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Historic city of Jodhpur
Rajasthan, India



MESSAGE FROM GPEIG CO-CHAIRS

Greetings GPEIG Colleagues,

As we celebrate another year of success in enhancing planning education across boundaries, we reflect on our achievements of the past year, during which we created new opportunities to serve the global planning community through GPEIG, and enriched our presence within the local and regional planning community.

One of the most exciting GPEIG initiatives that we have undertaken this year was the bylaws initiative. After more than a year of hard work by the Bylaws Committee (ad hoc), chaired by John Harris from the University of Oklahoma, amendments to GPEIG bylaws were voted unanimously at the GPEIG Luncheon in Greenville, SC; and are available for your review at our website. Our new bylaws not only better reflect GPEIG's role and the needs of its members but also ensure that our organization is more inclusive in terms of leadership and membership.

Another important GPEIG initiative was the selection of our logo. The Logo Committee (ad hoc), chaired by Deden Rukmana, Alabama A&M University, received entries from 13 designers. Three of these logo designs were selected by the logo committee and presented to the members of GPEIG for voting. The logo submitted by Abokor Gulaid was chosen as the GPEIG logo by our members. Abokor is a registered architect in New York City and currently is an employee of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

Besides the GPEIG bylaws and logo initiatives, we have established a new Global Planning Education Committee, chaired by Francis Owusu, Iowa State University, to enhance coordination with ACSP's task forces and its cognate organizations. We have improved our internal organizational processes by streamlining committee member appointments and including guidelines for rotation of leadership within our award committees. We also have created opportunities to engage students either on award committees by inviting previous year's winners to be part of the current committees or on non-award committees.

We also have conducted a GPEIG membership survey this past year. As we presented at the GPEIG Luncheon, the preliminary results show that a majority of our members are full-time faculty members in ACSP member schools in the U.S. and have taught a course with a focus on the Global South or its regions in the last five years. They conduct research not only throughout the Global

South but also in the U.S., with interests ranging from community and economic development to planning theory. We thank our members who filled out the survey and shared their expertise with us, as well as their suggestions for future GPEIG activities. We hope to complete the final report of the survey and publish it on the GPEIG website later this year.

To better serve our members, we have undertaken significant updates with regards to digital communication. We have transitioned from the old globeplan listserv to the new GPEIG listserv on Google Groups. While continuing to add to our case study library, we have made new additions to the GPEIG website, including the Teaching and Research Resources sections. The Teaching Section includes syllabus, lecture slides, and other course content. The Research Resources section has several links that could be helpful to our members in their research, including links to international Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), human subjects regulations related to international research, and to potential funding sources for faculty and students. Andrew Rumbach, University of Colorado, is leading these transitions for us, supported by Sandip Chakrabarti, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, India.

This year the best faculty article in international planning was awarded to John Harris, University of Oklahoma, for his article titled, *Vulnerable Youth's Perspectives and Priorities for Informal Settlements: Photovoice Evidence from Lusaka, Zambia*. Student awardees were selected by their respective committees (see more detail in the following sections), and they were recognized at the GPEIG luncheon and Business Meeting on October 24, 2019, at Greenville, SC. The election for the new GPEIG co-chair, led by John Felkner (Florida State University) and Shelagh McCartney (Ryerson University), was completed this July. The membership voted Jimmy Chen, Virginia Commonwealth University, to be the new GPEIG Co-chair for the next two years.

None of what we accomplished this year would be possible without the support, advice, and commitment of our members. We want to recognize the efforts by the by-laws and the logo committee for moving ahead with a clearer vision and an identity. Also, the support we received from Sukumar Ganapati, FIU, and Tridib Banerjee, USC, for managing our old listserv, is highly appreciated. Last but not the least, we recognize the support and guidance from GPEIG faculty and student award committee (member details available in the newsletter) members to conduct these award reviews annually year-after-year.

We plan to continue and build on the synergy within GPEIG by adding to our membership, increase access to international teaching and research resources, create opportunities for global collaboration, and to be more connected with our members locally and globally.

We thank you all for your continued support to GPEIG. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Toronto next year.

