



**A Toronto School of Creativity & Inquiry event
with/in Adrian Blackwell's carpool
music by Republic of Safety
+ barbeque @ 7:00pm
Sunday, August 6, 2006, 4:00-8:00pm
in the east parking lot of Idomo
1100 Sheppard Avenue W**

Entangled Territories

The gentrification of Toronto's downtown has displaced low-income residents. New immigrants, often precariously employed, are warehoused in high-density structures within low-density suburbs. City land is rezoned for optimum profit extraction rather than for livability. The costs of using public transit are rising as new programs of surveillance carefully monitor the smog-saturated city...

This neoliberal agenda remains contested by urban social movements committed to the building of a new commons: street protests, squats, community gardens, housing co-ops, public-space interventions, regularization campaigns...

Toronto's territory is entangled in divergent forces of neoliberal enclosure and public commons. Animating this play of forces is a triad of actors: capitalists, governments, and multitudes. At stake in their balance of power is access to affordable places to live, sources of healthy food, a secure income, mobility, pleasurable forms of life...

+How is capital capturing urban territories? Which spaces are currently under threat of enclosure?

+What possibilities exist for the state to protect existing public spaces or initiate new ones, when its role has increasingly become the policing of space?

+What capacities do we have for escaping existing enclosures, in the name of constructing new urban commons?

Join us for a conversation in and about the city's entangled territories. We'll move ourselves through a series of small-group discussions, and then end off the event with a collective conversation.

The event will be held in a parking lot near Downsview Park. This space is entangled, at the end of a subway line, yet in the middle of the city: in the inner suburbs, next to an army base, big box stores, and warehouses, at the confluence of highways, subways, and an airport. Our site is an abstract space of pause within this non-place of circulation.

Guests: Yvonne Bambrick (Streets are for People) + Sue Bunce (Planning Action) + Rob Gill (York) + Heather Haynes (Toronto Free Gallery) + Joe Hermer (UT) + Luis Jacob (artist) + Peter Nyers (McMaster) + Darren O'Donnell (artist) + Jay Pitter (artist) + SYN- (artists) + Leah Sandals (Spacing) + Jeff Shantz + Kika Thorne (artist) + Rinaldo Walcott (OISE) + Others TBC

About TSCI

Collaborating with a network of activists, artists, and theorists, Toronto School of Creativity & Inquiry initiates events that inquire into the new enclosures and creative pathways beyond them. <tsci.ca>

About carpool

carpool is a tent that connects four cars to form a larger composition. The cars are caught in a shade fabric, anchoring a structure as they inch apart from one another. They are temporarily taken out of circulation and their private interiors are opened for public use.

