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Message from GPEIG's Co-Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

This annual issue of our newsletter, the GPEIG Voice, provides an opportunity to update our members and friends who have globally-minded interests in planning scholarship, education and practice. We look forward to seeing many of you at the GPEIG business luncheon during the annual ACSP conference in Minneapolis.

During the luncheon we will also have an opportunity to meet and congratulate the winners of the Gill-Chin Lim Dissertation and

Gill-Chin Lim Travel Awards for 2010. We thank the members of the Dissertation Award Committee (Diane Davis, Peter Marcuse and Gabriela Carolini) and the members of the Travel Awards Committee (Emel Ganapati, Deden Rukmana and Anuradha Mukherji) for their hard work and conscientious decision-making. For both three-person committees we welcomed new members by continuing our practice of replacing the longest serving member with new volunteers. We hope many of you will consider volunteering on these committees. GPEIG instituted the two awards

in 2004, and we have awarded them annually since then. We continue to receive funding support from the ACSP to fund the Travel Awards. We, however, lack the resources to fund the Dissertation Award and are still looking for a sustainable financial strategy. If you have suggestions and ideas, please share them with us.

This year, we also formed an ad hoc committee comprised of Michael Hibbard, Keith Pezzoli, Bish Sanyal and Neema Kudva to study the issue of GPEIG endorsement of outside activities and events. The committee was charged with proposing a policy or strategy to help GPEIG address potential endorsement requests. GPEIG co-chairs also got in touch with other ACSP interest groups to find out how they address appeals for endorsement. The committee was reluctant to support GPEIG directly endorsing outside activities. Instead it recommended: "To advance its mission, GPEIG may collaborate with partners where a critical mass of GPEIG members is engaged in such collaboration with like-minded partners for

mutual learning. Such partnerships should be announced on the GPEIG web site to expand participation and learn from collaborative efforts." At the annual business luncheon, we will review the committee's recommendation and discuss some of the challenges of putting the advice into operation. We sincerely thank the committee members for their service.

We are also very grateful to Keith Pezzoli for continuing to manage and update our GPEIG website and to Sukumar Ganapati for continuing to run our listserv.

Finally, we are also extremely appreciative of the work done by our nominations committee of Sid Sen and, in particular, Betsy Sweet. We had two candidates for co-chair this year. By the time this newsletter is assembled and shared with you, the elections would have been conducted. We look forward to introducing and formally welcoming the new co-chair at the business luncheon.

Vinit Mukhija and Neema Kudva

GPEIG News and Announcements

The Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD) has named **Rahul Mehrotra**, a practicing architect and urban designer as professor of design and planning and chair of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, effective July 2010. Mehrotra has written and lectured extensively on issues to do with architecture, conservation, and urban planning in Mumbai and India. He has long been actively involved in civic and urban affairs in Mumbai, having served on commissions for historic preservation and environmental issues, with various



neighborhood groups and, from 1994 to 2004, as Executive Director of the Urban Design Research Institute. He studied at the School of Architecture, Ahmedabad (CEPT), and graduated with a master's degree, with

distinction, in Urban Design from the GSD. Before joining Harvard, he taught at the University of Michigan (2003–2007) and at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at MIT (2007–2010).



Clara Irazábal, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University had a very busy, international summer! She authored the chapter “Urban Environmental Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean” for the United Nations-HABITAT’s Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. The chapter is part of the first issue of the State of Latin American and Caribbean Cities, SOLACC (presented at the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro in March 2010 and published in Spanish: *Estado de las Ciudades de América Latina y el Caribe*). Irazábal received a grant from the Reed Foundation to prepare a publication on “Transnational Latin Americanisms: Liminal Places, Cultures, and Power (T)here,” editing the proceedings from the international conference she organized on the topic in March. She also received two 2010–2011 grants from the Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS)—one for international course development (“Planning Expectations and Challenges for the East Region of the State of Rio de Janeiro”) and another for research on Venezuela (“Made in Venezuela’: The

Invention of a Neo-Socialist City in the Times of Neoliberal Crisis”). Irazábal is a member of the ILAS Planning Committee for the multidisciplinary project, “Research and Teaching on Human Development/Poverty in Latin America,” which received a 2010–11 grant from the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP) at Columbia. In June 2010, Clara Irazábal was invited to deliver a presentation on “Transnational Planning: Spaces and Institutions” in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, as part of the Conference Series “City of the Future—Future of the City” hosted by the Vietnamese German University (VGU), University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City (USSH), and Goethe-Institut (the photo to the left is of her lecturing in Ho Chi Minh City). In Vietnam, she also taught a course “Histories and Theories of Planning,” thus contributing to develop a Master Program in Urban Development Planning at the Vietnamese-German University. In July, Irazábal also traveled to Darmstadt, Germany, where she taught a course on migration to the European Mundus Urbano Master of Planning Program. She then served as invited jury for Mundus Urbano’s final Master of Planning Thesis presentations in Barcelona, Spain. Finally, she spent August performing fieldwork in Costa Rica for a research project related to the Venezuelan diaspora there.

