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FINANCIAL AND SPATIAL EXCLUSION IN URBAN COLOMBIA AND LATIN AMERICA
1 APRIL 2013, 1PM – 2PM
412 AVERY

Take one hour for your lunch break. Chat about your interests on Latin America. The LBs Series at lunch breaks creates an informal environment for debating with young international scholars or PhD students, with ongoing research on LAC spatial issues, who will present and be open for discussion. See attached for more details.

THE BIG SQUEEZE DEBUT PRESENTATION
4 APRIL, 2013, 7:00PM
THE TENEMENT MUSEUM, 103 ORCHARD STREET

The Cen-ter for Urban Ped-a-gogy (CUP) is excited to announce the debut of The Big Squeeze, a poster that examines the past, present and future of housing in New York City.

CUP will premiere our latest Urban Investigation project The Big Squeeze. CUP teaching artist Chat Travieso collaborated with students from the Academy of Urban Planning in Bushwick to look at the city’s micro-apartment competition and ask “how much space do you need to live?”.

Join the group as they present the poster they created, discuss their investigative process, and lead a panel discussion on the future of housing with Seema Agnani, Executive Director of Chhaya CDC, and Andrew Reicher, Executive Director of the the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board.

Travel via B, D to Grand St; F, J, M, Z to Delancey and Essex

Free and open to public. RSVP at http://www.welcometocup.org/NewsAndEvents/DebutOfTheBigSqueeze by Tuesday, April 2nd, at 5 pm.

This is a People & Buildings presentation from the Center for Urban Pedagogy.

NYC MAYORAL FORUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
APRIL 10, 2013
NYU School of Law, 40 Washington Square South

Moderated by Brian Lehrer, WNYC. Featuring Bill De Blasio, Joe Lhota (Invited), John Liu, Christine Quinn, and Bill Thompson. Please join us for an educational forum on affordable housing featuring New York City mayoral candidates. New York City has a long history of supporting affordable housing and has been a model for cities across the country. For the last 25 years, successive administrations have invested significant resources into creating and renovating affordable housing.

The Mayoral Forum will be preceded by a light lunch and panel discussions to review the lessons learned from former New York City mayor Ed Koch's innovative housing plan, and will be followed by a networking reception.

Lunch, the panel discussions, and the post-forum reception have been generously sponsored by Bryan Cave, LLP, in memory of Ed Koch.

Schedule
12:30pm - 1:00pm:
Lunch (Lipton Hall, 108 West 3rd St.)

1:00pm - 2:20pm:
Panel 1: Koch's Reimagination of the Bureaucracy and the Role of the Private Sector (Lipton Hall)

2:40pm - 4:00pm:
Panel 2: The Impact of the Ten Year Plan: Looking Back, Looking Forward (Lipton Hall)

4:30pm - 6:00pm
Mayoral Forum (Tishman Auditorium, 40 Washington Sq. South)

6:00pm - 7:30pm
Networking Wine & Cheese Reception (Greenberg Lounge, 40 Washington Sq. South)

To register, please visit http://nyu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4Zooj79pFwh0jch
Please note that attendance to the forum is limited and you may be placed on a waiting list. Tickets are allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

LEFT FORUM: MOBILIZING FOR ECONOMIC/ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION
JUNE 7-9, 2013
We need to mobilize now! The planet and humankind are in peril. The climate is warming, glaciers are melting, seas are rising, droughts are spreading and species are going extinct, all caused by unsustainable development and overconsumption of every resource on the planet. Meanwhile the ongoing economic crisis the worst since the Great Depression has devastated working people around the world with astronomical rates of unemployment, falling incomes and brutal austerity measures. Everywhere, the people least responsible for these interrelated crises are bearing their brunt, in particular people in developing countries, women who are the bulk of ecological refugees, and people of color. Bangladesh with its floods and factory fires is a tragic case in point. These twin crises reveal the destructive – indeed eco-suicidal - nature of capitalism’s inherent drive to growth, where everything in nature has a price, and nothing has a value, including human life.

At the same time, new forms of anti-capitalist and horizontal democratic resistance are emerging everywhere. There is reason to hope, as the basic question of who should own the Earth is coming to the fore. Come to this year’s Left Forum to explore the environmental and movement-building imperatives that make another world not only possible but necessary.

