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his research is UK focused but he has also written extensively on the politics of urban regeneration in the EU and East Asia. He is also heading a UCL team working on a new 6. From a psychoanalytical perspective, her research asks how the self encounters others and makes ongoing sense of difference. She is particularly interested in cities and the intersections between language, space and subjectivity. Her key area of focus is Mexico, and her publications include an academic book *Small City on a Big Couch*: Most recently, she taught at the Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico in both the Visual Arts Department and in the interdisciplinary Postgraduate Program in the Arts, where she continues to advise theses. He has written widely on the politics and sociology of South African cities, including on governance and protest, violence, inequalities, welfare and kinship, identities, and the construction of community. AbdouMalik Simone is an urbanist with particular interest in emerging forms of social and economic intersection across diverse trajectories of change for cities in the Global South. His work attempts to generate new theoretical understandings based on a wide range of urban practices generated by cities in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, as well as efforts to integrate these understandings in concrete policy and governance frameworks. Key publications include, *In Whose Image: Movements at the Crossroads*, Routledge, Birgit zur Nieden is postdoctoral research assistant at the department of Sociology at Humboldt University Berlin. Her work is focussed on migration history, politics and social movements of migration as well in and to Europe as well as in Latin America, Furthermore she focuses on discrimination, racism, inequality, and applies feminist and postcolonial theory in her research. She recently published co-author with Stefanie Kron *While there*, she did research on gentrification processes and community resistance in Harlem. Her MA thesis was on the selection processes and discrimination in social housing associations in Berlin. Her research interests include citizenship and migration, urban citizenship, social and political inequality and local context effects. In her PhD research she uses a mixed methods design to examine neighborhood effects on political participation of immigrants in Berlin. Her research interests include relational sociology, network analysis, neighborhood change and urban inequalities. Her current research project examines institutional neighborhood inequalities by focusing on the interplay of organizational structures, symbolic meanings and boundary work in schools and youth clubs in middle-class and disadvantaged neighborhoods in Berlin and London. Between and he works as freelancer at the department. His research interests are mechanisms of social inequality. Her research interests are urban history, urban activism and political theory. Her current research project examines the process of politicization in the current tenant protest groups in Berlin and New York.

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Neighbourhood Planning in England: With over Neighbourhood Development Plans underway, and several already approved by popular referenda, the initiative is promoted as devolving power to communities and enabling popular engagement in local decisions, thereby bridging the divide between participatory and representative democracy, harmonising the competing priorities of the strategic and very local, and improving relationships between local authorities and local people. As such the emerging experience of NDPs in England and similar initiatives in other countries speak to some key debates in geography and planning which this session seeks to address. Work on NDPs has already revealed the value of exploring empirically how these play out in practice and the session will add to those studies. This will draw on experiences from other countries within the UK, and wider and will include exploring the role of neighbourhood planning in encouraging co-production and broadening knowledge of, or interest in planning decisions