The Urban Planning Program in the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning at Arizona State University (ASU) is participating in an International Research and Training Group led by Technische Universität Kaiserslautern (TUKL), Germany. This

program has been funded by the German National Science Foundation (DFG) for the past six years, and was recently renewed till 2013. The partnership has resulted in student and faculty exchanges and joint mentoring of Ph.D. students who are expected to conduct part of their doctoral work at both institutions. Currently ASU is hosting Sebastian Petsch who is pursuing a doctoral thesis titled Modeling and Visualizing Sustainability Indicators in Planning under the direction of **Professor Subhrajit Guhathakurta**, ASU and Prof. Hans Hagen, TUKL.

The Urban Planning Program at ASU is also a member of a consortium of U.S. and European universities that are signatories to an education initiative titled "Mobility Program in Urban and Regional Development / International Certificate in Urban and Regional Development". The program facilitates student and faculty exchanges between the U.S. and European participant institutions. The Program is co-sponsored by the United States Department of Education, through its Funding for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) program and the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture, through its European Union-United States Atlantis Program. Arizona State University will be hosting a Robert Kitzmann, a doctoral student from Humboldt University, Berlin, in Spring 2011 as an exchange student in this program.



Sebastian Petsch



Robert Kitzmann

An article co-authored by **Professor Tingwei Zhang**, University of Chicago, and **Professor Dick LaGates** (Changing Planning Paradigm in China in the Post-Neoliberalism Era, Zhang & LeGates, published in *Urban Planning Forum*, (2009, 5:1-13) has won the First Prize, Best Planning Paper of 2009, awarded by Urban Planning Society of China and the Jin Jing-chang Planning Foundation.

Deden Rukmana, Assistant Professor and coordinator of the Graduate Program in Urban Studies and Planning at Savannah State University, was quoted in a story from Agency France-Presse (AFP) on February 22, 2010 titled "Indonesia mulls new capital as Jakarta sinks". Media around the world, including the Singapore Straits Times, the Brisbane Times, and the China Post, ran the story. An excerpt from the story is as follows: "Similar proposals go back to previous presidents Sukarno and Suharto, who decades ago foresaw the eventual breakdown of Jakarta. 'It can be done - what you need is strong political commitment. Malaysia moved to Putrajaya because of the strength of Mahathir Mohamad,' urban studies expert Deden Rukmana said, referring to Malaysia's ex-prime minister. 'If we have a good plan ... we can build a city from scratch, like Brasilia in Brazil.' Urban planners said the price tag on a new capital would be huge for Indonesia, but the cost of doing nothing would be higher. 'Jakarta's problems can't be solved without expensive solutions,' Mr Rukmana said."

N. Emel Ganapati, Assistant Professor at Florida International University received a National Science Foundation (NSF) award to study the role of social capital in housing recovery in three socio-economically diverse communities in Port-au-Prince metropolitan area affected by the January 12, 2010 Haiti earthquake: Petionville, Delmas, and Canape Vert. Her project team conducted 6 focus

groups (3 with women, 3 with men, n=47) with the residents of these communities and interviews with policy makers and community leaders (n=38) in May 2010. The team will return to Haiti later this Fall to conduct their second round of interviews. In addition, they will conduct Town Hall Meetings in each of the three communities next year to present their findings to the community residents.



Life in tents in Delmas community, Haiti

Smita Srinivas, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University, and Director of Columbia/GSAPP's Technological Change Lab (www.columbia.edu/tclab), spent a year's research leave in India. She is half-way through some writing on the relationship between economic models of technological change and theories of cognition and participation. These have had strong assumptions and unexplored influences on planning theory, urban and political history. Smita has completed some research on planning dilemmas and challenges for life-science sectors in so-called "late" industrial economies (India, Brazil, Indonesia, China etc.) She is also working on a future volume on market restructuring and "defensive" federal plans in several countries, looking closely at 50 years of vaccine development, built investments, and urban health and industrial planning strategies. Smita was one of the economic experts asked to prepare a chapter

background paper for the United Nations on Development States, Industrial and Technology Policy for the UNCTAD Least Developed Countries report 2009 on "The State and Development Governance"

<http://www.unctad.org/templates/webflyer.asp?docid=11721&intItemID=2068&lang=1>

Smita recently won a seed grant award from Columbia's Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP) to study the relationship between industrial sector expansion across several southern Indian states and the provision of health and other entitlements. The study combines contemporary and historical industrial sector perspectives to look more closely at power, development states, and health, land, and housing plans. Her chapter "Industrial Welfare and the State: Nation and City reconsidered" appeared in a special double volume "Cities, States, Trust, and Rule" of Theory and Society journal's tribute to Charles Tilly, the eminent American sociologist. The volume included planners and urbanists including Diane Davis, Peter Marcuse, Ed Soja, Chris Tilly, and other scholars such as Peter Evans. She will be speaking on the planning theory aspects of this paper at ACSP 2010.

Smita's work with Judith Sutz on new ways of looking at innovation and planning processes in developing countries has been used by for various recent UN reports and workshops, other development agencies, and scholars. She is now busy with a chapter on economic plan choices and Indian federalism for an edited volume by the Harvard Indologist Michael Witzel, "The Rise of India" A Handbook on India which will be published by Imperial College Press, World Scientific. The Technological Change Lab is also home to an ongoing Brazil-India contrast on changing roles for development states, public sector plan strategies, and private firms in 8 industrial sectors in the two countries.

