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FRAGMENTS OF THE CITY

Making and Remaking Urban Worlds

Discussant: Ash Amin

Cities are becoming increasingly fragmented materially, socially, and spatially. From broken toilets and everyday discards, to art and forms of writing, fragments are signatures of urban worlds and provocations for change. In this presentation, I consider how such fragments come to matter in the experience, politics, and expression of cities. Drawing on fieldwork and examples from different contexts, I argue that attending to the role of fragments can help us to understand how urban worlds are made, revealed, written, and changed.

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The lecture series is organised by professors Camillo Boano, Francesco Chiodelli and Michele Lancione.

In person
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