

**Redefinition Of Public Space Within
The Privatization Of Cities**

5th International Conference of the Research Network
Private Urban Governance & Gated Communities



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Cities around the globe witness the development of new institutional settings which organize urban spaces - especially on a sub-communal scale. These new settings involve public and private organizations, different forms of community organizations as well as organizations which cut across the public/private dichotomy. Thus, in existing neighborhoods become established institutions like horizontal homeowner associations or business improvement districts. Newly urbanized areas are organized as private and often gated residential communities, as shopping centers or as business centers with one management entity. The 5th conference of the research network on "private urban governance" will offer a highly international forum for the interdisciplinary discussion on the causes and consequences for the rise of these new forms of urban governance. The research network has been established in 1999 and is an open network of currently more than 100 researchers (urban geography, planning, architecture, regional economy, law, political science, sociology, anthropology etc.) from around the world.

Over the three days, the conference will take the form of keynote presentations, shorter papers, and include a poster session by postgraduate students. We hope to leave plenty of time for discussion, stimulated by papers that engage with Private Urban Governance and Gated Communities– in research, methods or practice.

The Conference is being organized by the Research Network Private Urban Governance & Gated Communities together with the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism at Universidad de Chile.

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