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URBAN CONVERGENCES: Housing Justice, Left Governments, and Lessons from the Global South

FREE!
Location: Arnhold Hall and Wollman Hall, The New School
Dates: September 27-29, 2013
Registration: http://www.rosalux-nyc.org/urban-convergences/

Following hard-won liberation struggles against various forms of colonialism, India, Brazil, and South Africa have now emerged as power players on the global stage. While their governments are imbued with the history and rhetoric of past left movements, these countries’ major cities are spaces of contestation, pitting the need for universal housing, water and electricity access and employment against the realities of global austerity in the neoliberal age.

NYC 2013 ODYSSEY DAY CONFERENCE FREE!
Location: NYU-Poly Pfizer Auditorium (Brooklyn, NY)
Date: October 9, 2013 | 8:30AM-1PM
Registration: https://odysseyconference.eventbrite.com/

Co-hosted by Empire Clean Cities and NYU-Poly, this event will focus on transportation “Innovations and Infrastructure” through the lens of environmental sustainability. The conference aims to explore how New York City public and private sector leaders can be more innovative in their approach to deploying alternative fuel vehicles and technologies. Topics include Global Lessons & Emerging Policies and transportation in the Urban Form.

MAS SUMMIT FOR NEW YORK CITY
Location: Jazz at Lincoln Center
Date: October 17-18, 2013
Registration & Tickets: http://connect.mas.org/site/Calendar?id=101321&view=Detail

As a city, we must find new and innovative ways to continue in our role as a global urban leader. We must also strengthen our resilience and improve our city’s livability. With a historic election this fall and the one year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy approaching, you won’t want to miss this year’s Summit.

CONFERENCE ON JOBS, PEACE, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY
Location: Paul Robinson Campus Center, Rutgers University
Date & Time: October 19, 2013 | 8AM-6PM
Contact: Jay Arena | 504-520-9521

The conference, which follows the Newark-based People’s Organization for Progress (POP) yearlong picket for a national Jobs program, will discuss, debate, and vote on some BROAD, working class, anti-racist centered demands, such as Jobs for All through a democratically-controlled, direct-government employment public works program.

*Click HERE for conference flyer.
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN FILM FESTIVAL
Location: Tribeca Cinemas
Date: October 16-20, 2013
Tickets: On-sale October 1
The Architecture & Design Film Festival is the nation’s largest film festival celebrating architecture and design. This year’s festival at Tribeca Cinemas will showcase more than 30 films, panel discussions, book signings and Q&A’s with design leaders and film makers from around the world.

* [http://www.adfilmfest.com/](http://www.adfilmfest.com/)

APA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
Location: Lerner Hall, Columbia University
Date: November 8, 2013 | 9AM-6PM
Registration: opens in 1 week
This conference’s theme will be around resiliency and looking forward in a new planning paradigm for the region, but there will be a variety of topics non-resiliency-related, and some oh-so-coveted law and ethics sessions for those looking for CM credits. It is also a prime networking opportunity to make new business partners and friends.
KINNE TRAVEL AWARD FUNDS

Instructions: Fill in application

Deadline October 25, 2013

Basic Information:

- Non-competitive
- $1,000
- The fall deadline will be for fall or winter break travel
- The spring deadline will be for spring semester or winter break travel
- You may not have a travel proposal for dates after you graduate
- Some deductions may apply

*Download application

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Hurry, hurry, hurry take the A Train
to get to Sugar Hill way up in Harlem.
If you should take ...take the A Train,
you’ll get to where you’re going in a hurry.

Duke Ellington, “Take the A Train”

SUGAR HILL
presented by MAS
09/28/2013

register here
SEPTMBER 27 & OCTOBER 18, 2013

MUSIC IN IMAGES AT THE CLOISTERS

|The cloisters | 2PM

Reservation: http://artsinitiative.columbia.edu/events/museum-meet-up-music-images-cloisters-0

Join fellow Columbians for a tour of the Cloisters led by Professor Susan Boynton of Columbia’s own Music Department. Located in Fort Tryon Park in northern Manhattan, The Cloisters is a branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. In this tour, Professor Boynton offers unique insight into the musical connections in the Cloisters’ collection. Both Meetup events are totally free and open to all Columbians, but space is limited (and tours generally sell out in advance) so reserve soon.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

