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LiPS: Community Benefit Agreements
9 OCTOBER 2012 1PM – 2:30PM
114 AVERY HALL

This week’s LiPS features Julian Gross, a nationally recognized expert on Community Benefit Agreements. Mr. Gross is an attorney with sixteen years of experience in community economic development, representing community-based organizations, local government entities, and labor unions in urban development negotiations and in legislative and policy matters. Julian is the leading attorney in the nation on community benefits agreements, having represented coalitions of community-based organizations in over a dozen successful CBA negotiations, and having written and spoken widely on the subject. He has also drafted numerous local hiring and contracting policies, and has worked on living wage policies, DBE policies, and many other community economic development initiatives.

What are CBA’s? Community benefits agreements (CBAs) are legally binding contracts between community-based organizations and private developers, setting out a slate of community benefits to be delivered through large urban development projects. The rise of CBAs is indicative of, and to some extent has driven, a transformation of attitudes of low-income communities towards development projects, from a purely defensive posture to one that embraces the opportunities these projects can provide. In the ten years since the emergence of CBAs, this movement has permanently changed the dialogue and substance of negotiations over large urban development projects across the country. This lecture will elucidate aspects of successful CBAs, address recurring criticisms of and concerns with CBAs, and discuss appropriate public and private roles in land use planning for complex, controversial projects. Many of these issues will be illuminated through examination of the challenging CBA experience in New York City and the more-successful approach seen in California.

Designing Transportation Networks via Legislative Advocacy

11 OCTOBER 2012 7PM
KELLEN AUDITORIUM, 66 FIFTH AVENUE (13TH STREET)

The School of Design Strategies at Parsons presents the 3rd edition of the Urban Colloquium, a series of public conversations on alternative and
innovative modes of urban practice. The Colloquium focuses on investigating the creative, radical, and subversive ways in which cities are truly shaped, by whom, and for what purposes.

This Thursday features Paul White talking about ‘Designing Transportation Networks via Legislative Advocacy’.

See attached for more upcoming talks this Fall.

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**MOVE: THEATRUM MUNDI/ GLOBAL STREET**

*12 - 13 October 2012*

*Wood Auditorium, GSAPP*

Organized by Saskia Sassen and Richard Sennett

Co-sponsored by the Committee on Global Thought

The overall theme ‘Presence and Absence in the City’ turns on the difference between absence and presence in the city. This difference lies both physically—who is actually on the street?: and perceptually—how are people aware of others, accounting or discounting their presence in urban space? How are those considered invisible or inconsequential enabled to ‘make presence’ in urban space—through their bodies, actions, activities. We want to account the roles of technological, trade, design, and politics in constructing presence and absence; finally, we want to pose questions about how to arouse people to want more engagement with one another, rather than retreat into isolation.


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**BOX: THE FORGOTTEN SPACE**

*15 October 2012*

*Miller Theatre*

With Allan Sekula, Victoria de Grazia, Giuseppe Lignano, and Ada Tolla

Allan Sekula, Filmmaker and photographer. In conversation with Victoria de Grazia, Columbia University History, and Giuseppe Lignano and Ada Tolla, Columbia University GSAPP and LOT-EK.

Conceptual photographer and writer Allan Sekula presents *The Forgotten Space* (2010), a film essay co-directed by Noël Burch. The award-winning documentary
based on Sekula’s critical work, *Fish Story*, continues to explore the contemporary maritime world in relation to global trade. In particular, the effects of shipping containers, "those brightly colored, corrugated metal boxes that have changed the way goods are transported around the world — on land."

"The consequences of containerization," reviews the *New York Times* of the film's depiction of on the social and political life of Hong Kong, Long Beach, Benelux, and Bilbao, "reach into every aspect of modern life and, in Mr. Burch and Mr. Sekula’s view, are almost never benign."

