Supported by twenty years of the study of urban, urban-rural, global/planetary trends and action/inaction, CITY has turned increasingly to a holistic but also various and detailed series of accounts of ‘where the world is at’ and to where it is and might/could/should be heading. Its panel sessions for this year’s AAG and the current issue of the journal (20.1) take up these and related themes.

**Editorial (20.1): ‘Planetary’ urbanisation: Insecure foundations, the commodification of knowledge, and paradigm shift**

*CITY* had the pleasure of publishing Harvey’s reflection on urbanisation in its first ever issue. On this occasion to commemorate its 20th anniversary, *CITY* is pulling together a series of panels to explore how Harvey’s critique of urban accumulation maps the deterritorializing terrain of crisis, tracking new spaces of dispossession, and expressions of revolt and revolution.

**Wednesday 30th March • 3:20pm – 5:00pm •**
Golden Gate Room, Hotel Nikko, 25th Floor
2571 CITY journal sessions #1-1: The Urban Process under Planetary Accumulation by Dispossession

**Wednesday 30th March • 5:20pm – 7:00pm •**
Golden Gate Room, Hotel Nikko, 25th Floor
2671 CITY journal sessions #1-2: The Urban Process under Planetary Accumulation by Dispossession

**Thursday 31st March • 1:20pm – 3:00pm •**
Nikko Ballroom II, Hotel Nikko, 3rd Floor
3465 CITY Journal Sessions #2: The Practical Person’s Guide to the city, urbanisation, and the planet

**Thursday 31st March • 3:20pm – 5:00pm •**
Nikko Ballroom II, Hotel Nikko, 3rd Floor
3565 CITY journal sessions #3: Amateur Urbanism

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The forthcoming issue (20.2) moves into London’s housing crisis and ‘its activisms and onto a challenging and controversial account of ‘the refugee problem’.

**London: ‘This place is pre-something...’**

‘London, buffeted by economic catastrophe, vastly reconfigured by a sporting jamboree of militarised corporate banality, jostling with social unrest, still reeling from riots. Apocalypse is less a cliché than a truism. This place is pre-something.’

China Mieville, *London’s Overthrow*, 2012, 14

Writer China Mieville’s summing up of the London situation is undoubtedly controversial. The editors of our special feature, Paul Watt and Anna Minton, who use this quote as an epigraph, conclude: “‘London is pre-something’. Whatever this ‘something’ might be, it is likely that housing will be part of it.”

**Special Feature: London’s Housing Crisis and its Activisms**

- **London’s Housing Crisis and its Activisms: Introduction**
  Paul Watt and Anna Minton
- **The Housing Crisis and London**
  Michael Edwards
- **A View from the Top: Unpacking Capital Flows and Foreign Investment in Prime London**
  Luna Glucksberg
- **The Housing Crisis: A Visual Essay**
  Anna Minton, Michela Pace and Henrietta Williams
- **The London Clearances**
  Simon Elmer and Geraldine Dening
- **Complete Control: Developers, Financial Viability and Regeneration at the Elephant and Castle**
  Jerry Flynn
- **‘Regeneration’ and ‘Consultation’ at a Lambeth Council Estate: The Case of Cressingham Gardens**
  Pam Douglas and Joanne Parkes
- **Building Urban Power From Housing Crisis: London’s Radical Housing Network**
  Jacob Wills
- **A Nomadic War Machine in the Metropolis: En/Countering London’s 21st-Century Housing Crisis With focus e15**
  Paul Watt
- **Speculating on London’s Housing Future: the Rise of Global Corporate Landlords in ‘Post-Crisis’ Urban Landscapes**
  Joe Beswick, Georgia Alexandri, Michael Byrne, Sònia Vives-Miró, Desreee Fields, Stuart Hookinson and Michael Janoschka

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