EXPLODING SOCIALISM: EAST GERMAN SOCIETY FACING INDUSTRIAL DISASTERS

|Common Room, Heyman Center | 6:15PM

Lecturer: Professor Thomas Lindenberger

Professor Lindenberger will talk about East German term “havarien” that serves to illuminate history of Cold War East Germany as an incessant sequel of technological and human disasters. “Havarien” is a frequent key word in finding aids of the communist archives of East Germany, whether they come from the infamous Stasi (the secret police), the communist party, or the official trade union...read more HERE.
OCTOBER 2, 2013

PRACTICAL UTOPIAS AT ALL SCALES: THE DIVERSITY OF INTERNATIONAL WORK IN ASIA
| The Center for Architecture | 4:30-9:30PM

SPEAKERS: Thom Mayne, Daniel Libeskind, Vishakha Desai, Kent Kleinman

Held in conjunction with the exhibition Practical Utopias: Global Urbanism in Hong Kong, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, and Tokyo, “Practical Utopias at All Scales: The Diversity of International Work in Asia” explores the impact of recent architecture in the development of these five cities.

*More info HERE. **Related exhibition click HERE.

OCTOBER 3, 2013

A CONVERSATION ON WOMEN IN PLANNING AND DESIGN | Van Alen Institute | 7-9PM

Join Ellen Shoshkes and Karen Phillips on Thursday Oct. 3 from 7-9 at the Van Alen Institute to a conversation about women in urban planning and design, taking off from the publication of Dr. Shoshkes’s recently published book on Jaqueline Tyrwhitt. Also, there will be beer and wine!

*Read about her book HERE.

OCTOBER 6, 2013

URBAN CHINA SERIES | Avery 114 | 3-6PM

China is experiencing rapid urbanization, whose urban population just surpassed 50%. In its own political and socio-economic background, China has developed its own planning approach since P.R. China was founded in 1949. China is also considered as the largest testing field of new planning theories. The rapid process of urbanization of the country also arose various planning issues, especially in the field of historical preservation and land ownerships. For example, Hutong and Siheyuan Yards in Beijing were forced to gave way to modern development. It seems China has been developed too fast to keep up with the pace. Is this true? How’s planning experts’ perspectives on urbanization of China?

*Register HERE.
OCTOBER 9, 2013
**HAPPY HOUR WITH NEW YORK HOUSING CONFERENCE** | Havana Central | 6:30-8PM

RSVP: Send your name, email address, graduate program, and expected year of graduation to Amy Boyle at amyboyle76@gmail.com.

**Who should come:** Columbia University students interested in the affordable housing industry

**Who you’ll meet:** Developers, bankers, tax credit syndicators and other professionals involved in the development of affordable housing in New York City.

*More info on New York Housing Conference [HERE](#).*

OCTOBER 24, 2013
**SUSTAINING PEACE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES**

| Teachers College, Columbia University | 1:30-9:30PM

**KEYNOTE:** Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee

**SPEAKERS:** Robin Vallacher, Peter T. Coleman, Larry Liebovitch

The event will address the emerging field of sustainable peace by identifying and sharing scholarship, educational tools and practical applications around the belief that preventing war and sustaining peace are related but not one in the same. Rather, peace can and should be studied as distinct from war, grounded in a mixed methodological, interdisciplinary and intercultural framework.

*More info [HERE](#).  **Register [HERE](#).*
SEPTEMBER 27 & OCTOBER 4, 2013

**INTRO TO GIS** | DSSC Data Service, 215 Lehman | 11AM-1PM

Contact: Jeremiah Trinidad-Christensen | jt2118@columbia.edu | 212-854-6012.

Reservation: [Click Here](#)

Hands-on introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) using ESRI ArcGIS software.

An introduction to data models, spatial analysis, projections, finding data, and working with your own data. There are also two hands-on exercises using ArcGIS software.

**IF YOU CAN’T MAKE IT, CHECK OUT ESRI VIRTUAL CAMPUS COURSES!**
NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NYCEDC) PAID!

Position: Graduate Intern, Planning Department
Contact: Marilyn Lee, AICP | Assistant Vice-President | Planning
Instructions: Submit cover letter, resume, GIS sample, writing sample to MLee@nycedc.com
Open until filled

NYCEDC’s Planning Department is offering an internship to a student currently enrolled in a Graduate Program in Urban Planning or Geography to perform a variety of tasks to support the Planning, Development and Ports & Transportation (PDT) Division. The Intern will have the opportunity to learn about zoning and environmental review as practiced in New York City. The Intern may also work on PDT projects involving contaminated site cleanup, landmark issues, urban renewal, and federal and state regulated waterfront and wetland policy. The Intern will be given discrete tasks and expected to perform independently under light supervision. Preference given to second year students and those with strong GIS experience.

