

# Raether Postdoctoral Fellow

Trinity College's Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) has hosted three recent humanity or social science Ph.D. as the Paul E. Raether Postdoctoral Fellow since 2008-09 academic year. Supported by endowed funds for the center, this postdoctoral fellow has taught one undergraduate course in each semester on the comparative issues and challenges facing American and world cities, with a comparative focus on cities of the global South. These courses have help meet the teaching needs in Trinity's growing urban studies curriculum and be cross-listed between the department of the fellow's discipline and another department/program. The successful fellow has a Ph.D. and demonstrates strong evidence of published or publishable scholarship in his/her urban field. The fellow is expected to carry out his or her research and writing while actively participating in and assisting the center's research activities. The position carries a competitive salary and benefits.

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## **ABOUT THE FELLOW FOR 2010-2011:**

### *Vojislava Filipcevic*

Vojislava Filipcevic was the 2010-2011 Paul E. Raether Postdoctoral Fellow in Urban and Global Studies at Trinity College. She taught a course on "Immigration, Social Inclusion, and Global Cities" in fall 2010 and another course on comparative international urban policy/planning in spring 2011. As a postdoctoral fellow, she pursued comparative research on immigration and social inclusion in New York and London. Vojislava has extensive experience in American urban research in cultural urban history, and studies of immigrant political inclusion and community participation in planning. Her recent research is published in the *Columbia Journal of American Studies*, and is forthcoming in *Culture, Theory & Critique*. Vojislava has taught courses in Urban Policy, Urban Sociology, Urban Geography, and interdisciplinary Urban Studies at Columbia University, Hunter College, and the Columbia-Barnard Urban Studies Program. Vojislava holds a Ph.D. in Urban Planning from Columbia University, an M.S. in City and Regional Planning from Pratt Institute, and an M.A. degree in Communications from McGill University.

## **ABOUT THE FELLOW FOR 2009-2010:**

### *Sarah Moser*

Sarah Moser arrived at the Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) in July 2009 after being named the 2009-2010 Paul E. Raether Visiting Fellow in Urban and Global Studies at Trinity College. Since 1995, Sarah has lived on and off in Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, China and Singapore. She has travelled extensively in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia), Northeast Asia (Japan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan), South Asia (India, Nepal), the Middle East / Mediterranean (Egypt, Palestine, Israel, Turkey, Cyprus), Europe, and the Caribbean (Cuba, Mexico). After completing her Ph.D. in cultural geography at the National University of Singapore in 2008, Sarah moved to Cambridge to begin a postdoctoral fellowship in the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sarah's current research broadly investigates how political and religious ideology influences urban form in Southeast Asia and the Muslim world. She is presently working on an edited collection called *New Cities in the Muslim World* which investigates a variety of cities with Muslim-majority populations that have been recently built or are under construction in Africa, Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Her work has been published in such journals as *Social and Cultural Geography*, *Area*, *Cities*, and *Urban Studies*. Sarah has been Assistant Professor of Asian Studies and Culture at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell since fall 2010 and continuing to be involved in collaborative research at CUGS.

## **ABOUT THE FELLOW FOR 2008-2009:**

### ***Ahmed Kanna***

Ahmed Kanna was the inaugural Raether Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS). Before coming to Trinity, Ahmed was a research fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and spend a year as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Iowa. He has been an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of the Pacific since fall 2009. Primarily interested in the intersection of cultural studies and urban studies, the contemporary urban Middle East and South Asia, and critical theory of the city, he is currently researching the cultural politics of sustainability, “green” urbanism, and gentrification in Berlin, Germany. He is the author of *Dubai, The City as Corporation* (University of Minnesota Press, 2011). He has also published numerous essays in journals such as *Cultural Anthropology*, *City, Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review*, *Review of Middle East Studies* and various others. Ahmed and Xiangming Chen are co-editors of the first book titled *Rethinking Global Urbanism: Comparative Insights from Secondary Cities* (Routledge, 2012) based on the selected and invited papers from the “Rethinking Cities and Communities” conference sponsored by CUGS in November 2008. Ahmed is also maintaining research ties with CUGS.