

Policing the City: From Ferguson to Rio de Janeiro

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Join the UNM and CNM Latin American Studies programs for the third presentation in their Fall 2018 LAS Lecture Series as Dr. Jennifer Tucker, Assistant Professor in Community and Regional Planning, shares a presentation on race and security in global cities. In the US, the Black Lives Matter movement has re-ignited a long-standing public conversation about the racialized dimensions of community dis/investment, policing, public safety, and urban development. Similar questions resonate in global cities around the world. The violent retaking of favelas from drug traffickers in Brazil, the militarization of towns on the US-Mexico border, and uprisings in Muslim-majority neighborhoods on Paris' peripheries demonstrate the centrality of security, policing and inequality in diverse processes of urban development. In this presentation, Tucker frames both policing and planning as practices, processes and philosophies of who belongs in the city and what sorts of people can shape it. Both policing and planning are means of intervening into the urban environment. Furthermore, both claim to hold the wellbeing of the citizenry as their primary goal. Yet planning's concern with inclusion, equity and justice points toward a different horizon of the possible. The presentation will introduce considerations of race, racism and dominant understandings of security as forces shaping contemporary cities in diverse contexts.



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