*Click HERE for full description

REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION PAID!

Position: Research Intern
Instructions: Apply HERE
Open until filled

RPA is seeking a graduate intern this fall to work on a research paper for the Transit Leadership Summit coming up spring next year. The position is one day a week at our Union Square office, paid hourly, duration until end of fall 2013 with possible extension to April 2014.

*More details HERE.

ALLIANCE FOR DOWNTOWN NEW YORK PAID!

Position: Retail Mapping Intern
Instructions: Send a cover letter, resume, samples of GIS work, and a professional reference to fsham@downtownny.com.
Deadline October 4, 2013

The Downtown Alliance is seeking a talented and motivated intern to create a comprehensive GIS database of our district’s retail storefronts.

*More details HERE.
NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

Jobs:
- Principal Transportation Planner
- GIS Manager

Internships:
- Transportation Planner Intern (1) (Bus Service Planning Unit)
- Recovery and Mitigation Intern (5) (Post-Sandy Strategy)
- Operations Planner Intern (1) (Evaluation/Performance Indicators)
- Operations Analysis Intern (1) (Analyze Service Quality)
- Operations Analysis Intern (3) (On-time Performance/Regularity)

Apply Online: [http://web.mta.info/mta/employment/employment_out.html](http://web.mta.info/mta/employment/employment_out.html)

Open until filled
THE INSTITUTE FOR TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT POLICY (ITDP) \textit{PAID!}

Position: Intern

Instructions: Send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to jobs@itdp.org with “BRT Guide Intern” in the subject line.

Open until filled

ITDP is seeking an Intern to help the Communications team complete the new edition of the Bus Rapid Transit Planning Guide. This is the fourth edition and the authoritative guide on BRT planning, used worldwide by practitioners and governments. The intern will work closely with all members of the team and report to the project manager of the publication as well as ITDP’s Chief Program Officer.

*More details \textit{HERE}.

DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE \textit{PAID!}

Position: Research and Production Intern

Instructions: Send a cover letter, resume and a short writing sample as one combined PDF document via email to jobs@designtrust.org.

Deadline September 30

The Research and Production Intern will work closely with the Deputy Director on a large-scale multimedia digital project. The intern will gain valuable experience in all aspects of producing a digital project – from research and writing to image production and content management – as well as access to the Design Trust’s entire archives. The intern will also have the opportunity to participate in and help shape the design and development of this new digital project, scheduled to launch in early 2014.

*Details \textit{HERE}.

DATE TBA

LEFT FORUM

Position: Intern or volunteer

Instructions: Send resume and cover letter to volunteer@leftforum.org

Left Forum is the largest annual progressive conference in the country. Each year thousands of conference participants come together in New York City to discuss pressing local, national and global issues; to better understand commonalities and differences, and alternatives to current predicaments; or to share ideas to help build social movements to transform the world.

*Click here for \textit{FLYER}.
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER YDANIS RODRIGUEZ

Positions: Legislative Intern, Communications Intern, Social Work Intern, Community Organizing Intern, Administrative Intern

Recommended instructions: Send a resume, cover letter to yrodriguez@council.nyc.gov

Open until filled

Interested in Local Government? Want to get Involved in NYC Politics? The Office of Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez is offering internship opportunities to undergraduate and recently graduated students living in New York City!

*More about Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez HERE.

** Detailed position descriptions HERE.

CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY NEIGHBORHOODS

Instructions: If interested, email Lucy Raimes at lucy.raimes@cncn.org

Following job positions are open:
- MAP Underwriter
- Training and Support Coordinator
- Housing Counseling Specialist
- Program Director, Counseling Services, NYC Build-It-Back
- Program Manager, Network Programs
- Director of Lending
- Policy and Communications Senior Associate

*Detailed job descriptions HERE.
OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2013

11TH ANNUAL OHNY WEEKEND

Organization: Open House New York (OHNY)
Instructions: Register here
Deadline September 25, 2013

Be part of the largest architecture and design event in the US! Calling all architecture and design enthusiasts! Be one of more than 700 volunteers who help make OHNY Weekend possible. Greet visitors from around New York and the world, assist with check-in at one of 200 sites throughout the five boroughs, and see New York like you’ve never seen it!

*Click HERE for event flyer.
PLANNING STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PSO)
NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 | 2PM
TOPICS: SCAVENGER HUNT & MID-SEMESTER POTLUCK