Best Regards,

Emel Ganapati, Past Co-Chair (2017-2019)
Praveen Maghelal, Co-Chair (2018-2020)
Xueming (Jimmy) Chen, Co-Chair (2019-2021)



ACSP'19 at Greenville, SC was hosted by Clemson University

GPEIG @ ACSP'19, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

GPEIG hosted three roundtables at the ACSP annual conference in Greenville, SC. For the first time in the history of ACSP, three interest groups, GPEIG, POCIG, and FWIG collaborated to host a roundtable session titled **“Mentoring from the Margins: Cultivating a Culture of Inclusion for Faculty and Students of Color, Women, LGBTQIA, and the Global South in Planning”** on Thursday, 24th October, 2019. This session was jointly moderated by GPEIG co-chair, N. Emel Ganapati and POCIG co-chair, Willow Lung-Amam. This session addressed questions and issues related to the unique mentoring needs of students and faculty from traditionally underrepresented groups in the planning academy. Roundtable participants Santina Contreras (Ohio State University), Clara Irazábal-Zurita (University of Missouri), Katherine Lieberknecht (The University of Texas at Austin), Tonya Sanders (Morgan State University), and Bish Sanyal (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) brought diverse perspectives to bear on the discussion, drawing from their personal experiences.

GPEIG also hosted a roundtable on **“The Role of Planners in International Development Organizations’ Efforts to Make Cities Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable”** on Thursday, 24th October, 2019. Panelists Elisabeth Hamin (University of Massachusetts Amherst),

Francis Owusu (Iowa State University), Jeff Soule (American Planning Association), and Bruce Stiffler (Georgia Institute of Technology) reflected on the progress being made in implementing the New Urban Agenda and the UN’s SDGs related to cities. They also discussed the opportunities and challenges that planning scholars, educators, and practitioners faced in making cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable through these emerging global initiatives.

On Friday, 25th October, 2019, GPEIG hosted a roundtable titled **“Global Dimensions of Planning: Moving Beyond Program Accreditation Requirements.”** This session discussed how planning programs of different sizes with varied student demographics, interests, and resources could adopt innovative approaches to satisfy the Planning Accreditation Board’s (PAB) requirement of exposing students to the global dimensions of planning through coursework and curriculum design. Ashok Das (University of Hawaii), Neema Kudva (Cornell University), Lucie Laurian (University of Iowa), and Andrew Rumbach (University of Colorado Denver) shared the approaches taken by their respective departments, whereas Connie Ozawa, PAB Chair from Portland State University, provided the Board’s perspective on globalizing planning education. GPEIG co-chairs, N. Emel Ganapati and Praveen Maghelal moderated both these sessions.



Panelists at the “Mentoring from the Margins” roundtable jointly hosted by GPEIG, FWIG, and POCIG
 From left to right: Tonya Sanders, Santina Contreras, Katherine Lieberknecht, Clara Irazábal-Zurita, Bish Sanyal, and Willow Lung-Amam

In addition to these insightful roundtables, students and faculty members came together at **GPEIG’s Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon**. In this event, co-chairs N. Emel Ganapati and Praveen Maghelal provided an overview of GPEIG activities and accomplishments in the past year. They also welcomed incoming co-chair for 2019-21, Xueming (Jimmy) Chen from Virginia Commonwealth University. A felicitations of GPEIG student and faculty award winners concluded the lively luncheon.



GPEIG members
 at the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon



Panelists at the “Global Dimensions of Planning” roundtable
 From left to right: Lucie Laurian, Lesli Hoey, Connie Ozawa, Neema Kudva, and Andrew Rumbach

GPEIG AWARDS 2019

▪ Best Student Paper Award

Winner: Babak Manouchehrifar, MIT

Runner-up: Yunjin Li, Columbia University; Naganika Sanga, University of Michigan

Award Committee: Atul Pokharel, NYU (Chair); Cuz Potter, Korea University; Isadora Cruzen (Past Winner), MIT

▪ Student Case Study Award

Winner: Allison Forbes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Second Place: Mennatullah Hendawy, Technical University, Berlin (Germany)

Award Committee: Divya Chandrasekhar, University of Utah (Chair); Meenu Tewari, University of North Carolina; Sanjeev Vidyarthi, University of Illinois at Chicago; Lesli Hoey, University of Michigan

▪ Gill-Chin Lim Best Dissertation Award

Winner: Shruti Syal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Award Committee: Neema Kudva, Cornell University (Chair); Hiba Bou Akar, Columbia University; Ruth Steiner, University of Florida; Sean Kennedy (Past Winner), UIUC

▪ Gill-Chin Lim Student Travel Award

Winners: Julia Harten, University of Southern California; Khushboo Gupta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Award Committee: Elizabeth Hamin, University of Massachusetts (Chair); Abhinav Alakshendra, University of Gainesville; Mi Shih, Rutgers; Shruti Syal (Past Winner), UIUC; Marielos Arlen Marin (Past Winner), University of Massachusetts Amherst

