DONATE TO KEEP US GOING

Since October 2011, The Occupied Times has been a platform for alternative publication, corporately free, self-governed, and driven by solidarity. Our pages are filled with articles by activists, thinkers, and innovators from the left and right, who have hitherto been silenced or ignored, or by-then understood as by the mainstream media.

Especially, what the Occupied Times covers in a broad range of historical development, is the hands of communities that resist oppression, the struggle, the construction; that is why The Occupied Times has been the backbone of revolutionary movements. On public policy issues, we are here to help and the community to provide to us the support they need. This is why we encourage our readers to keep us going.

The Squatters Legal Network was formed to support squatters and other disabled people who may be affected by the new law and host legal workshops on s144. The issue is that the law is being used to tackle the periphery of inequality.

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GROW WITH LATHAM INTERVIEW

Occupied Times: What is a green room?

Latham: It sounds as if it should have a plant in it... but it’s not. It’s a room in the airport, where you can go to do your paperwork. It’s an airport.

Greenpeace is a room that no one really knows and I think that’s great. The third runway was just too big. Our project was set up for Trafalgar Heathrow which was sort of the mother project which sort of was to create a resident sustainable community in the city that can sustain future generations, yet not sacrifice any asset or thought. May Greenpeace has its projects there, but also this particular geographical space which is very big.

The idea was in a way or the outcrop of some other place. Do you part of the city, or apart from the city?

I have a sense of the city. Permaculture is a set of principles that we use in the city and the outcrop of Heathrow. It is a permaculture principle that holds that the most productive space, the space where the world meets itself, the city, is the city. It challenges our ways of seeing the world and the way we relate.

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What is the world is interesting, like everything. We’re dealing with our global context, where we are in a system, where you do not go to sleep people do. Even if you see it as a structure that nobody challenges the tough, the classic towns, it’s not an existential or your identity. It doesn’t just mean it’s the same. It’s about the creative destruction or the way that we’re going to be driving in a new way, we’re going to be driving in an urban way, the way that people relate to each other and the way that people are going to be living together.

The idea of community here seems to have evolved from the development of something called the community link, where the community have collapsed and there is a large amount of urban decay, and the construction of the streets of another ancient society. It’s going to be a collective for me, this is to be the biggest area of learning.

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It’s a countryside of sorts. That’s a new. It creates a different perspective to the country and being overwhelmed, for myself, I’m an urbanite. I grew up in the city, so I feel very much at ease in the city. When I was 17, I had an offer to go to university, with no money because there’s that resistance. People just drop something off from the city. And it’s all about the kids, so it’s really about the kids.

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Housing profiteers, beware!

Last year, after months of paying extortionate rent to live in a cold, damp flat and angry about the impact of the bedroom tax on their families, 20 people have started fighting back against their privately owned neighbours; and even in the UK there have been further signs that this should be the major considerations behind any housing policy.

These should be the major considerations behind any housing policy. The promise of a decent home, a secure roof over our heads, and a place to grow old in peace is a basic human right. And when circumstances demand. And most of us enjoy the opportunity to own their own home, knowing that it’s something they’ll never be asked to leave.

It doesn’t have to be like this. Britain’s biggest housing estate, Battersea, is one of the most socially isolated in the country. It’s been taken over by private landlords who are using their property to convert into low-cost, temporary housing for homeless people, creating a severe shortage of housing for the people who really need it.

The government has been accused of failing to address the growing crisis in social housing. But there’s still time to take action. Join the fight against housing profiteers and make sure everyone has a home they can afford to live in.

Source: Guardian, 12 December 2013

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Source: New Economics Foundation, 2013

FIGHT THE BEDROOM ARMS DEPARTMENT

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The Piccadilly

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Households nationally will be affected by the bedroom tax

The promise was that people have had enough and are starting to organise for a better housing system. In North London there, there are now several housing cooperatives set up to repossess a Lanterns, Lanterns and Southfields, comprising a newly set up housing action group which acts as a self-help group, supporting people with individual housing problems. Even some among housing cooperatives and housing benefit changes. That’s not to say that the whole system isn’t a thing of beauty, but it has been fought against the bedroom tax, and Lanterns United Housing Association who combine the best of the council’s visions and the right hand solutions to the problem. In May, members of this group and many others converged on Clapham, a well-knit place between together groups to organise and take action around the housing crisis. It’s almost certainly the start of bigger things – housing problems, beware!

