



# Ten Days for Oppositional Architecture

**Towards Post-Capitalist Spaces**

**New York, November 12 – 21, 2009**  
**Gair Building No 6, 81 Front Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

The transformation of the urban landscape within the last decades has increasingly been dominated by the demands of capitalist utilization. Due to the current crisis, however, which goes far beyond a mere crisis of the real estate and financial market, these neoliberal politics and attendant forms of production of space have been subject to a loss of legitimation. For this reason, not only do the dominance and promises of the privatization model, the free market and private property have to be questioned, but also the conventions of the space-producing professions that follow and materialize these policies.

In this context the event "Ten Days for Oppositional Architecture" takes up the task of exploring possibilities and conditions of a socially committed architectural practice. Therefore the narrow boundaries of the profession have to be left behind. We hence invite activists, geographers, architects, planners, and economists representing different critical approaches to discuss and develop concepts and practices that not only try to oppose and challenge the capitalist mode of production of space, but also try to go beyond it – strategies of de-commodification, re-appropriation and alternative production of space. We will look at already existing spatial actions of resistance as well as search for possibilities to further theorize them: How can these strategies and alternative practices be turned into social and political forces towards post-capitalist spaces?

**All events are public. All those interested are welcome.**  
**Free dinner will be served during discussion evenings.**  
**An exhibition and a reading corner will support and document the discussions.**

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# Program

Wednesday, November 11

6 pm

## Opening Reception

Thursday, November 12

7 pm

### The Decommodification of Housing

Discussion with James deFilippis, geographer, Rutgers University, New Brunswick · Esther Wang and Helena Wong of CAAAV, Organizing Asian Communities, New York

Saturday, November 14

7 pm

### The Real Estate Crisis, Private Property and the Prospects of Planning

Discussion with David Kotz, economist, University of Massachusetts Amherst · Teddy Cruz, architect, San Diego

Monday, November 16

7 pm

### On the Commons: Taking versus Granting Rights

Discussion with Peter Linebaugh, historian, University of Toledo · Brett Bloom of Midwest Radical Culture Corridor, Urbana · Rob Robinson of Picture the Homeless, New York

Wednesday, November 18

7 pm

### Territory as a Means of Struggle

Discussion with United Workers, Baltimore · Neil Smith, geographer, City University New York

Friday, November 20

7 pm

### Reclaiming Capitalist Spaces

Discussion with Janelle Cornwell and Julie Graham, geographers, University of Massachusetts Amherst · Max Rameau of Take Back the Land, Miami

Saturday, November 21

12 pm

### Towards Post-Capitalist Spaces

Lecture by David Harvey, geographer, City University New York

12 pm

Workshops with special guests\*

2 – 6 pm

Final presentation and discussion

7 pm

Party

10 pm

Friday, November 13

7 pm

Bar + programming by Lize Mogel and Alexis Baghat, An Atlas of Radical Cartography\*

Sunday, November 15

7 pm

Bar + programming by tba\*

Tuesday, November 17

7 pm

Bar + programming by common room\*

Thursday, November 19

7 pm

Bar + programming by Amanda Schachter and Alexander Levi of SLO architecture\*