

VEDA POPOVICI

COMMON FRONT FOR THE RIGHT TO HOUSING & THE ANTI-EVICTION MAPPING PROJECT

+ *THE "LIGHT" REVOLUTION & ITS AFTERMATHS*



Tuesday, APRIL 18

3:00-4:30

HUM 1-210; UCSC

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Wednesday, APRIL 19

8:00-9:30pm

SUB ROSA; 703 Pacific Ave

WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN: CONTEMPORARY ACTIVIST SCHOLARSHIP

A speaker series jointly hosted by
Feminist Studies & the History of
Consciousness, with support from the
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at UCSC:

Comparative urban studies are on the rise, raising new questions about translation, fungibility, and transit. How can we study the material effects of global capital in various urban spaces without conflating the spatial struggles and transformations of one space upon another? How can superimposing Western understandings of gentrification upon non-Western places impose onto-epistemological violence? This talk, moderated by Feminist Studies doctoral candidate and **Anti-Eviction Mapping Project** cofounder Erin McElroy, will feature Bucharest-based

housing justice activist, artist, and scholar Veda Popovici. Veda will share more about the Bucharest's direct action collective, **the Common Front for the Right to Housing**, as well as histories of postsocialist neoliberal housing restitution laws that have incited current Romanian spatial struggles. Erin and Veda will discuss a growing call to think both global capital formations and comparative urbanism in Romania through decolonial analytics.

at SubRosa:

The "Light" Revolution and its aftermaths. Protest, resistance and performing Eastern Europe

Throughout all of February, tens of thousands took the streets in Romania to protest corruption of the political class. Far from being the first spontaneous mass protests in recent local history, they were the first of such magnitude to affirm a clear right-wing position. As international radicals, we expect solidarity not with the imperialist narrative of the "at last enlightened East" but with local resistance to the liberal paradigm of civic, peaceful protest.

Veda Popovici is a Bucharest-based housing justice activist, artist, and scholar.