The rapidly unfolding global economic recession of 2008-9 is dramatically intensifying the contradictions around which urban social movements have been rallying, suddenly validating their claims regarding the unsustainability and destructiveness of capitalist forms of urbanization. Against this background, it appears increasingly urgent to understand how different types of cities are being repositioned within increasingly volatile, financialized circuits of capital accumulation. Equally important is the question of how this crisis has provoked or constrained alternative visions of urban life that point beyond capitalism as a structuring principle of political-economic and spatial organization.

This special issue of CITY explores both of these issues through wide-ranging contributions by a diverse group of European and North American urban theorists, sociologists, planners and activists. Chapters address a broad range of themes related to the last three decades of urban restructuring and urban struggles, including: the nature and contributions of critical urban theory; the neoliberalization of urban life; emergent forms of sociospatial polarization; and ongoing struggles to combat exclusionary, profit-based forms of urbanism. By exploring such issues, this volume attempts to contribute intellectual resources that may be useful for those institutions, movements and actors that aim to roll back the contemporary hypercommodification of urban life, and on this basis, to promote alternative, radically democratic, socially just and sustainable forms of urbanism. The slogan, “Cities for people, not for profit,” sets into stark relief what the contributors view as a central political objective for ongoing efforts, at once theoretical and practical, to address the crises of our time.

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