Along with Amrita Daniere, Smita is also on the international advisory board of a new journal

Millennial Asia, from the Society of Asian Scholars, and would like to invite contributions from researchers and faculty in planning and geography programs

Ashwani Vasishth, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Director, Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey would like to announce a semester-long (four courses, sixteen credits)

undergraduate Study Abroad program at Ramapo College of New Jersey to be held at the Fireflies Center near Bangalore, South India. The program is focused around the themes of sustainable development and civil society and is open to non-Ramapo students.

More information on the program can be had at:
<http://ww2.ramapo.edu/international/studyabroad/india/index.aspx>

An Op-Ed in the Business Standard, A Leading Indian Daily

Easing the Burden of History in South Asia

Despite efforts at engagement on two tracks, South Asia remains the least integrated regional grouping around the world

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Available at <http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/meenu-tewari-easingburdenhistory-in-south-asia/404573/>

The delicate diplomatic dance in evidence at the recent high-level meetings between the governments of India and Pakistan encapsulates vividly the dilemmas of realising the promise of closer economic and social cooperation within South Asia. Formally, the process of regional engagement has followed two tracks — political trust-building efforts and technocratic efforts at negotiating agreements and treaties on a variety of issues, including attempts at building a South Asian common market. Despite these efforts, South Asia remains the least integrated regional grouping around the world.

The proximate causes offered to explain the inability to forge deeper South Asian cooperation are the region's complicated political economy, its protectionist lobbies, opaque rules and a variety of non-tariff barriers that hold integration back. As one investment official in a Saarc member-nation noted in recent interviews, political mistrust makes many of the region's elites uncomfortable with prioritising a Saarc framework of trade and investment over ties with other countries, particularly the US, EU, East Asia, and China.

A fraught history, however, need not be destiny. The question is how, and under what conditions, feuding and mistrustful members of the region can begin to work as partners.

In an Asian Development Bank-supported study on the possibility of fostering pan-South Asian production networks in the textile and garment industry, we found that new lobbying forces for more positive-sum reform in the region may indeed be emerging.

The first of these is the region's next generation of younger entrepreneurs and business leaders. Our interview revealed a striking attitudinal transformation among these emerging industry leaders about

pursuing intra-regional business deals and collaborations. They appear more willing to work with and trust partners from across the border than earlier generations.

An example from Bangladesh illustrates this dynamic. A leading garment exporter, who had received joint venture offers from Indian, Pakistani and Thai investors, had turned down the Indian and Pakistani offers. He said, "If I have to choose between a Pakistani investor, an Indian investor and a Thai investor, I will pick the...Thai any day over the other two...It is just my history."

By contrast, his son had no such qualms. His network included friends from across South Asia from his college days abroad; he had travelled to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and forged good working relationships with a number of South Asian firms. He was already pursuing a joint venture with an Indian partner. Narrowly-drawn nationalist identities did not confine him. It may well take the next generation of entrepreneurs to overcome the baggage of the region's history and begin to work together.

A second hopeful dynamic is the growing inter-penetration of South Asia's labour markets. Surprisingly, leading Bangladeshi garment firms had a number of plant managers from India or Pakistan, quality control and design consultants from Sri Lanka and technical fixers and machinists from Pakistan.

This emergent diffusion of managerial and technical staff across each others' markets can create conditions not only for the transfer of ideas, work practices and an exchange of economic information across Saarc borders, but also foster social familiarity at a human level. Most importantly, it can exert pressure for bureaucratic reform from the ground up.

A third example of a new constituency supporting greater intra-regional trade and investment is the organised retail sector. The growth of the domestic market and organised retail in India is fuelling the demand for more efficient supply chains and proximate production networks. In interviews across New Delhi, Dhaka and Colombo, some Sri Lankan and Bangladeshi suppliers reported having been approached by purchasing departments of large Indian retailers with orders, and for the exploration of joint investments. If these trends deepen, they could create important opportunities for the development of intra-regional production networks in South Asia.

From the demand side, it is conceivable that in the future, organised retailers, interested in filling their shelves with quick-turnaround, cost-effective products, could emerge as a strong lobby for easing the flow of goods and services across South Asia, putting pressure on governments to implement trade facilitation reform.

So far, relationship-building in the region has primarily involved government-to-government interaction and negotiations. This process can be enhanced if additional 'spaces of convergence' and constituencies for reform in the civic and private sector can be identified and harnessed from the ground up. These emergent constituencies, with their shared interest in regional openness, can powerfully ratchet up pressure on governments to push for serious regional reform and create as outcomes some of the very ingredients (trust, for example), that we see as preconditions to progress today.

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GPEIG Awards

These ACSP Global Planning Educators Interest Group awards recognize the commitment of our late colleague, Gill-Chin Lim, to the study of humanistic aspects of globalization.

2010 Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning

The Gill-Chin Lim Award Committee received four very strong nominations for its annual dissertation prize, and want to report that the field of international development planning is alive and well and producing excellent doctoral research of real significance to the field. While all four dissertations were certainly worthy of commendation, the committee - Diane Davis (chair), Peter Marcuse, and Gabriella Carolini - found consensus in its deliberations about the top submissions.

