

Gated Communities & Townhouse Complexes

The mutation of a model from the upper class to the middle class

International Workshop

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Programme

The Project

The circulation of the urban model referred to as gated communities contributes to a challenge to the understanding of the contemporary urban spaces all over the world. The multiplication at big scale of low cost housing, middle class townhouse complexes and luxurious gated estates (all representing different forms of gated communities) dominates the South African urban and peri-urban landscape and it is associated to the reproduction of apartheid geography with its forms of spatial segregation. The aim of this project is that of articulating and problematizing this view in a half day seminar with scholars who research this topic and with an exhibition by South African and international photographers.

Organisers: Federica Duca and Karen Lévy

13.00-13.30 | Welcome

13.30-15.00 | First Panel

- **Federica Duca** (*Researcher, PARI*)
An Overview on Gating. What have we learnt so far?
- **Renugan Raidoo** (*PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University*)
Gated Communities and the Evolution of Spatial Segregation in the Gauteng City Region
- **Richard Ballard** (*Specialist Researcher, Gauteng City-Region Observatory*)
The Terms of Inclusion: Residents of Diepsloot who are Constructing High End Golf Estate in Johannesburg
(*Paper co-authored with Gareth Jones and Makale Ngwenya, not attending*)
- **Vuyiswa Yeni** (*PhD Candidate, University of Johannesburg*)
The Nature and Use of Common Spaces in Residential Gated Communities in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Q&A

15.00-15.30 | Break

15.30-17.00 | Second Panel

- **Sarita Pillay** (*PhD Student, SA&CP, University of the Witwatersrand*)
Towards a PhD on Intersections in Real Estate
- **Karen Lévy** (*PhD, University of Paris Nanterre*)
Closed Complexes and Suburban Densification: Questioning Urbanity?
- **Margot Rubin** (*Senior Researcher, SA&CP, University of the Witwatersrand*)
Johannesburg's Middle Class Suburbs: Dimensions Shaping Governance
(*Research co-directed with Alexandra Appelbaum, not attending*)
- **Karina Landman** (*Professor, City Planner and Urban Designer, University of Pretoria*)
Middle Class Urbanism in South Africa and the Rise of Gated Townhouse Complexes
- Q&A

17.30 for 18.00 | Photo exhibition inauguration

In the presence of the photographers:

- Nocebo Bucibo
- Lisa King
- Melissa Bennet
- Mack Magagane
- Michelle Monareng
- Shogan Naidoo
- Musa Nxumalo
- Natalie Payne
- Paul Samuels
- Bianca van Heerden
- Alexia Webster
- Marie Thomas-Meilhan