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There are an estimated 600,000,000 passenger cars in the world, and all of them need parking. Because of that, Earth’s supply of parking spaces is steadily increasing. In some American cities, parking lots cover more than one-third of the land area. Stadium and mall parking stretches over acres of asphalt. It’s official: We have paved paradise and put up a parking lot. Most of us regard the parking lot as a necessary evil, needed to accommodate our personal transportation preference for driving around in cars (and then having to put them somewhere). But, could parking lots be aesthetically pleasing? Environmentally and architecturally responsible? Used for something other than car storage?

In his talk, Eran Ben-Joseph will provide a generously illustrated history of parking lots and will show some of the many and varied nonparking purposes they already serve. With purposeful design, he will argue, parking lots could be significant public places, contributing as much to their communities as great boulevards, parks, or plazas. For all the acreage they cover, parking lots have received scant attention. It’s time to rethink the lot.

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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_4Zool79pFwh0jch
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.

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MORE THAN A ROOF: ADVANCING THE HUMAN RIGHT TO HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES
April 11, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:30PM
95 Riverside Drive, 4A (entrance on 112th Street), NY 10025

Join filmmaker Kelly Anderson, movement photographer Sam Lewis, illustrious urban planners and NESRI Housing Program advisory board members Peter Marcuse (Professor of Urban Planning, Columbia University) and Tom Angotti (Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning at Hunter College) and NESRI staff and volunteers for a relaxed and intimate discussion. NESRI staff and volunteers will also be joining the conversation and answering questions. Clips of Kelly's inspiring film, My Brooklyn, on the effects of, and fight-back against, gentrification will be shown. Sam's vivid photographs of human rights activism will be on display and auctioned. Eminent academics and movement urban planners, Tom and Peter, will activate our imaginations by regaling us with tales of reclaiming space.

NESRI staff and volunteers will be around to chat and answer your questions about the human right to housing over drinks and snacks.

We look forward to seeing you and to our discussion!

Please RSVP by replying to this e-mail or contacting Laura Gosa, NESRI
A wealthier, more populated and climate-variable world is rapidly becoming a more "water insecure" world. Yet, our capacity to respond to water security risks is challenged, as existing institutions and policies at most levels are struggling to accommodate informed debates on water. As economies grow, rapidly accelerating demand for food and energy continuously intensifies pressure on water resources, leading to cross-boundary water management issues.

Join the Scientists for National and International Peace and Security (SNIPS) and the Aquanauts on Thursday, April 11, as we discuss the role of planning, policy and management in the context of global water security risks. The discussion-based event will focus on the potential for regional and trans-boundary conflict and cooperation.

Jigar Bhatt, Ph.D. candidate in Urban Planning will present his research on informal versus formal water supply in Maputo, Mozambique in the context of the 'pro-poor' water debates and discuss security issues related to the political economy of urban water supply, market power and impacts on vulnerable consumers.

Lindsay Dolan, Ph.D. candidate in Political Science, will be present her research on hydro-security in the Middle East and discuss the potential for conflict and cooperation over the major trans-boundary river basins in the region.

SNIPS is a graduate student organization dedicated to sharing research in the sciences and engineering with an interdisciplinary audience.

The Aquanauts is a student club formed to create awareness and address the issues of water scarcity and the lack of availability of safe clean drinking water. water.columbia.edu/aquanauts
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

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**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
Sustainable Cities Collective
COMMUNITY STRATEGIST

Online publisher of B2B websites and who run a website called Sustainable Cities Collective, where they gather some of the best thinking and news on urban planning, green architecture & sustainability. They are currently looking for a community strategist for the site. They would ideally like to hire a current graduate or PhD student who is looking for extra money on the side while working part time (virtually or from our office in Chelsea), building an online community.

If interested, contact Henry Spethmann directly at Henry@socialmediatoday.com

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.

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**Morgan Stanley/ ANHD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development (ANHD) is currently recruiting for the 2013-2014 Morgan Stanley/ANHD Community Development Fellowship Program. This program will provide an opportunity for eight Master’s Degree students to take a significant role in a high-impact, community-based project targeting a low- and moderate-income neighborhood. Fellows will receive an $18,000 stipend to serve in a part-time (20 hours a week), ten month (September 1st – June 30th) internship in a neighborhood-based community development corporation (the host organization). Projects may be in the fields of affordable housing, economic development, or community planning. A key objective of the program is to help train the next generation of community development leaders, so in addition to hands-on community development work, Fellows will have the opportunity to meet with leaders in New York City’s government, planning, and community development fields. If academic credit is
available, the host organization will work with the Fellow and his or her educational institution towards securing this credit.

The eight host organizations have each designed a distinct, compelling community development project and the role for the Fellow within this project. Projects were chosen based on their impact, achievability and suitability, the learning experiences provided to the Fellows, evidence of the importance of the project to the host organization, and the strength of the host organization. Each host organization will play a significant role in choosing its Fellow. Fellows will be required to attend periodic networking and training events. In addition, Fellows will have access to all of ANHD’s regularly scheduled educational courses and conferences.

See attached for more details.

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**ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

**WTS TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2013**

Attached is the notice for our annual scholarship awards for women pursuing careers in the transportation field.

To assist women pursuing education and professional careers in transportation, the Greater New York Chapter of WTS offers scholarships to outstanding women studying transportation.

Application requirements and applications can be found on our website at: [http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaternewyork//scholarships/](http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaternewyork//scholarships/)

Eligible applicants must be female, maintain a GPA of 3.00 or better, enroll in or be accepted to a degree program in a transportation-related field in New York or New Jersey, plan for a career in transportation, and any other specific criteria as noted on the individual application forms. This year we are offering graduate, undergraduate, trade school and high school-level scholarships.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 3, 2013 and the awards will be presented in October at our Annual Gala Reception.

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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/](http://priceschool.usc.edu/programs/phd/upd/predoctoralworkshop/) for more details.

"CONSTRUCTING URBAN INTELLIGENCE” – CALL FOR PAPERS

**DEADLINE: 24 APRIL 2013**

**Constructing Urban Intelligence: This, Here, Now**

**Workshop at the 9th International Conference on Intelligent Environments - IE' 13**

**Athens, Greece, July 16-17, 2013**

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/
For general information about the conference visit http://www.intenv.org/
For questions regarding the workshop send email to info@this-here-now.org

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 on 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/?SIID=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/?SIID=SV_9Ksp4rhSDkRWqot