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Mi Shih**, a graduate of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, is the winner of the 2010 Gill-Chin Lim Award for the best dissertation in international planning. Dr. Shih's dissertation, "Disputed Relocation and Property Development in Shanghai, 1990-2005", was a fascinating and methodologically rigorous exploration of the dynamic relationship between Chinese law, development practices, and forms of social resistance. Her research introduced a provocative lens for understanding the emerging contradictions in the design and strategic use of property law in China. Dr. Shih's work also shed critical light upon how structural forces are shaping opposition to displacement and remediation for residents in Shanghai's contested landscape. The research was expertly framed, tackled both tacit and explicit ideologies of development, and provided clear policy implications - in short, an outstanding piece of scholarship. Her thesis advisor was Professor Robert Lake.

The committee also found one other dissertation to merit an honorable mention. This commendation goes to **Dr. Roberto Pires**, a Graduate of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT, for his thesis titled "Flexible Bureaucracies: Discretion, Creativity, and Accountability in Labor Market Regulation and Public Sector Management." Dr. Pires' thesis built on field work and interviews with labor regulators in Brazil, identifying the ways that the internal workings of a large state bureaucracy were as likely to enable as constrain innovation and compliance with strict regulation of labor practices. The committee not only found his case choice and cross-comparisons to be effectively employed and efficiently presented. It also acknowledged that his discussion of the role of informal controls on discretion, understood from the vertical and horizontal perspectives, was an important contribution to understanding the "real life" of bureaucracies. Its insights will lay the foundation for the development of more effective state capacity in emerging economies where business leaders often seek to avoid or circumvent the state's regulatory reach. His thesis advisor was Professor Judith Tendler.

The committee congratulates both candidates for a job well done.

2009 Gill-Chin Lim Travel Awards

Gill-Chin Lim Travel Awards provides support to students who are planning to attend the ACSP conference to present a paper on international planning every year. This year the

Award Committee chose the following students for the award:

Rahmawati Husein, Texas A & M University (Topic: Local Capacities and Commitment on Hazard Mitigation Planning in Coastal Areas of Texas and Java)

Yu Min Joo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Topic: Different Levels of States, Citizens, and Market Actors in Decentralizing Urban Governance: the Rezoning Cases of Two South Korean Cities)

Nicholas R. Smith, Harvard University (Topic: Contested Spaces: Development and Graffiti Resistance in Urban China)

Salila Vanka, University of Michigan (Topic: Public Space and Life in the Indian City: The Politics of Space in Bangalore)

The 2010 Award Committee included Dr. N. Emel Ganapati, chair (Assistant Professor, Florida International University); Dr. Deden Rukmana (Assistant Professor, Savannah State University); and Dr. Anuradha Mukherji (Assistant Professor, East Carolina University). The Committee received 10 applications for the award. Please join us in congratulating our 2010 awardees!

GPEIG Business Meeting Agenda

The 2010 GPEIG luncheon and business meeting will happen on Thursday, October 7, from 11:15AM-1:00 PM in the Northwoods Room at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

We plan to present and discuss the following topics

1. Introduction
2. Announcements
3. Nominations Committee and co-chair elections
4. Lim Dissertation Awards Committee and award winners
5. Lim Travel Awards Committee and award winners
6. GPEIG Endorsements Committee and collaboration policy
7. Plans and prospects for the future

ACSP International Development Planning Track Sessions

Track Chair: Faranak Miraftab, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, and Victoria A. Beard, University of California, Irvine.

Please check the conference schedule for updated information on the papers and presenters, date, time and venue. There have been quite a few changes this year.

Paper Panels

1. The Bio-politics of Transnational Planning

Discussant/Moderator: Gavin Shatkin, University of Michigan; Pietro Calogero, University of California, Berkeley

2. Planning in Contemporary Europe

Discussant/Moderator: Stephan Schmidt, Cornell University

3. Planning for Uncertainty, Disasters and Recovery

Discussant/Moderator: Rob Olshansky, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

4. Planning and Decentralization

Discussant/Moderator: Sandra Pinel, University of Idaho

5. International Planning across Multiple Scales of Government

Discussant/Moderator: Bish Sanyal, MIT

6. Planning, Housing and Urban Livelihoods

Discussant/Moderator: Francis Owasu, Iowa State University

7. Planning, Regional Innovation and Economic Development

Discussant/Moderator: Marlon Boarnet, University of California, Irvine

8. Planning and the Production of “Global Spaces”

Discussant/Moderator: Vinit Mukhija, UCLA

9. Planning, Economic Development and Global Knowledge Flows

Discussant/Moderator: Neema Kudva, Cornell University

10. Urban Development and Forms of Insurgency

Discussant/Moderator: Petra Doan, Florida State University

11. Planning, Public Participation and Civil Society

Discussant/Moderator: Joseli Macedo, University of Florida

12. Planning for Water Provision and Infrastructure

Discussant/Moderator: Sergio Pena, University of Texas, El Paso

13. Planning and Urbanization in China

Discussant/Moderator: Teresa Vazquez Castillo, California State University, Northridge

Roundtables

1. Asia's New Global Universities? Organized and Moderated by Vinit Mukhija, UCLA.

2. Post-Disaster Recovery Planning in Haiti. Organized and Moderated by N. Emel Ganapati, Florida International University (56)

Next year Neema Kudva, Cornell University, will join Faranak Miraftab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as co-track chair for International Development Planning.