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While the advent of neighbourhood forums and neighbourhood development plans NDP, the Localism Act was heralded as a move towards decentralising decision-making and empowering communities. However, experience in the first two years has been very mixed. Although there are now at least 20 examples which have completed the examination and the ballot, progress towards the adoption of NDPs has been slower than anticipated, particularly in urban areas, and there have been many organisational, legal and procedural obstacles which throw new light on the relationships between local communities and the various tiers of the planning system. In some localities it has even challenged the traditional model of top down strategic planning through revising policy issues such as site allocation for housing. The overall hypothesis to be tested is that the voluntaristic model of localism has empowered relatively affluent areas, often with existing parish councils, to exert limited influence over an increasingly disempowered planning system, while doing little or nothing for the more deprived localities. This paper will attempt a preliminary assessment of the progress and barriers arising in the definition of neighbourhood areas, the role of local business and property owners, the constitution of forums, and the content of NDPs, particularly in relation to the allocation of housing sites and associated policies. The paper will draw on observation and interviews with key stakeholders in London boroughs, such as Westminster, Camden and Hackney, and a review of documentation available on the web for these and rural plans. It will also draw out the lessons learnt from recent legal changes and reports of the examinations. The conclusions will evaluate the outcomes to date and the prospects for the future. The paper reviews the first developments in the process of neighbourhood planning in London since and asks whether such a form of planning has the potential to bring about more progressive, socially equitable forms of planning or on the contrary, to stir up inter-group conflicts and exclusionary forms of planning. The paper will analyse cases of neighbourhood planning and community mobilisation in two Boroughs of North-East London exhibiting a super-diverse ethnic and socio-economic make-up, Haringey and Hackney. This is especially the case in a super-diverse and highly unequal city like London, where micro-diversity within neighbourhoods is such that the concept of a homogenous or potentially articulate and cohesive community rarely makes sense. In rare cases, there may be alliances of highly diverse lower and middle income groups in the process of neighbourhood planning, although such alliances are more likely to form outside of that process, in the shape of new urban social movements and heterogeneous coalitions fighting against urban redevelopment and gentrification. For many community groups, it has thus become a dilemma whether or not to engage in the formal neighbourhood planning process. The limits of the local in a period of neoliberalized governance, fiscal retrenchment and

regulatory capitalism Joe Penny University College London, UK The forming of the Coalition Government in May has brought with it a renewed emphasis on localism. Through the Localism Act, National Planning Policy Framework, and the Open Public Services White Paper, the government claim they are making a decisive break from previous government policy, which they say will make planning, public services and the welfare state fairer, more effective and more democratic. However, at the same time as local people are supposed to be empowered, the coalition government have embarked on a programme of deep austerity and are pushing for further rounds of privatisation; extending public-private entanglements and the geographic and spatial distances these engender between citizens and decision makers. This paper will seek to engage with, and make sense of, this complex politics of localism as it pertains to neighbourhood planning. It contends that, in a period of austerity and in the context of regulatory capitalism, far from offering a pathway towards community empowerment, deeper democracy and an emancipatory politics, the current localism agenda is best read as an anti-political spatial strategy, reflecting and reproducing a post-political condition and producing new forms of variegated neoliberalism on the ground. The Act introduced Neighbourhood Development Plans as a measure to devolve power to communities, enable their engagement in local decisions, and improve the relationships between Local Authorities and local people. CCs have formally existed since 1972, as non-party-political, statutory, public representative bodies, first created under the Local Government Scotland Act 1975. Community empowerment has recently moved up the political agenda again, e.g. We hypothesise that the social and economic capital, skills and capacities needed to benefit from such empowerment initiatives framed by local government are unevenly distributed. Participants conceptualised CCs as being a voice of the local people and a key link with Local Authorities. We find that some CC do not seek to expand their responsibilities, emphasising their volunteer capacity, while others manage assets and aspire to have more influence, for example over local planning and development decisions. Overall, the skills of CC members appear to be the central factor that determines the level of empowerment. Emerging lessons from neighbourhood planning frontrunners: Does the reality match the rhetoric? Nevertheless, the opportunity for a community to develop a neighbourhood plan which has the potential to become part of the statutory planning policy framework does offer communities a possible enhanced level of influence compared to the previous system of Parish Plans. As such, this paper investigates to what extent neighbourhoods can really influence their future via neighbourhood development plans. It provides an up-to-date review that draws on a series of semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders in the neighbourhood development plan process in two of the most advanced neighbourhood planning partnerships in England: In doing so, it raises some important questions about the future trajectory of neighbourhood planning in England and whether the rhetoric of the Coalition government around localism matches the reality. Can neighbourhood planning offer part of the solution to growing levels of dissatisfaction amongst the electorate with the current democratic process or is it in reality a well-meaning distraction for neighbourhoods, which can raise expectations and potentially compounds frustration with the democratic process?

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