

Global Friday presents: Jamie Peck



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Neoliberalism: Dead or Alive?

The onset of the global financial crisis in 2008 has been widely interpreted as a fundamental challenge to, if not crisis of, neoliberal or "free market" governance. The presentation examines some of the near-term and longer-run consequences of the global economic crisis for processes of neoliberalization, asking whether we have been witnessing the terminal unraveling of neoliberalism as a form of social rule. In many ways a creature of crisis, could neoliberalism now be falling to a crisis of its own making? Answering this question calls for a reconsideration of the nature of neoliberalization and its evolving sociospatial manifestations. These are more than definitional niceties. The prospects and potential of efforts to move genuinely beyond neoliberalism must also be considered in this light.