New Books

The fourth volume of **DIALOGUES IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING** will be published by Routledge/Taylor and Francis in Spring, 2011. DURP is a book series published in conjunction with the Global Planning Education Associations Network. GPEAN's aim with DURP is to improve access to "foreign" scholarship for planners working in each of the world's nations and languages, in order to promote better integration, cross-fertilization, and criticism. Papers are nominated by each of the nine GPEAN member associations and then chosen by an international editorial board. **DURP 4** is edited by Tom Harper (Canada), Michael Hibbard (US), Heloisa Soares de Moura Costa (Brazil), and Anthony Yeh (Hong Kong).

Now in paperback (\$34.95):

CONTEMPORARY URBANISM IN BRAZIL: BEYOND BRASILIA

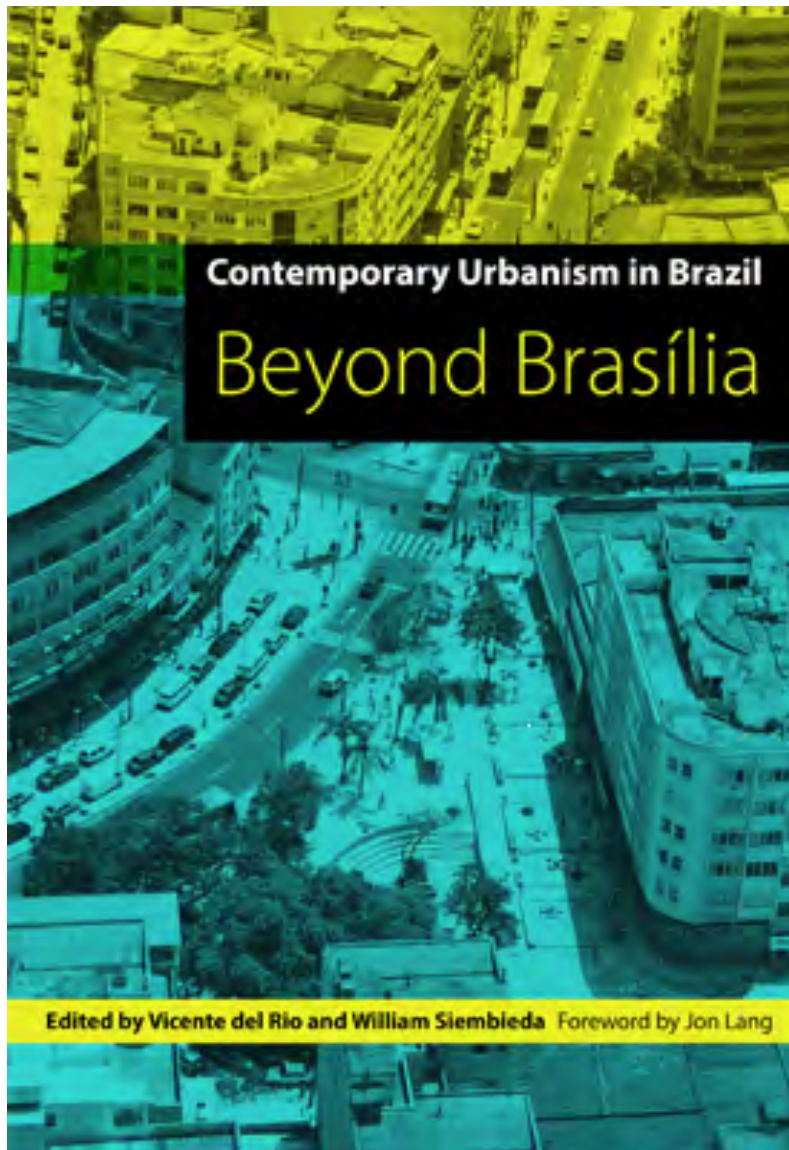
edited by Vicente del Rio and William Siembieda (University Press of Florida, 2010)

"An updated discussion of the city-planning evolution in a country that has exercised leadership in applying state-of-the-art approaches to urban development" (Eduardo Rojas, Principal Urban Development Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank).

"... highly original and outstanding set of detailed case studies of urbanism, design and urban development makes a strong case for Brazilian urbanism as a cutting edge laboratory for urban change not only in other Latin American and developing regions of the world, but across all cities." (Lawrence A. Herzog, Professor of City Planning, San Diego State University)

This book is an assessment of the current trends in contemporary Brazilian urbanism: late-modernism, revitalization, and social inclusion. The introduction discusses the evolution of modern planning until Brazil's democratization in the mid 1980s when began enormous efforts towards a more responsive urbanism in order to overcome social and spatial urban inequalities. The main body of the book is divided into three parts corresponding to the current trends in contemporary Brazilian urbanism: late-modernism, revitalization, and social inclusion. Twelve chapters by renowned architects, urban planners, and scholars are dedicated to examine different case studies and cities –such as Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Salvador, Porto Alegre, and Curitiba- which are

regenerating themselves within a democratic political framework that meets market and social demands, and respects place, culture, and history.



