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## **Making Slum-Free Cities: Global Urbanism in the Asian Century**

Delivered by Ananya Roy, Professor of City and Regional Planning and Distinguished Chair in Global Poverty and Practice at the University of California, Berkeley.



Date: 16 May 2013  
Time: 17h30 for 18h00 to 20h30  
Venue: Dorothy Susskind Auditorium, John Moffat Building, East Campus,  
University of the Witwatersrand

### **Programme:**

- 18h00: Welcome and opening
- Commemoration: 'Drawing inspiration from Rusty Bernstein' by Toni Strasburg, award winning documentary filmmaker and writer, author of *Fractured Lives*, and daughter of Rusty Bernstein
- 'Making Slum-Free Cities: Global Urbanism in the Asian Century' by Professor Ananya Roy
- Discussion
- Vote of thanks
- 20h00: Snacks and drinks in the John Moffat Foyer

### **Abstract for Professor Ananya Roy's Talk:**

The Asian Century can be understood as a historical conjuncture marked by new formations of economic hegemony and bold claims of Asian ascendancy. This talk examines how, at such a

historical moment, the urban question becomes the matter of government, and how in particular, the megacity of slums is transformed into the Asian world-class city. Taking up the example of India's recent Slum-Free Cities policy, which marks a break with hitherto dominant modes of governing, the talk interrogates emerging paradigms of inclusive growth, those that seek to integrate the poor into market rule and capitalize the entrepreneurial slum. In this way, the talk tackles the broader question of postcolonial government and its frontiers of development, as well as the politics of poverty thus unleashed.

**Ananya Roy** is Professor of City and Regional Planning and Distinguished Chair in Global Poverty and Practice at the University of California, Berkeley, where she teaches in the fields of urban studies and international development. She also serves as Education Director of the Blum Center for Developing Economies. Most recently, Roy served as co-director of the Global Metropolitan Studies Center. Roy is the author of *City Requiem, Calcutta: Gender and the Politics of Poverty* (University of Minnesota Press, 2003), co-editor of *Urban Informality: Transnational Perspectives from the Middle East, South Asia, and Latin America* (Lexington Books, 2004) and co-editor of *The Practice of International Health* (Oxford University Press, 2008). Her book, *Poverty Capital: Microfinance and the Making of Development* (Routledge, 2010), was the recipient of the 2011 Paul Davidoff Book Award of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, a book award for research that advances social justice. Roy's most recent book is co-edited with Aihwa Ong and titled *Worlding Cities: Asian Experiments and the Art of Being Global* (Blackwell, 2011). Roy is currently involved in three collaborative projects of research and practice: *Urban Revolutions in the Age of Global Urbanism*; *The 21st Century Indian City: Setting New Agendas for Policy*; and *Territories of Poverty: Rethinking Welfare and Development*. She is also launching a new book series with the University of California Press to foster global and transnational agendas of poverty and inequality scholarship.

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