GEWURZ lecture - preliminary information

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McGill School of Urban Planning

MacDonald Harrington Building

Vanessa Watson

New African City Plans:

‘world class cities’ or property developer land grabs?

Vanessa Watson is professor of city planning in the School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics at the University of Cape Town (South Africa). She holds degrees from this University, from the Architectural Association of London, a PhD from the University of Witwatersrand, and is a Fellow of the University of Cape Town. Her research over the last thirty years has focussed on urban planning in the global South and the effects of inappropriate planning practices and theories especially in Africa. Her work seeks to unsettle the geo-politics of knowledge production in planning by providing alternative theoretical perspectives from the global South.

She is the Global South Editor of Urban Studies and is on the editorial boards of a number of planning journals. She was the lead consultant for UN Habitat’s 2009 Global Report on Planning Sustainable Cities, was chair and co-chair of the Global Planning Education Association Network, a founder of the Association of African Planning Schools and is a founder and on the executive of the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town.