World Planning Schools Congress, Perth 2011



Planning's Future: Futures Planning Planning in an Era of Global (Un)Certainty and Transformation

Celebrating 10 Years of Global Planning Scholarship

The World Planning Schools Congress, an initiative of GPEAN, will celebrate 10 years of global planning scholarship and education when planning scholars, research students, policy researchers and professional planners convene in Perth, Western Australia, for the third WPSC from 4-8 July 2011.

As many ACSP colleagues are aware the WPSC was first held in Shanghai in 2001, where the Shanghai Statement, an initiative to foster greater collaboration amongst planning scholars and educators, was signed. Since then GPEAN has grown to a membership of 9 regional planning schools associations and held a second WPSC in Mexico City in 2006.

The University of Western Australia, as the Host Institution for WPSC2011, along with colleagues from ANZAPS who are represented on the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) are both honoured and delighted to be organising WPSC2011 and look forward to welcoming you to Perth and hopefully to other parts of Australia and New Zealand so that you can enjoy and experience both countries a little bit more given the distance that many of you will have travelled to get here.

Why Come to Perth (Australia and New Zealand)?

Perth and Western Australia (WA) offers planning colleagues an opportunity to experience a city with a long tradition, in Australian terms at least, in metropolitan planning with the first comprehensive plan for the Perth region released in 1955 and led by Professor Gordon Stephenson and Alistair Hepburn who were trained in town planning in the UK where Professor Stephenson worked with Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

Perth is a modern city with a complex and multi-layered identity: *physically* it resembles the archetypal American city with a defined and dominant CBD and sprawling suburbs; *politically*, it has many hallmarks of the British Westminster system of government; *climatically*, it is Mediterranean and this aspect of the Perth region can also be detected at the local level in areas such as North Perth and Fremantle which have become synonymous with Italian, Greek, and Portuguese migrants; *spatially*, it is quintessentially Australian on account of the size of the state (2.5m km², 20,000kms of coastline and a border with the Northern Territory and south Australia that runs for almost 2000kms) and the geographical imaginations of its citizens who lay claim to being either 'urbanites' or 'ruralites' which in turn perpetuates 'town and country' sensibilities and different views of one another.

In planning terms, the Perth metropolitan region faces significant challenges over the next 30-40 years with rapid population growth anticipated on the back of a booming resources and minerals-based economy, with the natural resources all based in regional/rural/remote WA. These planning challenges are made all the more fascinating on account of the fact that Perth enjoys the status of being 'the remotest capital city' in the world. The spatial planning challenges facing Perth are evident in the fact that the geographical area of Perth has increased from 66km² in 1925 to 830km² in 2008, an increase of approximately 1100% in just over 80 years! Approximately 75 percent of WA's current population of 2.2m people live within the greater metropolitan area. The Perth metropolitan population is projected to increase to 3.5m by 2050 and in response to this the WA Department of Planning/Planning Commission have just released their new metropolitan plan, Directions 2031 and Beyond (<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/Plans+and+policies/Publications/2224.aspx>).

These aforementioned planning challenges and history of Perth combined with its climate and natural setting on the banks of the magnificent Swan River, upstream from the port city of Fremantle, provides the ideal space to host WPSC2011 and for colleagues to reflect on where planning has come from and where it should be heading over the next 10-20 years.



Perth: View from East Perth
(foreground was formerly industrial land)



Aerial view of Perth CBD and surrounds

In light of the distances that ACSP (and other) colleagues will have travelled to get ‘down under’ this will provide you with an ideal excuse to turn your conference attendance into a vacation by visiting other parts of WA, Australia and New Zealand. In fact, the LOC/SAC will be exploring opportunities for post WPSC2011 activities in other major capital cities across the ANZAPS region. We have already been approached by the New South Wales Department of Planning in Sydney and the New Zealand Ministry for Environment in Auckland who are both keen to get involved.

The Congress: Aims, Tracks and Keynotes

In short, our fundamental aim is to ensure that WPSC2011 creates a dynamic and thought-provoking environment designed to encourage intellectual, pedagogical and policy discussion and debate; as well as fostering linkages – academic, policy and social – amongst the international planning community. This will be achieved via offering a total of 20 Tracks designed to cover virtually every aspect of planning. The Tracks include:

TRACKS	
Track 1: Governance, Politics and Conflict	Track 11: Transportation and Infrastructure Planning
Track 2: Informal Housing and Land Tenure	Track 12: Planning Education and Planning Practice
Track 3: Housing and Community Development	Track 13: Comparative Development Planning
Track 4: Gender, Ethnicity, Identity and Social Equity	Track 14: Multi-national and Cross-border Planning
Track 5: Technology, Methodology and Planning	Track 15: Planning Law, Administration and Property Rights
Track 6: National, Regional and Local Planning Under Conditions of Globalization	Track 16: Environment, Sustainability, Social Justice and Resource Management
Track 7: Planning History	Track 17: Economic Planning and Development
Track 8: Planning Theory	Track 18: Healthy Cities and Planning
Track 9: Spatial Policies and Land Use Planning	Track 19: Rural and Regional Planning and Development
Track 10: Urban Cultures, Heritage and Urban Design	Track 20: Climate Change, Risk, Adaptation and Planning

WPSC has traditionally been an academic conference open largely to planning scholars/educators as well as PhD research students. WPSC2011 will also be encouraging planning policy researchers to submit papers given the fact that planning schools are dependent upon the professional planning sectors in local and national governments and the private sphere, for research funding, teaching professional and practical aspects of planning to our students and internships and jobs for our graduates,. Our aim is to facilitate new relationships and synergies across the academic-policy practice nexus in planning.