▪ Faculty Best Journal Article Award

Winner: John C. Harris, Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma

Runner-up: Mi Shih, Assistant Professor, Rutgers University

Award Committee: Anuradha Mukherji, East Carolina University (Chair); James H. Spencer, Clemson University; Sai Balakrishnan, Harvard University; Lucie Laurian, University of Iowa; Clara Irazábal (Past Winner), University of Missouri-Kansas City; Carolina Sarmiento, University of Wisconsin

FACULTY BEST JOURNAL ARTICLE AWARD

The 2019 GPEIG Faculty Best Journal Article Award winner is John C. Harris, Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma. The award recognizes his article titled “Vulnerable Youth’s Perspectives and Priorities for Informal Settlements: Photovoice Evidence from Lusaka, Zambia” published in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. The committee determined that the article applied the Photovoice method effectively to draw out the lived experience of youth in Lusaka, Zambia.

The committee also decided to recognize Mi Shih, Assistant Professor at Rutgers University, for her paper titled “Development Rights: Regulating Vertical Urbanism in Taiwan” published in *Planning Theory and Practice*, for an honorable mention.

Committee members agreed that the article is on an original and important topic whose application extends beyond Taiwan to large cities globally, and also draws a strong link between planning ideology and planning regulations.



Left to right: Jimmy Chen, Clara Irazábal-Zurita, Praveen Maghelal, Award Winner John C. Harris, Runner-up Mi Shih, N. Emel Ganapati

CASE STUDY AWARD

The winner of the 2019 Student Case Study Competition is Allison Forbes of UNC Chapel Hill for her study titled “Supplying skill: The role of small multi-national firms in training practice transfer.” Ms. Forbes’ study uses the case of two automotive supplier firms in Mexico to demonstrate how smaller supply chain firms can and do promote local skill development. The study examines the training resources, institutions and adaptations enacted by these small supply chain firms to show that they are not merely subordinates to powerful multinational entities, but also powerful and influential entities in their own right.

The Competition Committee recognized Mennatullah Hendawy of Technical University, Berlin (Germany) as a second place winner for her paper titled “Visual Communication and the Mediatized/ Professional City: From Street Billboards to Offices of Urban Planning in Cairo.” The committee agreed that this study on the mediatization of planning in Cairo, as well as the use of Actor-Network-Theory (ANT) in the analysis, was innovative and significant to the rapidly urbanizing cities of the Global South. Mennatullah also received the Young Planning Professionals’ Runner Up Award: Routledge Poster Prize at the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) Congress in Jakarta in September 2019.

A CLOSER LOOK

John Harris

The “youth bulge” in developing world cities is a significant planning challenge that requires new participatory tools for planning more inclusive cities. In this paper, I introduce Photovoice method from behavior studies to examine with 38 vulnerable youth from three informal settlements of Lusaka, Zambia. The method asks individuals to express their concerns about their community through photography. This paper shows that photovoice method, little used by urban planners, can serve as an effective planning tool to elicit participatory-driven information. Also, by comparing the youth participants’ priorities and current programs in Lusaka for informal settlement upgrading, this paper shows that many youth’s highest priorities are not included in typical upgrading practice. It is thus important for planners to rethink how to incorporate youth’s voices to plan more inclusive cities.

- Dr. John Harris

GILL-CHIN LIM STUDENT AWARDS

In recognition of the commitment of the late Gill-Chin Lim to the study of humanistic aspects of globalization, GPEIG established the “Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning” in his name. This award is funded annually by the Consortium of Development Studies (CODS), which was founded by Lim in 1982. This award recognizes superior scholarship in a doctoral dissertation completed by a student enrolled in an ACSP member school.

The 2019 winner of the Gill-Chin Lim Best Dissertation in Planning Award is Shruti Syal (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

The 2019 winners of the Gill-Chin Lim Student Travel Award are Khushboo Gupta (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) and Julia Harten (University of Southern California).



From left to right: Jimmy Chen, Praveen Maghelal, N. Emel Ganapati, Award Winner Shruti Syal, Neema Kudva, Ruth Steiner, Sean Kennedy



From left to right: Jimmy Chen, Praveen Maghelal, N. Emel Ganapati, Award Winners Khushboo Gupta and Julia Harten, Abhinav Alakshendra

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD



The winner of the 2019 GPEIG Best Student Paper Award is Babak Manouchehrifar for his paper titled “Is Planning ‘Secular’? Rethinking Religion, Secularism, and Planning.” Babak is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT.

