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Architectures of mobility and enclosure: City improvement districts and cultural quarters in the South African city

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In this lecture Bradley Rink will reflect on recent empirical studies in the city of Cape Town where he interrogates architectures of enclosure in the contemporary African city. The research undertaken investigates the role of city improvement districts (CIDs) and cultural quarters in the intervention and management of mobility within the context of the South African city as evidenced by the Groote Schuur City Improvement District (GSCID) in Cape Town's southern suburbs, the Voortrekker Road Corridor Improvement District (VRCID) in the northern suburbs and the urban quarter of De Waterkant in the central business district. Across these varied contexts, he will analyse the development and operationalisation of architectures of mobility and enclosure that define contemporary urbanism in South Africa through the management of mobility and mobile subjects. The results of the collective analysis suggests that these architectures function through the management of mobility—of humans, capital, objects, and information—applying friction or enabling flow differentially to shape the city and its citizens.

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