

# NOW URBANISM

## CITY-MAKING IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND BEYOND

2010-2011 JOHN E. SAWYER SEMINAR  
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## INFORMAL URBANISM: SLUM CITIES + GLOBAL HEALTH

JANUARY 13, 6:30 PM, KANE 120

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By 2030 nearly 2 billion people will live in informal urban settlements or slums. Although living in abject poverty, slum communities are resilient and create new forms of urbanism. This panel will discuss current work in slums throughout the world, considering issues of empowerment and social equity, environmental sustainability, economic development and human health. These discussions will be both speculative and reflective, stimulating critical inquiry and interdisciplinary dialogue into how concerted efforts can transform informal communities to improve the health of those living within them and guide future development of cities worldwide.

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