



Caribbean Youth, Urban Governance and the Right to the City

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The recent revival of interest in Henri Lefebvre's call for the right to the city has generated new challenges by a growing number of organized urban social movements seeking to exert greater control over an urban process that is increasingly neoliberal and corporatized. I argue in this talk that much of the literature documenting these groups, has tended to focus on the achievements of groups with an already formed understanding of their rights as urban residents and citizens. Few studies, examine how the most marginalized — those outside such collectivities — envisage their place in the city, or indeed, the sorts of rights that they would to claim. Drawing on research recently conducted in Kingston, Jamaica and Montréal, Canada, I examine how the everyday urban experiences and political practices that marginalized youth employ in their cities challenge how we think about the process of building common spaces for social and political action.

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