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SPACE/SUBJECTIVITY

Vernacular of endurance in Dehli's Slums and Homeless spaces

How can we speak of the subjectivity of the urban poor without resorting to the language of victims or survivors?

Why is it that habitats are given secondary importance in explanations of the wellbeing, identity and mental life of the dispossessed? This lecture explores the ways of the dwelling environment and dwelling practices in subject formation. It draws on evidence of forbearance in a Delhi slum showing dependencies between biography, materiality and spatial atmosphere, and on evidence of abjection in a strip on the Yamuna river where the homeless camp out without the benefits of commoned ground, dependent on the vital work of intermediaries. The lecture makes the case for co-habitability, place curation and baseline service in a political economy of equal opportunity and welfare.

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This event is organised by professors Michele Lancione and Francesca Governa. The lecture series is organised by professors Camillo Boano, Francesco Chiodelli and Michele Lancione.

In person
No registration is needed. We will meet in:
Sala Vigliano, DIST - Castello del Valentino
Viale Mattioli 39, Torino

Online
You need to register at the following link:
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