

Approaching the City

A Two-day Conference and Open Forum Discussion organised by the RGS-
IBG Urban Geography Research Group

This event is open to all. Postgraduate students are especially welcome.

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd November 2007

Venue: St. Mary's, Sheffield (an inclusive community facility)

<http://www.stmarys-church.co.uk/>

CALL FOR PAPERS/POSTERS

In recent years urban geography has come to be characterised by an increasingly wide range of different takes on the city. Where previously it may have been possible to characterise urban geography as dominated by a handful of competing approaches, to do so in the current period is much more difficult. Thus scholars can be found working from a wide range of perspectives including, but not limited to: feminism, post-colonialism, postmodernism, post-structuralism, psychoanalysis, actor-network theory, mobility studies, queer theory, non-representational theory, and political-economy to name but a few.

Though this proliferation has radically expanded understandings of the urban world, there have been few attempts to explicitly reflect on what different approaches add to our understandings of cities or the extent to which they may complement or contradict each other.

The 2007 UGRG conference will explore how contemporary urban researchers are approaching the city. The event provides an opportunity for scholars at all stages of the career path to think through in an informal and supportive atmosphere how they and others approach the city.

Building on the success of previous meetings, the conference will take the form of keynote and shorter papers interspersed with poster presentations and discussion. Whilst it is recognised that people may want to illustrate their approach through a range of substantive foci, it is hoped that papers and posters will bring the approaches that underpin that work to the fore – so as to stimulate discussion around different approaches to the city.

If you would like to contribute either a short PAPER (20 minutes, including questions) or a POSTER please contact **Richard G. Smith** (Email: r.g.smith@swansea.ac.uk) OR, **Margo Huxley** (Email:

m.huxley@sheffield.ac.uk). For those thinking of contributing a paper please provide a short abstract (of no more than 200 words). Deadline for contributors: Friday 14th September 2007.

For more information about the event please visit:

<http://www.urban-geography.org.uk/>