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“Integration and Inequality in the Gayborhood”

Amin Ghaziani is Associate Professor of Sociology and Canada Research Chair in Sexuality and Urban Studies at the University of British Columbia. He is author or editor of four books: *Sex Cultures* (Polity, 2017), *There Goes the Gayborhood?* (Princeton, 2014), *The Dividends of Dissent* (Chicago, 2008), and *A Decade of HAART* (Oxford, 2008). His articles have appeared in the *American Sociological Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *City & Community*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Social Problems*, and *Theory & Society*. He has received fellowships from the Princeton Society of Fellows and the Institute for Advanced Studies at UBC, along with awards from the culture, social movements, and community/urban sections of the American Sociological Association. He is an editorial board member of the ASR and an active public intellectual who has contributed to conversations in the *New Yorker*, *American Prospect*, *Time* magazine, *Globe & Mail*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, and the *Philadelphia Weekly*, among other outlets.

Urban gay districts, like the iconic Castro district in San Francisco, Davie Village in Vancouver, and the Marais in Paris, have provided sexual minorities with safe havens in an often unsafe world. But as society integrates gays and lesbians into the mainstream, are “gayborhoods” destined to disappear? In this talk, Professor Ghaziani will show how the cultural acceptance of sexual minorities affects their geographic expressions and how those, in turn, are creating subtle new forms of inequality.