More details at [http://events.gsapp.org/event/box-the-forgotten-space](http://events.gsapp.org/event/box-the-forgotten-space)

“**Representing the City: Technology, Action and Change**

**Symposium**

19 OCTOBER 2012 10:00AM – 5:00PM

**CIVIC SQUARE BUILDING, 33 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ**

The **Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy** is pleased to announce Representing the City: Technology, Action, and Change, a **day-long symposium** exploring the possibilities and challenges of information technology in democratic planning practice for social justice. The symposium features a morning panel of five organizations that utilize digital data technologies as a catalyst for urban community engagement, a keynote lunch, and a series of afternoon workshops that will expose participants to new technologies and tools for social change. Opportunities for dialogue, debate, and discussion will be available throughout the day. R.S.V.P. is required

Representing the City: Technology, Action, and Change is part of the larger, multi-year initiative Technologies Without Borders: Technologies Across Borders, exploring how the vast advancements in technology are changing the world. This years’ focus, Citizenship and Social Responsibility, looks at cooperative efforts being made across disciplines, communities, nations and continents.

For more information visit [policy.rutgers.edu/news/events/representing-the-city.php](http://policy.rutgers.edu/news/events/representing-the-city.php) or email [representingthecityconference@gmail.com](mailto:representingthecityconference@gmail.com)
The Second Annual New Jersey Apartment Summit & Expo
8 NOVEMBER 2012
HAMILTON PARK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, 175 PARK AVENUE, FLORHAM PARK, NJ

The Second Annual New Jersey Apartment Summit & Expo will bring together the most active and innovative firms in multifamily investment, development, financing and operations for discussion, debate and networking.

Join 300+ commercial real estate executives to discuss the opportunities and challenges in the state’s exciting apartment industry. Agenda coverage will include:

• The Outlook for Multifamily Investment, Development & Leasing: Analysis & Review of Demand Drivers for the Myriad of Apartment Buildings from Luxury to Affordable
• The Multifamily Legends Panel: Industry Heavy-Hitters Discuss Election-Year Challenges and Rising New Jersey Submarkets
• Investor Power Panel: What are the Acquisition Strategies of REITS and other Well-Capitalized Firms in Today’s Environment?
• Financing Multifamily Acquisition & New Development in a Low-Interest Rate Environment: What are the New and Emerging Debt (and Equity) Programs Available in 2012?


WORK OPPORTUNITIES
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)
MANAGER OF SERVICE PLANNING
DEADLINE: 12 OCTOBER 2012

Under general administrative direction from the Operations Planning and TEP Program Manager, the Planner V serves as the Manager of Service Planning for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).
The Manager of Service Planning oversees the service planning team; evaluates current and long-term transit trends and needs; engages stakeholders in the planning process; establishes recommended service levels and route designs; manages bus stop facilities and service information; and oversees short and long range service planning in accordance with the goals established in the SFMTA’s Strategic Plan, transit regulatory requirements and financial constraints.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Possession of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.  **AND**
2. Eight years of experience in urban, city, regional and/or transportation planning, including three years of supervisory experience.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
1. One year of additional experience in service or operations planning.
2. One year of additional experience conducting outreach strategies regarding transit planning processes.

HOW TO APPLY:
Applications for City and County of San Francisco jobs are being accepted through an online process. Visit www.jobaps.com/sf to register an account (if you have not already done so, and begin the application process.

· Click and select 5283 Planner V (PBT-5283-059129)
· Click "Apply" and read and acknowledge the information
· Click on “I am a New User” If you have not previously registered, or on “I have Registered Previously”
· Follow instructions on the screen

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

2013 LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26 NOVEMBER 2012

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is a bi-state public agency operating some of the busiest and most important transportation links in the New York / New Jersey region including The Port Authority Trans Hudson Corporation
(PATH), the primary transit link between Manhattan and New Jersey communities and suburban commuter railroads

The Port Authority’s Leadership Fellows Program is a distinguished program for leadership and public service in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan region. This two-year, fast-track, rotational program offers Port Authority Fellows invaluable on-the-job experience in planning, financial and facility operations functions. Each assignment is designed to build a strong foundation of business acumen and knowledge of Port Authority operations. The breadth and depth of these experiences are critical in preparing the participants to be future leaders of the Port Authority.

