



Imagining the Anti-Fascist City: Contested Geographies of Resistance and Solidarity

University of Helsinki
5–6 June 2025

Thursday, 5 June 2025

11.00–11.30

Opening of the Conference

Kasper Braskén

11.30–13.00

Panel 1: Neighbourhood Organising and Local Protest

Anthony Ince and Ana Guerrero

Anti-fascism in All But Name? Housing
Struggles, Neighbourhood Organising,
and Civil Society

Ivan Bordetas

Dictatorship, City, and Neighbourhood
Protest: The Case of Barcelona, 1969–
1977

Arnab Dutta

Antifascist Cultural Mobilisation as
Street Protests: Calcutta in the Stormy
Decade

14.15–15.45

Panel 2: Gender and the Drawing of the Queer Anti-fascist City

Mohor Chakraborty

The Legacy of Anti-Fascist Resistance and
Urban Solidarity: (Re)-Imagining
Contested Geographies and
Memorialisation

Günter Gassner

Drawing the Queer Anti-fascist City

Moshumee Dewoo

Cape Town as an Anti-Fascist City (1930s–
1960s): Cissie Gool, District Six, and the
Transnational Port Network of Resistance

16.15–17.00

Keynote / URBARIA Lecture Series

David Featherstone

'Glad to Make the Acquaintance of Another
Antifascist': Port Cities and the Makings of
Anti-Fascist Solidarities

17.00–18.00

Roundtable

David Featherstone

Peter Cole

Minna Henriksson

Moshumee Dewoo

Shane Little

Locating Global Protest against the Extreme Right: Anti-Fascism, Anti-Racism and Internationalism in Multiethnic Metropolises

Friday, 6 June 2025

9:30-11.00

Panel 3: Urban Transformation and Anti-Fascist Spatial Claims

Anna Duensing

"In Yorkville where New York's Bierstuebens are": A Black Antifascist Analysis of a City's Fascist Past-and Present

Shane Little

Chicago and Interracial Anti-Fascist Solidarities: Thyra J. Edwards and the Practical Anti-authoritarian Impulse

Daniel Frost

Anti-fascism in a London Suburb, 1956-1993

11.15-12.45

Panel 4: Anti-Fascist Theatre and Culture in the Streets

Tanay Thakur

Halla Bol: Street Theatre, Urban Margins, and the Political Praxis of JANAM

Anna Branach-Kallas

(Mnemonic) Solidarities and the Anti-Fascist City: Vancouver-La Ciudad

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14.00-15.30

Panel 5: Memory Sites and Anti-Fascist Memorialisation

Greg Piotrowski & Jan Bobrowski

Struggles for Commemorating of the Past: The Case of Remembrance of the Spanish Civil War in Post-Socialist Poland

Peter Cole

Fascism and Anti-Fascism in Chicago's Public Art Landscape

Vincenzo Colaprice

Anti-fascist Bari: Memory, Identity, and Urban Transformation

15.45-17.15

Panel 6: Self-Defense and Confrontations in the City

Angel Lugo

The Soundtrack of Resistance: Banda, Soneridos, and the Fight for the Anti-Fascist City

Stanislav Vysotsky

Antifascism, Self-Defense, and the Right to the City

Anton Piyaratne

Aragalaya: Officially Declared Agitation Site as a Space for Strategizing and Fighting Against State Fascism and Crowning People's Power in Sri Lanka

Closing Remarks

Kasper Braskén
Moshumee Dewoo
Shane Little



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