

## Contestations over Urban Lands Shaped by Displacement

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### *Abstract*

*The concept of space in the urban context is a major area and cause for contention regarding development. The scope of this paper will be on understanding space, the takeover of space, the right to the city and contestations related to urban space. It is thus important to state unambiguously the construct of space at first. Space can be understood both in its geographical and political connotations. In one way, space is a political instrument that facilitates all forms of control. It is a symbolic and ideological superstructure. It can be understood to signify a means of appropriation or a part of the process of production which displaces and supplants the existing nature of space, society and polity. In its geographical sense, space is an increasingly valuable commodity of land-area, in an increasingly growing urban scenario.*

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