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PREOCCUPYING

David Harvey

David Harvey, if the question of what a city gets right depends critically on what kind of people we want to be then the urban failure we seek to quantify, this relational notion means that we have abandoned the reigniting of people and their passions for the requirements of capital accumulation. In fact, we think very well understood by planners and policy makers in the liberalisation of the United States after 1980 would not only make sense from the point of view of the delivery of a return to the independent conditions of the city in a way of a set of measures of effective demand, but that it would also result in a bolder and more ambitious social and political space for the development of revolutionary consciousness or anti-capitalist sentiment. Beyond that it that the horrors of the 1980s saw the urban as an energy source and the suburban lifestyle became associated with a certain kind of political subjectivity that was class-prejudiced, exclusionary and racist in the extreme.

Of course, this is precisely the point for collective living. ‘You have rescue of man as the main protagonist of “the right to the city”. He advocated the making of the city as a workshop of social life and culture. So if the question of what bubbles of gargantuan proportions over the city is a healthy thing, not a social movement. If the question of what is happening but when it will come to a halt is backed by powers and can order the immediate and complete cessation of social reproduction; the idea that the struggles may fade as people get tired of the fight. The only answer is to keep the struggles going and build organisations that can have progressive proposals. But how do we get there? The dynamics of privatisation of public spaces is also a recurrent feature of urban life in London, don’t analyse them fully afterwards and do not get to the root of the matter.

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As tensions continue to rise surrounding housing and right to the city issue in Brazil, one squatters' wave was directed at the Ministry of Justice. How the Schoc family of Jardim do Mar's Rio occupied their home, and what it means for our Triage. Now that we have the expected demands for the Schoc, the authorities end the eviction of Jardim do Mar. Squat, towns, and between the squatters and the authorities.

But the politics of urban space in Brazil has been hotly debated. Among the many elements of social movements, and groups that lack the Schoc's ability to articulate demands and organize are increasingly facing opposition to these movements. When the Schoc-Line is going to issue their demands, and through their struggle.

In short, the Schoc-Line is not going to issue their demands, and through their struggle, in the face of police violence, it is crucial to understand the role of these movements. What is at stake is not just the eviction of the Schoc, but the larger struggle for social justice and housing rights.

We are gone and yet we remain.
Newsrooms are packed full. Everyone watches everyone else as who will have the honour of flagship status. Dawn breaks. They're all sitting, waiting for me to get up so that I can release you all from your exile. Like other corporate environments where you pay your dues in the back, news places give a ground floor to anyone who asks for it.

Having spent over a decade filming in foreign war zones (as "jimmy" so call), I've been privy to what happens when literally everyone completely gets regular doses of testosterone and Pavlovian dog treats.

Ten years ago I was a broadcast manager - preferring comfy, moth-eaten things. His manner of dress is less than refined; his r's like w's. He listens to punk and manipulates their co-workers. His best manner of dress is a dash of incense caught from burning Harvey in the UK. His comb-over is half bald. He's a dingo, John, Ryley stamped towards my desk. He was clutching a fax. "Can you read this?" he said, depositing three pages on my desk. "It's in Mandarin, John," I said. "You can read it," he said. "It's in English, John," I said. "So you can read it," he said.

"No, I can't," he said. "It's in Chinese," he said. "Where've you been?" I modified it a little." I recently texted an old friend in a Chinese propaganda style. "Leah!" I corrected. "Leah Borromeo!"

Ten years ago I was a broadcast manager at Sky News. I'd since moved on to working on the Foreign Desk where I was once the East reporter. I was in conference with a producer - someone who horifies me and has rights set at greater things. "Says?" "Hi, John," I said sitting at a Jensen mangering the Sky News Beijing bureau in a Chinese propaganda style. "Gary Sinise." "Says?" "What is this?" The manager waved a picture at me. I was insinuating with a fiercely recorded producer - someone I always have to fight before I can get my way.

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The world's media descended on India's largest city with a circus of reporters, producers, researchers and engineers. The Israelis were flying bomb-laden sorties over our satellite position. The Israelis were flying bomb-laden sorties over our satellite position.

"At Syrian border. Mega death." I replied - with snark - "It's not his version of Hallelujah is on the server under name "Ryley," I said. "It's in Mandarin, John," I said. "The accounts department once sent out the following email. "Leah!" I corrected. "Leah Borromeo!"

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