For more information and to register, see http://www.leftforum.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=677

Symposium – Out of Control Suburbs? Comparing Representations of Order, Disorder and Sprawl
June 27-28, 2013
Registration Deadline: 12 April, 2013
Hofstra University, Hemstead, New York

Keynote Speaker: Professor Dolores Hayden, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism and of American Studies, Yale University

Following the success of our 2011 Inaugural Symposium, our second meeting seeks to discuss the nature and representation of suburbs, suburban life and sprawl whether local, regional or global. Where are the margins of suburbia and do they represent order, disorder or nostalgia? How is sprawl defined – as organic social process or negative cultural impact? And how is it experienced by diverse communities and individuals? What are the aesthetics of order and sprawl? How do
representations of suburban sprawl and disorder converge or diverge between the Global South and North – and within the Global North?

Panels on the themes of: Design and Influence in Cities / Suburbs; Social and Spatial Order /Disorder; Planning; Perceptions of Home / Defining the Suburbs; Segregation / Integration and the Suburbs; and The Suburbs in Fiction / Film / TV

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN at: 
http://suburbs.exeter.ac.uk/network-news-and-events/conferences-and-cfps

5TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION (NCER)
JULY 29 – AUGUST 2, 2013
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5 MAY, 2013
RENAISSANCE SCHAUMBURG CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL, CHICAGO, IL

NCER is an interdisciplinary conference on large-scale ecosystem restoration presenting state-of-the art science and engineering, planning and policy in a partnership environment.

For more details, see http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ncer2013/index.html

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Ecology Action (CA)
YOUTH BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM SPECIALIST/ INSTRUCTOR

EA is looking for candidates with SRTS Safety Education experience and skills to work from our Santa Cruz office. The job focuses mainly on safety education to elementary students with overall program management responsibilities. EA has an extensive Youth Bike Safety Education program which reaches thousands of students per school year with in-depth bike training. See link for full job posting and online application process: http://ecoact.iapplicants.com/ViewJob-420483.html

Building Economic Security for a Lifetime (BESOL)
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
The Financial Assets Unit at a large national foundation is engaged in a novel attempt to monitor the progress of the Building Economic Security Over a Lifetime (BESOL) initiative. BESOL works through a cohort of state, local and national asset building groups to assist low-income income families and families of color build wealth and economic security. The initiative is designed to promote social protection programs that help low-income families, in the United States and internationally, weather difficult economic times, achieve economic stability, and stay out of poverty for generations. Through monitoring and evaluation, the Foundation aims to assess the influence and impact of BESOL, as a whole, for the field of economic security.

The North Star Planning and Evaluation Consultants has been working closely with the Foundation during the first phase of monitoring BESOL grantees, which primarily include state-level coalitions of grassroots organizations and technical assistance providers. The second phase of BESOL monitoring is now underway.

North Star is gearing up for a multi-state evaluation of BESOL grantees to better understand how state-level coalitions performance and their effectiveness for influencing policy outcomes. We seek to hire short-term Research Associates to assist with the BESOL evaluation.

See attached for more details.

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**Enterprise Community Partners**

**INTERNSHIPS**

Enterprise Community Partners in NYC has various summer internship opportunities for students interested in the Affordable Housing sector. These are paid internships that will go roughly 3 months, varying in part-time to full-time work. Office is located in the financial district.

**Such openings include:**
- Vulnerable Populations (2)
- Preservation
- Green Communities/Research
- Research

Please go to the following URL to read full descriptions and apply online: [https://careers.enterprisecommunity.com/careers.aspx](https://careers.enterprisecommunity.com/careers.aspx)

Since 1982, Enterprise has invested $11.5 billion to create or preserve nearly 300,000 affordable homes nationwide, for more than 1 million people. In New
York, since 1987, Enterprise has created or preserved more than 35,000 affordable homes for 116,000 New Yorkers and committed nearly $2.3 billion in equity, grants and loans to community development projects across the city. The intern will provide support to Enterprise’s national initiative on housing and services with a focus on the specific projects outlined below. This internship will provide exposure to national policy issues such as healthcare reform, community development, and affordable housing, and aging issues. You will draw on and expand your skills in project management, the craft and practice of innovation, program design, implementation and evaluation, and written and oral communication. The intern will be an active member of the Vulnerable Populations team, and will be exposed to a wide breadth of affordable housing issues, while maintaining a focus on older adults.

NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services
CITY PLANNER ASSISTANT

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services seeks City Planner Assistants to prepare ULURP applications for disposition of City-owned property. Please see attached document for more details.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 APRIL, 2013

Columbia University’s International Fellows Program (IFP) is now accepting applications from continuing GSAPP students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Centered at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), the IFP is a two-semester seminar open to students of all graduate-degree programs at Columbia University. The diverse perspectives and professional backgrounds that fellows bring to the Program enrich their year-long common enterprise.

All fellows receive a stipend and study a curriculum with two goals - to examine the origins of the current international order, in which the United States has for decades played the leading role, and to look ahead to the new world that will eventually take its place, dominated by a larger number of actors, new problems, and approaches to problem-solving that have yet to be defined. Weekly meetings of the International Fellows Program are supplemented by trips to Washington, D.C. and the United Nations, where fellows have extraordinary access to senior
policymakers, diplomats, legislators, journalists, and leaders of nongovernmental organizations.

The deadline for non-SIPA students to apply to the IFP for the 2013-14 school year is April 1, 2013. More information and the IFP application are available at http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/academics/ifp/.

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**USC Summer Pre-Doctoral Workshop for Students of Color**

**Application Deadline: 26 April, 2013**

To introduce planning doctoral study to selected outstanding students, the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, will host a four-day workshop to prepare students to apply to and succeed in doctoral programs. Students from groups that are under-represented on planning faculties are particularly encouraged to apply (groups that are under-represented on planning faculties include: African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders)

The workshop will be on the USC campus, in the heart of Los Angeles, July 21-24, 2013. Registration and instructional materials will be provided at no cost, lodging and meals will also be provided at no cost, and travel stipends are available for students coming from outside of California.

This workshop will include:

- Networking with planning scholars from USC and other top national and international programs
- Information sessions on:
  - Applying for Ph.D. study
  - Linking research and the community
  - Preparing yourself for doctoral study
- Mentoring sessions with senior scholars and graduate students in planning
- Chances to meet students from across the country

See http://priceschool.usc.edu/programs/phd/upd/predoctoralworkshop/ for more details.

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**“Constructing Urban Intelligence” – Call for Papers**

**Deadline: 24 April 2013**

Constructing Urban Intelligence: This, Here, Now
In Understanding Media, Marshall McLuhan predicted that networked environments in the electric era would extend human nervous systems in a global embrace. In ME++, William Mitchell used McLuhan’s prediction to describe cities in the 21st century as expanded human bodies that use electronic nervous systems to sense the physical world, processors to facilitate decision making, and actuators (crude muscle or machine power) to control flow and availability of resources in real time. Applications include power grids, intelligent transportation systems, water management systems, etc. What is often unclear in similar descriptions is first, how information from the real world is converted to decision and action, and second, how the organizational structure and strategic interests of the stakeholders in the feedback loop (both benefactors and beneficiaries) may affect the outcome. Who senses the world, who distributes information, who makes decisions, who takes actions, and who evaluates the results? What roles are humans and computers better at?

Benefactors and beneficiaries have been typically regarded as separate entities with requests flowing from the latter to the former and service flowing the other way around. Today, servers and users may interchange in flat, peer-to-peer, networks such that the same entity may at one time be in need of service while at another time offer service to others. Is real-time information and user participation enough to create intelligence in such cases? Classic game theory shows that under certain conditions, well-informed rational behavior may cause entire ecosystems to collapse suggesting that the problem of intelligent infrastructures is not always about providing informed access to resources, but often about designing the rules that will maintain a balanced allocation of resources.

