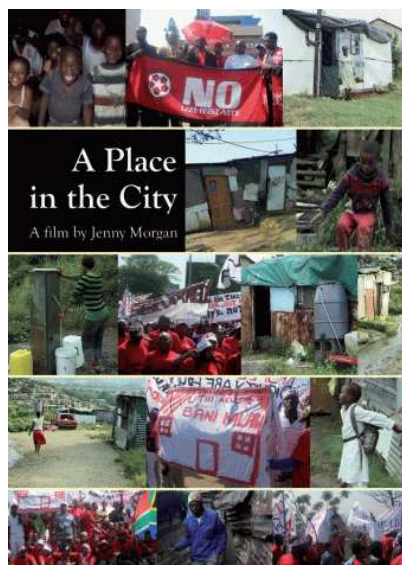




Royal African Society



You are cordially invited to a screening of

A Place in the City

A film by Jenny Morgan

Wednesday 18 March 2009

5-7pm

Room B111

Brunei Gallery, SOAS

Thornhaugh Street,

Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

Nearly 15 years since apartheid ended, millions of black South Africans still live in self-built shacks – without sanitation, adequate water supplies, or electricity.

But *A Place in the City* will overturn all your assumptions about ‘slums’ and the people who live in them.

In this film, shot in the vast shack settlements in and around Durban, members of Abahlali baseMjondolo, the grassroots shackdwellers’ movement, lay out their case against forcible eviction and for decent services with passion and eloquence, in a political climate where grassroots campaigners like them are more likely to be met with rubber bullets than with offers to talk.

At the heart of Abahlali’s struggle is the struggle for meaningful citizenship rights for South Africa’s poor majority. ‘Or does freedom in South Africa,’ asks Abahlali volunteer organiser Louisa Motha, ‘only belong to the rich?’

The screening will be followed by a **Q&A** session with film maker **Jenny Morgan**, and **Matt Birkinshaw**, activist and author of *A Big Devil in the Jondolos: The Politics of Shack Fires*. Chaired by **Firoze Manji**, Editor of *Pambazuka* and Executive Director of Fahamu (film distributor).

The screening is free and open to the public

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