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Conference Agenda

DAY 1 (4/27, Fri)

Panel Section A, 1:30-3:30PM

PANEL 1
(Building 50, Room 51A)

“Failed” Economies: The Possibilities of Vulnerable Transactions

Mother, Daughter, "Girlfriend": Remaking kin and community in post-socialist Kyrgyzstan
Grace Zhou (Stanford University)

‘My House...it’s Like a Tornado:’
Black Women Mobilizing Against Subprime Foreclosure in Baltimore
Sa Whitley (UCLA)

Embodying magic, Scamming future:
The Fever of Internet-mediated Pyramid Schemes in China
Haoqian Chen (Brandeis University)

A Nice Warm Little Pathology We Like to Call Home:
Precarity and Legitimacy in American Anthropology.
David Platzer (John Hopkins University)

Student Discussant: Vivian Lu (Stanford)
Faculty Discussant: Sarah Vaughn (UC Berkeley)

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PANEL 2  
(Building 200, Room 107)

While Waiting: Protracted Liminalities and Strategies in Deferment

Promising Futures:
Ethical Duration and Deferral in a San Francisco County Jail
Samuel Maull (Stanford University)

Eventfulness and Endurance of Exile Tibet as Social Project
Jill Tan (University of Chicago)

Waiting and Its Side Paths
Marios Falaris (John Hopkins University)

Economies of Aging: Growing Old in Contemporary Cuba
Elix Colon (Stanford University)

Student Discussant: Valentina Ramia (Stanford)  
Faculty Discussant: Matthew Kohrman (Stanford)

3:30-4:00PM
Break

4:00-5:30PM (50-51A)
Conference Keynote Address
Tania Li (University of Toronto)

5:30–6:30PM
Conference Reception

6:30–8:30PM (50-51A)
Anthropologist with a Camera Screening
Karen Nakamura (UC Berkeley)
DAY 2 (4/28, Sat)²

Panel Section B, 9:00-11:00AM

PANEL 3
(Building 50, Room 51A)

Transgression, Security, and Reform in the City: Rethinking the Social Through Urban Futures

The Gangs of Lyari: Precarity and possibility amidst an urban gang war in Karachi, Pakistan
Adeem Suhali (Emory University)

Finding the Future in the Marvelous City: “Re-socialization” and Life after Prison in Rio de Janeiro
David Thompson (UC Berkeley)

Pious Prostitute: Negotiating Religiosity within Indonesian Sex Work Economy
Bahram Naderil (Northwestern University)

Proximity as Promise, Proximity as Precarity: Scenes of Distress, the Production of Exemplary Space, and the City as Civic Encounter
William Stafford (UC Berkeley)

Student Discussant: Yasemin Ipek (Stanford)
Faculty Discussant: Sharika Tharinagama (Stanford)

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PANEL 4
(Education Building, Room 210)

Trajectories of Disease and Flourishing

Toxic Agriculture:
The Promise of Innovation in a Precarious Food System
Gregory Kohler (UC Irvine)

Life Beyond Causation: Productive Uncertainty in Central America’s Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemic
Carlos Martinez (UCB/UCSF)

Implanon: Temporalities and Vulnerabilities of Family Planning for Ethiopian Female Migrant Workers
Young su Park (Stanford University)

Oncological Promises and the Physiological Precarity of Cancer
Anthony Wright (UCB/UCSF)

Student Discussant: Amrapali Maitra (Stanford)
Faculty Discussant: Kristina Lyons (UC Santa Cruz)

11:00-11:30AM
Break

11:30AM–1:30PM
Urban Beyond Measure Workshop
Building 50, Room 51A
Laurence Ralph
(Harvard University)
2:00–4:00PM, Panel Section C

PANEL 5
(Education Building, Room 210)

Promises on the Move:
Power, Violence, and the Politics of Space

Vertical occupations: Astronomy’s promises and politics in post-Oslo Palestine
Jake Silver (Duke University)

“Ni tan mal ni tan bien, es lo básico”:
Eating practices in assemblages of desire in Tijuana, México
Montserrat Pérez-Castro
(Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa)

Half-promises, Environmental Precarity, and Ojibwe Treaty Rights
Sheamus Johnson (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Roads of Promise and Disparity:
Territorializing Tibet through Sino-Tibetan Highways
Shuting Zhuang (University of Chicago)

Student Discussant: Tomo Sugimoto (Stanford)
Faculty Discussant: Jerry Zee (UC Santa Cruz)
PANEL 6
(Building 50, Room 51A)

Precarity and Promises Realigned:
Movements, Mobilization, and the Poetics of Recognition

*Intimations of Precariousness:*
*Translating Unskilled Labor into Political Mobilization in Istanbul*
Firat Kurt (Columbia University)

*Indifference to promises:*
*Reflections on the associations of truck drivers in Tanzania*
Elisabetta Campagnola (University of Toronto)

*When ‘structural violence’ is renamed ‘precarity’:*
*Coal mining and right-wing populism in Aegean Turkey*
Irem Az (Columbia University)

*The Gift of Rule:*
*Praise, performance, and precarity in the Sultanate of Oman*
Bradford Garvey (CUNY)

Student Discussant: Lorraine Weekes (Stanford)
Faculty Discussant: Kabir Tambar (Stanford)

4:00--4:30PM
Break

4:30–6:00PM (50-51A)
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