In the Leadership Fellows Program, you will have four to five rotational assignments over a two-year period. You will manage multiple projects in our major business units, field facilities and corporate offices. Past Fellows have had the opportunity to contribute to our key regional capital programs, learn the nuts and bolts of policy development and manage the challenges of daily operations at our transportation facilities.

Rotational assignments - coupled with an agency orientation, classroom training, coaching by senior management and your commitment - will ensure a valuable experience. After successful completion of the program, Fellows will be considered for key positions in areas such as facility management, finance, capital programs or related business functions.

For more information, see http://www.panynj.gov/careers/leadership-fellows-program.html and apply from the website via the on-line application system.

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ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

2013 PhD Assistantship in Sustainable Local Economic Development Planning

The PhD Program of Georgia Tech’s School of City and Regional Planning is pleased to announce a three year research assistantship, beginning fall 2013, with a focus on multiple aspects of sustainable local economic development planning in the U.S. The research may also incorporate comparative analyses between the
The assistantship covers tuition and a stipend. A master's degree in planning is required. Information about the PhD program and general admission requirements may be found at: http://www.planning.gatech.edu/academics/phd/overview

A separate 250 word essay outlining the applicant's research interests in sustainable local economic development must be submitted to the PhD program director after completing the on-line application process for the PhD Program. For more information, prospective Ph.D. students should contact Professor Nancey Green Leigh at: ngleigh@gatech.edu.

2013 PhD Studentship in Economic Geography
DEADLINE: 31 DECEMBER 2012

The Graduate School of Geography at Clark University (Worcester, Mass., USA) is announcing a 3-year Ph.D. studentship in Economic Geography. We seek students who are interested in pursuing careers as economic geographers, and intend to write doctoral dissertations that engage with current debates in economic geography. Preference is given to candidates who focus on one or more aspects of global economic change.

Clark's Graduate School of Geography is the oldest sustained program of geography and has awarded more Ph.D.s than any other geography program in the U.S. It is the home of the internationally peer-reviewed journal, Economic Geography (http://www.econgeography.org). The studentship will offer a guaranteed tuition remission and university stipend for research assistantship during the first year, and either research or teaching assistantship stipend for the second and the third year.

To apply, follow the regular procedure to apply for the Ph.D. program. In the personal statement form, state your wish to apply for this competition and justify how your intended area of research within economic geography will contribute to research on global economic change. For details of the Ph.D. program, go to http://www.clarku.edu/departments/geography/graduate/index.cfm. For application,
Student Fellowships at Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity (AC^4)

**Deadline: 4 February 2013**

Each year, the Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC^4) funds as many as 11 Columbia University graduate students conducting interdisciplinary research in areas addressing conflict, violence, peace-building and sustainable development (such projects might include but are not limited to: doctoral students’ dissertation research, master’s students’ thesis research, or capstone projects). This year we will fund 10 students for up to $3,000 and one team of students for up to $6,000. Team applicants must present a truly interdisciplinary research proposal. Students may not apply to both. For application materials please visit [http://ac4.ei.columbia.edu/ac4-opportunities/ac4-graduate-student-fellowship-program/](http://ac4.ei.columbia.edu/ac4-opportunities/ac4-graduate-student-fellowship-program/). **Deadline for submissions is February 4th, 2013.**

Fellows will be announced in March 2013. Questions may be directed to Alessandra Radicati at aradicati@ei.columbia.edu.

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**tur(i)ntogreen – International Student Design Competition**

**Deadline: 21 December 2012**

The Research and Documentation Centre in Technology, Architecture and City in Developing Countries (CRD-PVS) at the Politecnico di Torino organizes **tur(i)ntogreen**, an International student design competition on urban smart regeneration and agro-housing open to students enrolled in any program/level of Worldwide Academic institutions.

The Competition has been announced on the 5th of September during the World Urban Forum in Naples (Italy) as part of the UN HABITAT “I’m a city changer” and World Urban Campaigns ([http://www.imacitychanger.org/](http://www.imacitychanger.org/)) within the Global Housing Strategy to the Year 2025.

For more information, please visit the official website ([www.polito.it/turintogreen](http://www.polito.it/turintogreen)).