



Department of Philosophy Colloquium

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HIB 55

"Disorder in the ideal city"

The philosophy and policy of the city confronts two related questions. One concerns the urban ideal, or what the city ought to look like in social and spatial terms. Another related question concerns disorder. What is disorder? Is it real or stance-dependent? I'll defend what I call the "urban mosaic" ideal. Then I'll draw out some implications for our thinking about disorder. If the city is like a diverse mosaic, this suggests that what counts as disorder will usually be contested. Further, since competing conceptions will inevitably interact at the boundaries, disorder conflicts will be dynamic, shifting across the mosaic. The result is that the urban ideal is inherently conflictual. But this does not commit one to thinking that disorder is purely stance-dependent. This is an important point of dispute in the liberal and critical theoretical approaches to the city.

BIO

Jake Monaghan is currently an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California. He earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University at Buffalo. His research mostly concerns the political philosophy of policing and cities. Before coming to USC, he was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Smith Institute for Political Economy & Philosophy at Chapman University. Prior to that, he was an Assistant Professor of Philosophy (research) at the university of New Orleans. He currently serves as a consultant for the Buffalo Police Department's Foot Patrol Integration Unit.