

# Winter Quarter 2019 BE Studio

## Jackson Street - Social Justice Transect Studio

### The Right to the City

#### An interdisciplinary Studio

Seattle is struggling to navigate and shape responses to critical urban and design issues manifest in forms of socio-economic inequality and precarity, housing scarcity, identity and heritage, and political resistance which are experienced through the everyday life of the city. This studio will use the vibrant Jackson Street Corridor as an urban transect to study these dynamics at the urban/systems scale as well as at the spatial/everyday experience scale. The studio problematize the role of urban/spatial design, individual and group action, along with everyday experience to address social equality through the theories of the Right to the City (Lefebvre, Harvey, Mitchell). How is the Right to the City and Space situated as a critical tool to inform the role of design? How does design support how people establish their voice and role in shaping their place in Seattle and the city itself? The interdisciplinary studio engages the following ideas and work-flows:

#### **Social/spatial analysis of Jackson Street**

What social dynamics & structures are producing the everyday experience of Jackson?  
How do existing spaces along Jackson St. define and establish these social experiences?

#### **Community outreach and collaboration**

Connect with groups and engage their efforts to shape their voice and role.  
How communities construct, represent, & imagine their place & experience along Jackson?

#### **Spatial design interventions and activism**

Re-imagined and reshaped spaces for all peoples and activities.  
How can design support a particular social structure and experience?

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