

SESSION 02

Unthinking the Mixed is critical especially when "mixed" often just mean adjacency instead of intercrossing forces to create something new. Slavoj Žižek wrote, "Today's liberal tolerance towards others, the respect of otherness and openness towards it, is counterpointed by an obsessive fear of harassment."

This session questions the "mixed" and explores new modes of mixing.

VENUE

PFS Studio

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Thursday, 25th June 2015 / 6:00pm RSVP (Seating is limited)

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SPEAKERS

James A.V. Bligh

Vancouverism Revisited:

A Late Entry for the Vancouver Art Gallery

Speculative interests have driven a rampant homogeneous and banal urban landscape in Vancouver. This outrage has largely been given a pass because of the city's breathtaking scenery and by trading density for small, pandering amenities. Perhaps Vancouver can transcend this reputation by creating space which aggravates the relationship between the intractable hand of development and the desires of the citizens.

This lecture investigates these notions through the lens of the Vancouver Art Gallery's move.

William Bruce Dunn

Beyond the Mixed Use Solution

The mixing of land uses is typically promoted by planners, architects and municipal leaders. But, what are the assumptions behind this?

This presentation will engage with some of the problems of "Solutionism" in particular relation to the notion of "mixed use". Particularly, it will be problematising how the rush to devise solutions often missed the deeper set ideological and socio-economic biases and problems that exist.