Babak's paper argues that despite its principled claims to the contrary, planning cannot avoid engaging with religion. Given the current serious challenges to secular liberalism worldwide, the committee felt that Babak's paper contributes to planning practice and theory throughout the world by effectively sketching out how planning can better engage with religion. As one committee member wrote, this paper represents “a compelling contribution to planning theory,” while another noted that this contribution “hastens a turning point in the field.”

A CLOSER LOOK Shruti Syal

Worldwide, (mega)cities are dismally polluted, their slums are denied adequate and accessible infrastructure and then labeled polluters and evicted on grounds of environmental degradation. To understand this integrated system, I decided to study drain-adjacent slums in Delhi as a Social-Ecological System. Working in the data deficient context of informality made generating and consolidating spatial, biophysical, and qualitative data exciting. As this database grew, so did the affirmation that looking at the system revealed much more than focusing on either the settlement or the drain. Bringing all this data together into the SES Framework from natural resource management was daunting, but also exhilarating, because it helped visualize the many interactions that make the interdependence between society and environment complex.

- Dr. Shruti Syal

GPEIG HAS A NEW LOGO!



During the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon at the 2019 ACSP Conference in Greenville, SC, the GPEIG Logo Contest Committee announced the new logo of GPEIG. It's the first logo of GPEIG selected by the GPEIG members from three finalists of the GPEIG Logo Contest.

The winner of the GPEIG Logo Contest is Abokor Gulaid, an architect at the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. The GPEIG Logo Committee members included Deden Rukmana (chair), Ashok Das, Omur Damla Kuru, Emel Ganapati and Praveen Maghelal. The winner received a cash prize of \$500.

NEWS FROM PLANNING SCHOOLS

International Workshop for Collaborative Mapping of Inclusionary Zoning in Fortaleza, Brazil

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Universidade Federal do Ceará

Urban planning students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and at Universidade Federal do Ceará (UFC) joined force through an international workshop for collaborative mapping of inclusionary zoning in Fortaleza, Brazil. Professor Ken Salo (UIUC) and Professor Clarissa Freitas (UFC) brought together graduate and undergraduate students of their respective departments to collaborate with the residents of two favelas (informal settlements) in Fortaleza, Brazil (Bom Jardim and Lagamar) and document the settlements' and residents' demands. Through diverse mediums such as collaborative mapping and audiovisual recording students documented the residents' urban challenges under the contentious implementation processes of the Right to the City provisions. These favelas, legally zoned to be of special social interest (ZEIS), face distinct urban challenges, such as lack of services, hazardous housing conditions and insecure tenure. The outcome of the workshop is of interest to the ongoing collaboration between UFC and the Municipal Planning agency (IPLANFOR) which has commissioned UFC to elaborate the Urban Plans for their local favelas. This workshop spanned the spring semester, when UIUC and UFC students collaborated virtually via on-line seminars, and two weeks in summer when they worked together on site in Fortaleza.



Walk to Plan, Plan to Walk: International Summer Workshop in Urban Design, Lisbon – 2019

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and Universidade Lusofona de Lisboa

From June 24 to July 5, 2019, a group of seven Cal Poly's BSCRIP students joined the International Summer Workshop in Urban Design at the Universidade Lusofona (UL) in Lisbon. The workshop was coordinated and taught by professors Vicente del Rio (Cal Poly) and Diogo Mateus (UL). The workshop focused on walking as a fundamental method to learn about the qualities that make cities and places special, and as a goal to make them livable and sustainable. Students had to come up with imaginative and feasible development ideas for a site close to the UL Campo Grande campus. Having Lisbon as a learning laboratory with the city's multitude of fascinating and walkable places, together with the unique planning/design challenge and the international, interdisciplinary and multi-level mix, energized the students, leading to a successful workshop. Click [here](#) for more information on the International Summer Workshops in Urban Design, Lisbon.



Study Abroad Programs at Florida International University

Students of Florida International University's (FIU) Public Policy and Administration department have a choice to attend three different study abroad courses every year. The Seoul Case Study Program focuses on urban management issues and solutions in Seoul, one of the most vibrant metropolitan cities in the world. As part of the program, the students are able to interact with Korean policy makers on issues of urban redevelopment, energy conservation, waste management, smart city development, public transportation, emergency response and management, and inter-Korean relations.

The Bulgaria program, titled "Multilevel Governance Issues and the European Union: The Case of Bulgaria," allows students to discuss not only Bulgarian government and policy issues, but also US politics and local governance in Miami-Dade County.

The Morocco program centers on the theme of "Contemporary issues of public administration at both regional and local levels." This program allows the students to gain insight into the complex system of public administration in Morocco and to analyze the adjustments the country is making to improve its current organization of public administration, both on local and regional levels.



