The University of Chicago Human Rights Program presents

The Ground Up:
Exploring the Right to the City
A Film Symposium

Saturday, November 5, 2011
10 am to 4 pm
Film Studies Center
Cobb Hall 306
5811 South Ellis Ave

Register at:
humanrights.uchicago.edu/righttothecity

In the wake of economic displacement or physical devastation, how are cities rebuilt and for whom? Who has the right to decide? This film symposium explores the idea of “the right to the city”, the collective right of communities to self-determination and equitable distribution of resources, through documentaries that highlight the organizing responses of communities working to democratize the development of urban space in Chicago and New Orleans.

The program includes screenings of Land of Opportunity (2010, Dir. Luisa Dantas), which documents the rebuilding of New Orleans post-Katrina, Voices of Cabrini: Remaking Chicago’s Public Housing (1999, Dirs. Ronit Bezalel and Antonio Ferrera) and excerpts of Cabrini Green: Mixing It Up (2011, Dirs. Ronit Bezalel and Brenda Schumacher), which chronicle the demolition of the Cabrini Green community and assess the state of public housing ten years later.

A panel discussion will follow the screenings.

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is encouraged, but not required: http://humanrights.uchicago.edu/righttothecity

Panelists:
Ronit Bezalel, Filmmaker
Deidre Brewster, Human Rights activist and organizer
Luisa Dantas, Filmmaker
Janet Smith, Associate Professor, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, UIC

Moderated by: Judy Hoffman,
Senior Lecturer, Depts of Cinema and Media Studies and Visual Arts, University of Chicago

This event is a part of Human Rights Program’s ongoing series Seeing Human Rights. For more information, please contact Sarah Patton Moberg, Program Manager of the Human Rights Program, at spmoberg@uchicago.edu or 773-834-0957.