We are nearing finalisation of the appointment of the two keynote speakers for WPSC2011 and hope to be in a position to make an official announcement at the WSPC2011 Social Reception planned for ACSP 2010 on Friday 8th October.

Key Dates and Abstract Submission

We are waiting on a small number of Track descriptions from the various Track Co-Chairs – these should hopefully be with us by **24th September**. As soon as all Track descriptions are finalised the call for abstracts will be issued soon thereafter. We can advise that the closing date for abstract submissions is **30th November 2010**.

A range of abstract submissions will be accepted. These include:

- *Oral Presentation with full paper (peer review)¹*;
- *Oral Presentation with full paper (non peer review)*;
- *Poster Presentation*;

¹ **A peer review option for full papers is being considered/proposed by the LOC/SAC for the first time at WPSC2011 in an effort to respond to academic/faculty funding prerequisites that requires delegates in certain planning schools regions to have their papers peer reviewed in order to attend and participate in academic conferences.**

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- *Specially convened sessions within Tracks – these may include any of the following (i) academic only; (ii) policy research only; and (iii) academic and policy research; and*
 - *Roundtable/Panel Discussion Sessions.*

Register your interest in attending WPSC2011 by leaving your details at <http://www.wpsc2011.com.au/registration.html>.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ABSTRACT AND SEEING YOU IN
PERTH NEXT YEAR!**

World Planning Schools Congress

Track 14: Multi-National and Cross-Border Planning

Andreas Faludi and Keith Pezzoli

This track focuses on how planners and other stakeholders reach across nations and borders to tackle urban, rural and regional development challenges in our increasingly globalized and interconnected world. The track encourages an exchange of ideas that will allow us to compare experiences world-wide and advance our understanding of multi-national and cross-border planning from theoretical, methodological, and conceptual perspectives. We are equally interested in institutional and action-oriented perspectives (e.g., engaged scholarship that involves transborder networking).

Multi-national planning involves co-operation among national and/or regional planners from different countries. In a European context, this includes the 27 Member States of the European Union co-operating around an integrated set of economic, social, territorial and also environmental issues given new salience through the coming into force of the Lisbon Treaty and the adoption of 'Europe 2020: A European Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth'. In North America, multi-national planning is limited to a narrower set of issues focused on trade (as in the North American Free Trade Agreement/NAFTA). In Africa, and other parts of the world, multi-national planning also tends to be more focused on specific challenges (e.g., economic development, health, ecological degradation) without the benefit of integrated approaches. However, even where, as in the majority of cases, not on the official agenda, it is patently obvious that regional integration always and necessarily touches upon spatial or territorial issues.

Indeed, mounting problems of unsustainable development are compelling nation states worldwide to experiment with bi-national and multinational approaches to smart growth, sustainability and equity. It will become increasingly difficult to meet global demand for food, water and energy without simultaneously dealing with climate change and the wholesale degradation of planetary ecosystems. Solutions will require broad-based collaboration among nation states and among subnational units such as city-regions. Thus planning in cross-border city-regions, including city-regions reaching out to each other across the seas, like around the China Sea, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean etc. is also a priority for this track. City-regions are diverse, often conflicting, aggregations of cities, suburbs, and their rural hinterlands that need to be organized as integrated systems of networks and infrastructures. Yet globalization, uneven development and low-density urban sprawl have combined in ways that make traditional planning and policy approaches problematic. There is now a pressing need for innovative information technologies and new planning methods that can reconcile and integrate the activities of regional data providers, planners, managers, politicians and community groups in support of integrated decision-making. This is especially true for large bi-national city-regions areas such as the San Diego-Tijuana metropolitan region and other fast growing twin cities along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Potential themes

- What lessons can we learn from multi-national and cross-border experiences such as the EU experiment? Can it be replicated?
- What type of institutional design would be appropriate to implement multi-national and/or cross-border planning? What role is there for citizens, research universities, industry, and government?

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- How might multi-national and cross-border planning deal with the tensions between place-based development priorities and the globalizing demands of international capital mobility? What role does “framing” play in communications on such issues?
 - What value systems are being used to evaluate local place-based development priorities (endogenous strategies), as compared to export-led industrialization and global trade priorities (exogenous strategies)? Where do arguments for sustainability fit into this?
 - What type of planning methodologies, criteria and indicators exist or can be developed for sustainable multi-national, cross-border and regional spatial planning policy?
 - How do such factors such as culture, biogeography, history, economics, social capital factor into the apparent success and failure of multi-national and cross border planning efforts?

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Journey of the Global ARC 2010

*Bridging
Sustainability Solutions
Across the Urban-Rural
Divide*

On Sunday, September 12, 2010, The Global Action Research Center (aka, The Global ARC) celebrated the successful conclusion of a two-month, 1800-mile Journey by bicycle from Vancouver, Canada to Tijuana, Mexico. The closing celebration included storytelling, sustainability exhibits, organic local food, music and dancing in the beautiful Institute of the Americas plaza located at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). UCSD's Urban Studies and Planning Program, Center for US-Mexican Studies, Calit2, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, Superfund Research Program, Sustainability Solutions Institute, plus Superforest.org sponsored the event. On display at the celebration was the Journey's follow on support vehicle: a converted 28' motor home with solar panels on the roof, solar water heater, composting toilet, rain water collection system, interior space retrofitted with all green building materials, small spice garden, composting pile with worms, and an engine that runs on used French fry oil and other forms of biodiesel fuel. Quite the rig!

