

# Human Rights and the City

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Department of Urban and Regional Planning

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## Discovery Course: Human Rights and the City

*Restricted to Freshman Enrollment only*



### Who Should Take the Course

- Are you interested in how guerilla urbanism is remaking contemporary cities around the world?
- Do you have questions about city spaces as places of social interaction and exchange between different groups?
- Have you thought about the urban politics of social inclusion and exclusion?
- What are the relations between public spaces, human rights and insurgent projects and practices?

### What's it All About

- As public spaces become the stage for emerging 21st century issues—everything from homelessness to skateboarding teenagers, from antiwar protests to free-speech activism—questions about who controls public space have become part of an ongoing social struggle. This seminar will examine the emerging “Right to the City” movement and explore the relationships between the design and use of public space, citizenship and civic culture, and marginalized and excluded populations.

### What You Will Do

- Read and discuss a variety of literature on emergent international “right to the city” movements including David Harvey’s seminal essay by this title
- Present in class on public spaces in a city of your choice.
- Write a 10 page double spaced term paper and engage with academic blogs (1000 word posts) that deal with issues of insurgent public spaces in cities.
- Make an online Google map of public places and municipal services in an inner city neighborhood



### The Instructor

Ken Salo is a Lecturer in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Physics from the University of Cape Town; a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Cape; and a Master of Laws from the University of Cape Town. He has served as a consultant to natural resources and environmental organizations and agencies in South Africa. Since coming to Illinois, Professor Salo has led the popular winter break Study Abroad to Cape Town, South Africa.