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# Tokyo-as-World-City

## Reassessing the role of capital and the state in urban restructuring

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Tokyo, it has been suggested, is shaped to an unusual degree by interventions from the state, both metropolitan and national. I will argue that as a consequence the role of capital in Tokyo's restructuring has been underplayed. In doing so, I place Tokyo within a wider context of urban change.

Paul Waley is a senior lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Leeds and one of a small number of geographers in Britain working on Japan. His interests cover urban and cultural geography, both historical and contemporary. A central theme of current research involves the transformation and commodification of place in Tokyo.

### Future Events:

April 10

**Steven Moore** (University of Texas at Austin)  
Urban Story Lines and Sustainable Development

May 10

**Ignaz Strebel** (University of Edinburgh)  
The Concierge is the Architect: servicing buildings, practicing maintenance and the un/making of highrise living in Red Road, Glasgow

June 7

**Victor Buchli** (University College London)

October 5 **MARC Launch**

**Bruno Latour** (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris)

4pm, Thursday March 8th 2007  
Cordingley Lecture Theatre  
Humanities Bridgeford St. Building

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