SLUM CULTURES
- THE ROLE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
IN POOR URBAN SETTLEMENTS

OSLO 5 OCTOBER 2009, AT HAUSMANNSGATE 7 (RØDE KORS HUSET) 9am-5 pm
Over one billion people live in city slums around the world, areas that are associated with poverty. But poor urban areas are also sites of a rich cultural diversity embedded in different cultural, social and political identities. Urban slumdwelles may also develop a sense of place and should have rights to a cultural heritage.

But what is this heritage? How is it constructed, and how can it be a positive force in urban development? How can culture and cultural heritage be an asset for people living in slums, and what are the challenges? How can cultural heritage be reflected in planning for sustainable cities?

These are some of the issues that will be discussed in this conference, which also marks the international World Habitat Day focusing on urban settlement issues in the global South.

Entrance is free, but registration is required. Please register before the 1st of October to post@niku.no

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Professor Tom Angotti, Hunter College New York
-Lynsey Hanley, journalist for the Observer
-Architect Jane Samuels, Removing Unfreedoms Consultancy UK
-Professor Odd Are Berkaak, University of Oslo, Department of social anthropology, among others.