Recognizing that there are multiple ways of organizing tasks, technologies, and strategies to close the loop, this workshop will explore the role of technology, policy, and design in constructing urban intelligence through agency. We invite designers, researchers, and practitioners across multiple disciplinary domains to submit papers with positions on some of (but not limited to) the following questions: How is urban intelligence defined and how is it constructed? When, and how, informed humans and computers can collectively achieve optimum resource allocation outcomes? What organizational models and what examples/applications of smart cities exist in literature or practice? What lessons from other fields can we bring into the discourse of urban intelligence? Other topics of interest include:

- Overview and criticism on existing models of urban intelligence.
- Control and arbitration in decentralized urban resource allocation networks.
- Applications of game theory, economics, mechanism,
design, information/communication theory, ecology, cybernetics, and control theory on urban intelligence.

- Human Computer Interfaces for visualizing stocks, flows, changes, or incentives in urban resource allocation networks.
- Platforms and Human Computer Interfaces for augmenting user requests on demand, such as “I need/offer, this/that, here/there, now/then” etc

**Important dates**

- Workshops papers submission: 24 April 2012
- Workshops papers notification of acceptance: 15 May 2013
- Workshops papers (Final Version): 30 May 2013

Workshops Proceedings will be published by IOS Press and indexed by Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI).

**Further information**

For more information about the workshop and for submitting papers visit [http://this-here-now.org/](http://this-here-now.org/)
For general information about the conference visit [http://www.intenv.org/](http://www.intenv.org/)
For questions regarding the workshop send email to info@this-here-now.org

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**CORNELL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ENGAGED RESEARCH CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**DEADLINE: 15 APRIL 2013**

In an effort to kick off a long-term collaboration between engaged graduates and mentors across the Northeast and Upstate New York regions, Engaged Learning and Research (EL +R) at Cornell and the Cornell Participatory Action Research Network (cPARN) are pleased to announce their plans to co-host an inaugural Graduate Student Engaged Research Conference in Ithaca, New York, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21st and 22nd, 2013

**Graduate students** (both master’s and doctoral-level) from all academic disciplines who integrate some ‘engaged research’ into their work are strongly encouraged.

Potential scholarship includes, but is not limited to: translational science projects, community based participatory health initiatives, participatory program evaluations, community-based design projects, cooperative extension work, popular education and participatory action research. If you aren’t sure your research should be included, feel free to contact the organizers.

**Presentations** are intended for graduate student researchers who have a
polished paper and would like to present in traditional conference format. Participants will be part of an organized panel, and can expect their presentation to run 15-20 minutes, with a group question and answer period at end of session. Presenters will have the option of including their papers in a special graduate student engaged research journal project, to be published during the Summer of 2013.

**Workshops** are intended for authors who are in the early or draft stages of a research project, and who want peer review on their work as it currently stands. Depending on how many folks opt for workshops, participants can expect to focus on each author's work for 25-45 minutes. Workshoppers will be expected to submit copies of their draft project at least one week prior to the event.

**Objectives** of this conference include:

- Organizing a space for graduate students across Cornell University and the region to **showcase** and **workshop** their engaged research projects with peers, community members and faculty;
- **Highlighting** and **clarifying** the diverse forms and interpretations of “engaged research” currently underway, including but not limited to: translational science, community-based participatory health, extension and land grant work, participatory action research, and participatory evaluation;
- Reflecting collaboratively and critically on Cornell University as a 21st century **land grant university** with an **institutional commitment** to “community engagement”;
- Assessing **opportunities** for and **barriers** to developing engaged research **theses and/or dissertation projects**;
- Promoting the support and expansion of an engaged graduate student **social community** at Cornell and across the region;
- Strengthening the engaged graduate student faculty **mentor community at Cornell** and across the region;

There are also several important **outcomes**:

- Master’s and doctoral students will participate in research panels organized by theme or method;
- Participants will gain experience with peer review process through scheduled paper and project workshop sessions;
- Participants will collaboratively produce a statement on Graduate Student Engagement at Cornell;
- Academic papers presented during Symposium will be collected, subjected to a peer review process, and compiled into a special symposium proceedings journal (publication online and in limited print edition during the summer 2013).
To submit a presentation or workshop proposal, please fill out and submit our Abstract Submission form at https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cOu1XToHRJMv3nV no later than midnight on Monday, April 15, 2013. There is a 200 word maximum for all abstracts submitted. Accepted proposals will be notified by the following Monday, April 22nd. Registration for the Conference is now open, and there is no registration fee to attend. Register at https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9Ksp4rhSDkRWqot