

# The Cities Group

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## BOOK LAUNCH

**Thursday 22 November 2007**

**Department of Geography, Pyramid Room  
South Range Building, Strand Campus**

**18.15 to 20.00**

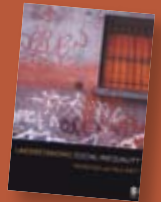
*Wine and refreshments  
will be served from*

*18.15 onwards*

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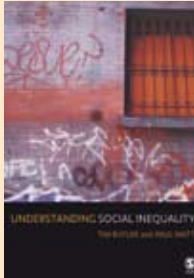
You are welcome to the launch of three books recently authored and co-authored by members of The Cities Group.

The event will include a ten minute presentation by each of the authors, a response by three discussants, Allan Cochrane, Phil Hubbard and Roger Burrows, and then an open discussion.



**The Cities Group** The Group is comprised of 12 academic staff, 5 post doctorates, and 25 PhD research students, and it is committed to the advancement of scholarship in relation to the understanding of cities. The Group has a wide portfolio of research projects, including the study of gentrification in London, brown field regeneration in UK cities, the role of regulation in influencing urban design, the healthy city, social and economic changes in global cities, and sustainable urbanism. Its research is international in scope including comparative analyses of major world cities, primarily in Europe, North America, Pacific-Asia, and parts of Africa and Latin America. The Group can offer consultancy services, and provides two masters degrees.

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**Tim Butler and Paul Watt, 2007**

## Understanding Social Inequality

**Sage Publishing, London**

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*Understanding Social Inequality* takes as its starting point that social and economic inequality is increasing again after a long post war period in which industrialised societies became more equal. The book attempts to map the dimensions of that inequality and how social scientists have understood it. The book brings together sociology and human geography and argues that place has become an increasingly important focus for attempts to understand the new trend towards inequality.



**Mike Raco, 2007**

## Building Sustainable Communities

**Policy Press, Bristol**

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This book uses historical and contemporary materials to document the ways in which policy-makers, in different eras, have sought to use state powers and regulations to create better, more balanced, and sustainable communities and citizens. It charts the changes that have taken place in community-building policy frameworks, place imaginations, and core spatial policy initiatives in the UK since 1945.



**Lees, L, Slater, T and Wyly, E 2007**

## Gentrification

**Routledge, New York**

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*Gentrification* presents major theoretical ideas and concepts with case studies, and summaries of the ideas in the book as well as offering ideas for future research. International in scope, interdisciplinary in approach, and featuring a wealth of case studies, the book demonstrates how gentrification has grown from a small scale urban process, pioneered by a liberal new middle class, to become a mass produced 'gentrification blueprint' around the world.