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## SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP 2015

University of Toronto Multi-Faith Centre, Main Room  
569 Spadina Ave. Toronto, ON M5S 2J7

**March 7, 2015 9 am – 5 pm**

The world is becoming increasingly urbanized, and in coming years it's projected that up to 75% of the earth's population will live in cities. As a result, cities are increasingly also the epicenter of many of the social issues that we now face. In North America, the gap between rich and poor is widening while the current neoliberal social and political climate promotes the intensifying regulation of public spaces, centralization and privatization of service provision, "tough on crime" policies and a movement away from broad-based social welfare provision for the most vulnerable members of society. The increasing accumulation of wealth in the hands of a small percentage of the population potentially threatens our democratic political system and demands large-scale changes necessary to reverse the growing social injustice that plagues our cities. But cities are also places of resistance and have become the centrepiece for social movements speaking and moving against these trends, demonstrated by the recent worldwide Occupy movement, Hong Kong umbrella protests and climate change summit in New York City. Our cities are at a crossroads – will they continue to become bastions of social inequality, or can the future be changed?

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**We invite graduate students to a one-day workshop to discuss these vital issues, and welcome submissions from students on topics such as:**

- POLICE MILITARIZATION
- HOUSING ISSUES INCLUDING URBAN REVITALIZATION, SOCIAL HOUSING AND GENTRIFICATION
- GLOBAL MIGRATION AND URBAN IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENTS
- PROVISION OF AND ACCESS TO SERVICES INCLUDING EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE
- THE MOVE TO "MEGA" – CENTRALIZATION OF CITY AND REGIONAL SERVICE PROVISION
- RADICALIZATION AND MORAL PANICS
- URBAN RESISTANCE, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND 'DECOLONIZING' THE CITY
- NEOLIBERAL REGULATION OF PUBLIC SPACE
- URBAN INNOVATIONS AND 'REMAKING' THE CITY