

The Post-Crash City

Massive and rising inequality in urban centres in the west raises the significant question of social cohesion in the face of illegitimate private wealth. The possibility of communal forms, supports and mutuality has been undermined not only by the expansion of various gaps and indicators but also by a developing sense of a social duality that revolves resources and culpability for the crisis conditions present in many urban centres. Points of city resilience are set against those of vulnerability and social frailty, those that have been floated out of or bailed out of errors of financial judgment are more firmly set against those without in contemporary public conversations mediated by a communication infrastructure that was largely absent in previous rounds of capitalist crisis. How can we understand ideas of community, support and social health in the context of this crisis? What purchase and value do notions of collectivity, shared resources and public life hold for modes of community, public and corporate forms of governance? >more overleaf

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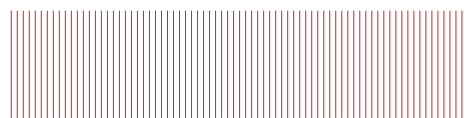
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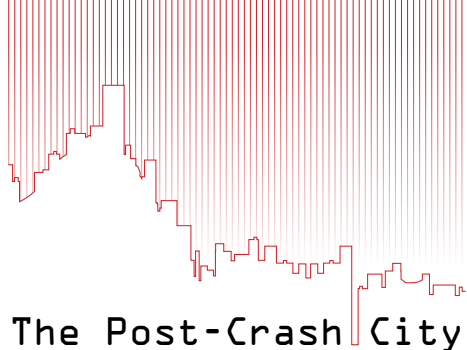
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In the third in a series of symposia organised by the Centre for Urban Research at the University of York (CURB) on the theme of the Post-Crash City, the organisers invite papers that address the ways in which individual communities have been affected by and have responded to the financial crisis in different urban contexts. For example, what types of locations and what scale and type of community appears more vulnerable or more resilient to the new austerity? Are non-market forms of social exchange becoming more evident-volunteering, community activism, self-help and so forth? What factors can be identified in previous crises in terms of community responses to economic contraction and public retrenchment and what may be novel? How have public/civic spaces been transformed prior and subsequent to the crisis as spaces of social encounter and intervention? Papers are also welcome that reflect on the broader political and ideological implications of the crisis for a concept that many social scientists regard as contested and problematic but which continues to be invoked in media and policy circles as a form of collective identity to which individuals both attach and derive value.

Please submit paper proposals by email to Dr Simon Parker simon.parker@york.ac.uk including the proposed title, an abstract of not more than 150 words, your name, email address and institutional affiliation if any. We aim to confirm acceptance of papers to authors and to publish a provisional programme on the CURB website by 8 October 2012.

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Please note that all presenters must register for the symposium, the cost of which will be £100 including refreshments and an evening meal on the Thursday. It is also possible to register without submitting a paper. Delegates are required to arrange their own accommodation and a list of nearby hotels and B&Bs can be provided on request.



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