

Programme

**Representing Urban Change:
Gentrification and Displacement in Literature and other Media**

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Meeting link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/67462618940>

All times in CET

- 10.15 **Introduction**
- 10.30-11.30 **Keynote: James Peacock, English Literature and Creative Writing, Keele University, UK**
Frontiers, Picturesques and Home Invasions: Genres of Gentrification Literature
- 11.30-12.45 **Session 1: Fiction, History and Urban Transformation**
- Expanded Narratives of Gentrification: Infrastructure and (Im)mobility in the 1970s
Fiction of Sylvia Townsend Warner and Maureen Duffy
Martin Dines, English Literature, Kingston University, London, UK
- Tracing the Transformations of Jabal Al-Lweibdeh
Ismail Abder-rahman Gil, Asian and North African Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
- The Character-Space of the Gentrifier in London Fictions, 1913–64
Jason Finch, English Language and Literature, Åbo Akademi University, Finland
- 12.45-14.00 Break

14.00-15.40 **Session 2: Social Change in Urban Prose Texts**

Classification Struggles and Urban Change: On Social Types and Figures in Media Representations of Gentrification

Elias Le Grand, Child and Youth Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden

The Climate of AIDS: Gentrification and Loss at the End of Nature

Davy Knittle, English, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Education and the Comparative Advantage of the Inner-City

Eric Larsson, Education, Stockholm University, Sweden

Resistance to Gentrification and Displacement in Recent German Fiction and Non-Fiction

Hanna Henryson, Modern Languages, Uppsala University, Sweden

15.40-16.00 Break

16.00-17.30 **Session 3: Urban Change as Mediated in Poetry and Film**

Poetry and the City: Analyzing Post-Industrial Cities through the Unheard Voices of Newspaper Poetry

Antonio Paniagua Guzmán, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA

Shanghai in Vilnius Eccentric vs. Standard Images of the City

Gintarė Bidlauskienė, Comparative Literature, Vilnius University, Lithuania

The Great Absentee: Center, Periphery and Gentrification in Beijing through Migrant-Worker Literature

Federico Picerni, Asian Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy

A Guided Tour of Gentrified Gränby, Uppsala

Åse Richard, Institute for Housing and Urban Research, Uppsala University, Sweden

17.30-18.00 **Concluding discussion**