels, most of which are free and open to the public.

UCL Urban Laboratory student introduction

Tuesday 3 October, 17.30 – 18.30

Dr Ben Campkin (Director, UCL Urban Laboratory) will present an introduction to the Urban Lab for all new and returning UCL. Join us in room 604 at the UCL Institute of Education (20 Bedford Way).

Please register at urbanlabintro2017.eventbrite.co.uk

EDGE: Situated Practice in Art, Architecture and Urbanism

Periphery: Saturday 7 October (at Here East, Olympic Park)

Border: Saturday 4 November (at Folkestone Quarterhouse)

Our current event series explores three 'edge' spaces along the High Speed 1 railway between King's Cross in central London, Stratford in east London and Folkestone in Kent. Expect discussion on arts-led regeneration, 'artwashing', and the creative use of interstitial spaces with high-profile practitioners and thinkers including Do Ho Suh, Jill Magid, Assemble and The



Decorators. In collaboration with the Folkestone Triennial 2017.

Limited student tickets at £8, see edge.situated-practice.net

Our regular activities include:

Urban Pamphleteer

Written in a direct and accessible tone, these pamphlets draw on the history of radical pamphleteering to stimulate debates on important urban questions. Past issues include: Future & Smart Cities; Regeneration Realities; Design & Trust; Heritage and Renewal in Doha; Global Education for Urban Futures; Open Source Housing Crisis. Two further editions on LGBTQ+ nightlife in London and Urban Prison Sites are planned for 2018.

See: urbanpamphleteer.org

Stadtklang

Our occasional music night for urbanists is a weekend evening get-together exploring urban sound. Evenings include a mix of music, audio essays and discussion from invited guests, usually in Dalston's Arcola Theatre Bar. The next event takes place at The Africa Centre on Saturday 7 October in collaboration with Goldsmiths Department of Visual Cultures.

See: ucl.ac.uk/urbanlab/stadtklang

Urban Lab Films

A public programme of multi-genred screenings on cities, urbanisation and life in urban societies accompanied by talks, panels, readings and performances drawn from a range of academic, artistic, professional and community groups and held in venues across London. These events use film as documentation or provocation, to tell stories, and to prompt debate and mobilise new approaches to urban challenges. Examining cities at different scales in all their human, built and environmental complexity, recent themes have included: homelessness and sleep, gated communities and hyper-security, cities at night, urban revolutions, cities and sexuality, defensible space, Olympic legacies, and estates. Students can suggest film screenings and help curate events.

Contact: urbanlaboratory@ucl.ac.uk

See: ucl.ac.uk/urbanlab/films

Stadtkolloquium: Urban PhD research seminars and annual workshop

Interdisciplinary work-in-progress workshops for PhD students to present and discuss their research projects. This is an open and informal space to discuss theoretical,



practical or methodological questions and problems. Stadtkolloquium aims to create a supportive environment for urban researchers who would like feedback and to meet peer PhD students from other departments. Run by students with support from the Urban Lab, please contact frances.brill.14@ucl.ac.uk if you would like to take part this year.

PhD/MPhil affiliation

If you are a postgraduate research student and would like to be informally affiliated with the UCL Urban Laboratory, and have a link to your work or an abstract posted on the Urban Laboratory website, please download and complete the affiliation form on our website. Please note that this will not change your registration/supervision status or home department.

See: ucl.ac.uk/urbanlab/programmes/phd-affiliation

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