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## CYBERNETIC URBANISM: MANAGING (WITH) THE UNMANAGEABLE CITY

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**SPEAKER: TIM JACHNA**

**PLACE: 25 EAST 13TH STREET  
ROOM #206**

**TIME: 7:00-8:00 PM**

**DATE: OCTOBER 5TH, 2016**

The talk will sketch out some possible elements of a second-order cybernetic perspective on the city and demonstrate some consequences and applications of this way of seeing. Drawing primarily on the concept of the Conversation, as articulated by Gordon Pask and elaborated by others, the talk will expand upon how a cybernetic understanding of the city can facilitate insights into urban practices at the micro-scale of the individual urban actor as well as the macro-scale of the urban region, illuminating the ways in which the complex mangle that is the city can be constituted by the interaction of numerous heterogenous urban actors.

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