

Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation

**Public Open Spaces in the Sustainable City:
Livability, Environmental Impacts and Economical Aspects**

Monday, 19 December 2011, 11:00

Evans Hall, J. Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Midreshet Ben-Gurion*

The public is invited to the opening lecture

Prof. Setha Low

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Director of the Public Space Research Group, City University of New York

Public Space and Diversity:

Social Sustainability through Ethnographic Research and Design

Introduction: Prof. Pnina Motzafi-Haller

Setha Low received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. She is currently Professor of Environmental Psychology, Geography, Anthropology, and Women's Studies, and Director of the Public Space Research Group at The Graduate Center, City University of New York where she teaches courses and trains Ph.D. students in the anthropology of space and place, urban anthropology, culture and environment, and cultural values in historic preservation. She has been awarded a Getty Fellowship, a NEH fellowship, a Fulbright Senior Fellowship and a Guggenheim for her ethnographic research on public space in Latin America and the United States. She is widely published and lectures internationally on these issues. Her most recent books include: Politics of Public Space (2006 Routledge with Neil Smith), Rethinking Urban Parks: Public Space and Cultural Diversity (2005, University of Texas Press with S. Scheld and D. Taplin), Dr. Low was the President of the American Anthropological Association from 2007- 2009. Her current research is on the impact of private governance on New York City coop, and she is writing a book entitled Spatializing Culture: An Anthropological Theory of Space and Place. Starting in 2009 she started working on a collaborative project with Dolores Hayden on Spatial Methods and Public Practices funded by Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, and in 2010 was a fellow in the Center for Place, Culture and Politics. In 2011 she received funds to organize a Public Space and Diversity Network funded by the Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity.

* *Transportation to the lecture and back will be available at 9:40 from the North Beer-Sheva/University Train Station to Midreshet Ben-Gurion. Light refreshments will be served before the lecture.*

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