



# Urban Research Program

## 2010 Gold Coast Seminar Series

**Dr Caryl Bosman**

### **Histories of placemaking in a hyper-neoliberal tourist city: The 'other' face of the Gold Coast**

The Gold Coast is Australia's fourth largest touristed city. In touristed cities like the Gold Coast histories of 'tourism urbanisation' dominate while other placemaking histories are largely marginalised or erased. This seminar illustrates a case study of placemaking, tourism urbanisation – and its counterpart 'community urbanisation' – on the Southport Spit; the last remnant of undeveloped public open space in the Gold Coast City. The seminar will also examine possibilities for recognising and acknowledging these other practices of urbanisation.

Caryl is a lecturer in the Griffith School of Environment and a member of the Urban Research Program. Her research interests include urban histories and design, and suburban landscapes. Caryl has a special interest in planning for ideals of community, active adult lifestyle communities and placemaking discourses in tourist cities.

**Friday 12th February**

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Gold Coast campus - Building G31, Room 3.17