Some GPEIG members may recall when I first announced our plans to do this transnational Journey by bicycle with a biodiesel support vehicle. I mentioned it back in 2009, during a GPEIG business

meeting (ACSP conference, Crystal City, Virginia). As I noted during that GPEIG business meeting, I organized Journey 2010 as a way to highlight and support innovative community-based approaches to sustainable development, and to begin building a global social networking site for action-oriented researchers (engaged scholars). We are very pleased with the outcome of Journey 2010 and with the start of The Global ARC's sustainability solutions database.

During July-Sept 2010, over the course of 1800 miles, the Journey of The Global ARC made stops in 18 cities, many rural towns, tribal lands, and hinterlands spanning 75 watersheds along the west coast of North America. The Journey's film crew video documented a wide range of municipal, university, regional and community-based sustainability initiatives in Canada, the USA and Mexico. We did over 40 in-depth video interviews and action packed site visits focused on food, water, land, energy, the built environment and transportation. Considering the rising importance of multimedia in communication and social change, we launched our Journey from Professor Leonie Sandercock's Cosmopolis Laboratory at the University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning. Leonie and her colleagues, including Maged Senbel, are doing an excellent job using multimedia and participatory methods in planning practice and research. We are grateful that they hosted our Journey's very first stop.

The Global ARC's use of multimedia and storytelling situates community-based solutions in their local contexts. At the

same time, we are careful to relate localism to larger challenges emerging at regional scales (e.g., watershed and foodshed management) and global scales (e.g., climate change adaptation). Whenever we probed for the degree of global mindedness among those doing local, place-based projects, we nearly always got a robust and detailed response. Some of those we interviewed expressed concerns about global issues ranging from climate change, energy, flows of invasive species across national borders, and the globalization of disease vectors. Others expressed concern about the complexities of global demographic shifts and multiculturalism, accelerated flows of capital investment/disinvestment, the globalization of knowledge, and the need to pool learning across boundaries. Based on the anecdotal evidence we gathered there seems to be a much more sophisticated understanding of global dynamics emerging among many progressive front-line organizations struggling to improve quality of life and place.

The Journey of The Global ARC's video and supporting documentation provides a comparative perspective across diverse landscapes and cultures (coastal, foothills, inland valley, urban, rural, and tribal). We have stories, interviews, and place-based action shots involving community gardens, stream restoration, bicycle advocacy, green building, constructed wetlands, alternative energy, fisheries, farming, forestry and working landscapes. I hasten to add, however, that only 10% of our video, image and data archives is processed (i.e., transformed from raw unedited stuff into multimedia products that are accessible, user-friendly, and integrated within a meaningful framework). The 10% we've

managed to process thus far, on a very limited budget, can be seen inside The Global ARC's YouTube Channel, Vimeo Channel, Flickr Photo Gallery, and sustainability database. We are now seeking funds to do justice to this material. These resources will help us advance the ARC's long term mission to promote self-reliant, yet globally-minded, bioregionalism. One of our key objectives is to help institutions of higher education engage more directly with communities in need worldwide.



I am very pleased with the support and encouragement we've gotten from GPEIG members. In particular, I'd like to thank GPEIG's co-chairs, Neema Kudva and Vinit Mukhija. Neema and Vinit appointed a committee composed of Bish Sanyal, Mike Hibbard, and myself to sort out whether or not GPEIG can take a position in support of a particular organizations activities, campaign or project. Some of you may

recall how this committee came to be. During the 2009 GPEIG business meeting held in conjunction with the Fall 2009 ACSP conference, I asked the assembled GPEIG members to endorse the Journey of The Global ARC. GPEIG co-chair Vinit Mukhija noted that GPEIG does not have a policy with respect to endorsement. The committee was thus tasked to address the issue and draft a policy. The committee conferred by e-mail among themselves and also with the GPEIG Co-chairs, Vinit and Neema. Eventually it was agreed that a policy on **partnerships** was more appropriate than one on **endorsements**. The essential difference is that a partnership entails the active participation

of GPEIGers in the effort, whereas with an endorsement GPEIG's only input would be a yes-no, endorse-don't endorse, statement. The full text of the draft policy is included in this newsletter. The co-chairs gave me permission to list GPEIG as a partner on The Global ARC web site. We agreed to revisit this decision at the next GPEIG business meeting at the 2010 ACSP meeting. In any case, GPEIG members are most welcome to take advantage of the Global ARC's sustainability solutions database, and better yet, to pitch in and help build it.

The Global ARC : <http://theglobalarc.org>



Journey of The Global ARC cyclists about to cross over from Imperial Beach, California into Mexico, Sept. 10, 2010. Tijuana, Mexico can be seen in the background over the fence. Vehicle on the right is the follow on biodiesel support vehicle mentioned in this article. Photo by Janice Pezzoli