

PADKOS BIOSCOPE

SCHEDULE TO MID-2013

The current padkos bioscope season @ CLP will take a short mid-year break. Here's what's coming up before then. All @ the CLP office, and all starting @ 1pm – see you there!

30 May	<p><i>Robert Neuwirth (TED Talk 2005) Shadow Cities.</i></p> <p>To research his book, <i>Shadow Cities</i>, Neuwirth spent years living in 'squatter' communities across four continents. In this 15-minute TED Talk from 2005 he takes us on a tour. Life in a favela, slum, or shantytown is hard. But in the squatter cities of Rio, Nairobi, Istanbul and Mumbai, Neuwirth discovers restaurants, markets, clinics and effective forms of self-organization. Our challenge, Neuwirth says, isn't to end squatter cities or shut down gray markets - but to engage with those who live and work in them. "The human spirit radiated out from the metal walls and garbage heaps to offer something no legal neighborhood could: freedom."</p>
6 June	<p><i>Mumbai Land Grab (Al Jazeera)</i></p> <p>The slum-dwellers of Mumbai are being evicted - in many cases unfairly - to make way for upmarket developments. It is a city rife with land scams, where evictions are commonplace & new developments regularly appear - like the "Oceans of Justice", a housing complex for High Court judges built on land meant for the homeless. (Al Jazeera 2012: Activate!)</p>
20 June	<p><i>Housewarming Party (77 min. 2005)</i></p> <p>Four women leave the Brazilian countryside & for the big city in search of a better life. After struggling on the streets of São Paulo, they encountered each other and a movement (MSTC) that gave them a strong reason to live. They became key leaders of the Movimento Sem Teto do Centro - Movement of the Homeless in Central Sao Paulo. The documentary tracks the mass occupations of a number of empty buildings during one night as seen through the eyes of these women.</p>

And of course plenty of exciting stuff to watch and discuss in the 2nd half of the year – details to follow...