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7TH GROOTBOOM MEMORIAL DIALOGUES

URBAN LAND JUSTICE

Since 2008 the Social Justice Coalition has hosted the annual Irene Grootboom Memorial Dialogues. Irene Grootboom was a social activist who played an instrumental role in the struggle for housing for the poor. These Dialogues bring together community members, activists, academics and practitioners from a number of fields to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing the city.

For the third year running, the Dialogues will be jointly hosted by the Social Justice Coalition and the Africa Centre for Cities (based at the University of Cape Town). This year, the event will coincide with ACC's City Desired Exhibition – a multiplatform exhibition on cities as seen through the lens of Cape Town.

The 2014 Dialogues will deal with the issue of urban land justice – the history of urban land and dispossession, the impact of spatial Apartheid on the majority of the city's residents, and whether there are ways that all people can have equal right to the city.

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THE URBAN LAND QUESTION: PAST AND PRESENT

Monday 17 November 18h00

Andile Msizi Recreational Centre
Corner Sigwele Avenue & Bangiso Drive
Victoria Merge, Khayelitsha

South African cities have been shaped through centuries of dispossession and the ongoing struggle for urban land. Perhaps nowhere is this more apparent than in contemporary Cape Town. The first dialogue will provide an overview of the history of urban land struggles and dispossession and explore how the city's exceptional inequality and division has continued to develop since the end of Apartheid.

DOES THE RIGHT TO LIFE DEPEND ON WHERE YOU LIVE? ACCESS TO URBAN LAND IN CAPE TOWN

Tuesday 18 November 18h00

Cape Town City Hall
Darling Street
(opposite the Grand Parade)

The value of urban land is largely derived from its location. More than a million people in Cape Town live in townships on the outskirts of the city, far from socio-economic opportunities, in areas that lack even the most basic needs for safe and dignified lives. Through issues such as crime, education, and landlessness, this dialogue will explore the impact of a lack of access to land on the daily lives of millions of the city's residents.

TOWARDS URBAN LAND JUSTICE

Wednesday 19 November 18h00

Andile Msizi Recreational Centre
Corner Sigwele Avenue & Bangiso Drive
Victoria Merge, Khayelitsha

What will it take to achieve urban land justice in Cape Town and how can all people have equal right to the city? This dialogue will grapple with some of the most pressing issues such as land ownership, densification, expropriation and housing.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES: STORIES ABOUT CITIES AND LAND

Thursday 20 November 18h00

Cape Town City Hall
Darling Street
(opposite the Grand Parade)

Land struggles, and the conflicts of which they are part, are present around the world. Cape Town is no different. In an effort to enrich and extend debates and strategies in Cape Town and South Africa, this round table discussion will host five leading urban scholars to come and share stories from the frontline of land struggles in the global south, including Belo Horizonte (Brazil), Delhi (India), Kinshasa (DRC), São Paulo (Brazil) and Jakarta (Indonesia).