

Culture & Society Workshop
Spring 2006

- March 30: **Urban Representations Workshop/Course:**
Style as an Urban Product/Project
Readings from Sharon Zukin, Laura Bovone, and James Farrer
- April 6: **Faiza Mushtaq** – Sociology
Pious Women, Cultural Entrepreneurs, and the Quran in Everyday Life
- April 13: **Allan Horwitz** – Professor, Department of Sociology and Acting Director,
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research
Rutgers University
*The Age of Depression: How Psychiatry Transformed Normal Sadness into
Depressive Disorder*
- April 20: **Urban Representations Workshop/Course:**
Symbolic and Imaginary Cities
Readings from John Hannigan, Edward Soja, Edward Dimendberg
- April 27: **Terry McDonnell** – Sociology
*Irony and the Production of Symbolic Boundaries: the Case of ACT UP's Political
Graphics and Street Theater*
- May 4: **Japonica Brown-Saracino** – Sociology
The Cultural Roots of Social Preservation
- May 11: **Urban Representations Workshop/Course:**
Cities on Screens
Readings by Camilo José Vergara, Charlotte Brunsdon, and Shunya Yoshimi
- May 18: **Geoff Harkness** – Sociology
Hip Hop Culture
- AND
- Berit Vannebo** – Sociology
*Academic Audits: Efforts to Measure the Value of Academic Work and the
Productivity of Academic Departments*

The Culture and Society Workshop is an interdisciplinary workshop for advanced graduate students and faculty whose research involves the connections between culture and society. It meets every Thursday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at the Kaplan Center for the Humanities, located at 2010 Sheridan Road. New members are always welcome. For more information, you can contact coordinator Kerry Dobransky (cultureworkshop@gmail.com) or faculty director Wendy Griswold (w-griswold@northwestern.edu).

Urban Representations conference, workshops, course

Three sessions of the Culture and Society Workshop will devoted to reading materials by the presenters at the Urban Representations conference May 11-13. We will read from several people's work in each session (people that deal with some common issues), and students will present a summary and lead a discussion.

Graduate students may take the Workshop (Sociology 576) for credit. To do this they need to participate in all three workshop sessions and the conference, and to write a paper on Urban Representations; the topic must be approved by Professor Lynn Spigel (Radio, TV, and Film) and Professor Wendy Griswold (Sociology). This course suits students with background in cultural sociology, radio/TV/film, and/or urban studies.

The Workshop meets at the Kaplan Center for the Humanities on Thursdays 3:00 – 5:00. Please consult the description of the conference and the people who will be presenting at <http://www.urbanreps.northwestern.edu/>.

March 30 Style as an urban product/project

Readings by Sharon Zukin, Laura Bovone, and James Farrer

- Bovone, article in *City and Community*: "Fashionable Quarters in the Postindustrial City: The Ticinese of Milan." Introduced by Terry McDonnell.
- Farrer, *Opening Up: Youth Sex Culture and Market Reform in Shanghai*, Chapter 3, "Characters." Introduced by Bin Xu.
- Zukin *Point of Purchase*: Prologue, Chapter 1; skim Chapters 3 & 8, Epilogue. Introduced by Japonica Brown-Saracino.

April 20 Symbolic and imaginary cities

Readings by John Hannigan, Edward Soja, Shunya Yoshimi

- Hannigan, reading "The Resurgent City" online at <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/resurgentCity/Papers/johnhannigan.pdf>
- Soja, from the journal *City*, Vol. 7, No. 3, November 2003): "Writing the City Spatially"
- Yoshimi, to be announced

May 11 Cities on screens

Readings by Charlotte Brunson, Edward Dimendberg, Camilo José Vergara, introduced by Brian Cagle and Meredith Ward (Radio, TV, Film; Screen Cultures)

- Brunson, from *Visual Culture in Britain*, Vol. 5, No. 4, 2004, "The Poignancy of Place: London and the Cinema"
- Dimendberg, reading from his book *Film Noir and the Spaces of Modernity*, Introduction
- Vergara, instead of reading, spend some time on the "Invincible Cities" website <http://invinciblecities.camden.rutgers.edu/>

Conference May 11 – 13