50th Year of the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS) at MIT

It was a landmark year for MIT's Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS). In 2018, the program completed 50 years of continuous service and held a commemorative celebration spread over two days on October 11th and 12th, 2018. The main golden jubilee event was a conference, "The Reflective Practitioner Reconsidered," held on October 12, 2018. More than 100 SPURS alumni from around the world joined MIT students and faculty, friends and associates of the program, and current and former SPURS staff at the conference.

The conference brought high-level practitioners, policy-makers, academic scholars, and advanced graduate students to explore issues at the forefront of planning practice. Plenary sessions and panels offered a wide range of perspectives exploring the possibilities for reflective practice in a world very different from when SPURS was created in 1968.

This event was a joint effort of MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP) and SPURS, one of the oldest mid-career professional programs among U.S. universities. For more about SPURS and the event, please click [here](#). The program is currently directed by Professor Bish Sanyal.

Engaging globally at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) remains engaged with universities and institutions internationally, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, through activities that span research, teaching, and training. DURP's new chair, Associate Professor Priyam Das, is an international development planning expert whose research focuses on urban water governance in South Asia. Assistant Professor Hayden Shelby, the newest member of the faculty, deepens and broadens DURP's expertise in international planning and community development research and instruction.

As Executive Director of the National Disaster Preparedness and Training Center (NDPTC), which is housed within DURP, Professor Karl Kim continues to steward a slew of initiatives with stakeholders across the United States flag and trust territories and other countries. As part of a U.S. State Department project on disaster risk reduction, NDPTC hosted 21 emergency managers from around the world in August 2019. Partnering with Mercy Corps, with funding from the USAID, Prof. Kim is guiding the creation of a new degree granting institution within Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB).

Professor Luciano Minerbi, an internationally recognized expert on planning with indigenous communities in the Pacific region, retired in December 2018 after nearly 50 years of peerless service to DURP. He is a member of the Hawaii Advisory Committee to the US Commission of Civil Rights of the US Department of Justice, and he is conducting a study, "Micronesians in Hawai'i: Migrants' Groups Face Barriers to Equal Opportunities."

In Spring 2019, Associate Professor Ashok Das taught a two-week intensive course on research design to doctoral students in the College of Local Administration at Thailand's Khon Kaen University. He was invited to represent the Pacific region and planning academia at an Expert Group Meeting in Nanjing, China to discuss the chapter on Urban and Territorial Planning in the *The Future of Asian and Pacific Cities 2019 Report* (launched in October, 2019 at the 7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum, Penang, Malaysia). With Dr. Bharat Dahiya of Thammasat University, Bangkok, Prof. Das has co-edited a new book (published online in June, 2019), *New Urban Agenda in Asia-Pacific: Governance for Sustainable and Inclusive Cities*. Prof. Das recently visited North South University (NSU) in Dhaka, the country's oldest and premier private university, to scope the potential for institutionalized collaboration between UHM and NSU. A former co-chair of the GPEIG, he has also been appointed by the President of ACSP to serve on its new Global Education Committee.

DURP's Professor Makena Coffman, who is also the director of UHM's new Institute for Sustainability and Resilience (ISR), and Associate Professor Priyam Das represent the department and the university at the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Sustainable Cities and Landscapes (SCL) Hub, which has until now hosted three APRU SCL conferences — Portland, 2017; Hong Kong, 2018; and Sydney, 2019.

As part of individual capstone and practicum team projects, Master of Urban and Regional Planning and Ph.D. students regularly conduct an exciting array of international research. A recently concluded dissertation by Dr. Jiwnath Ghimire investigated how climate science knowledge informs and influences land use planning practices in Vietnam. Recent master's capstone projects have studied climate change and urban migration in Bangladesh, affordable housing and slum upgrading in Nepal, emergent policies for managing informal settlements in Timor-Leste, and land readjustment approaches used in Japan. Imelda Carlos, the MURP graduate who conducted the Timor-Leste research, is now part of the country's Directorate of Housing and Spatial Planning.

DURP also hosts visiting scholars from time to time. Dr. Connie Y. Zhang of the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Science is currently in residence at DURP. With Prof. Minerbi as her faculty sponsor, Dr. Zhang is researching the connections between culture and local environmental management in Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands. Click [here](#) to learn more about DURP.

Smart City Varanasi

Master of City and Regional Planning Graduate Studio (Spring 2019), School of City and Regional Planning, College of Design, Georgia Institute of Technology

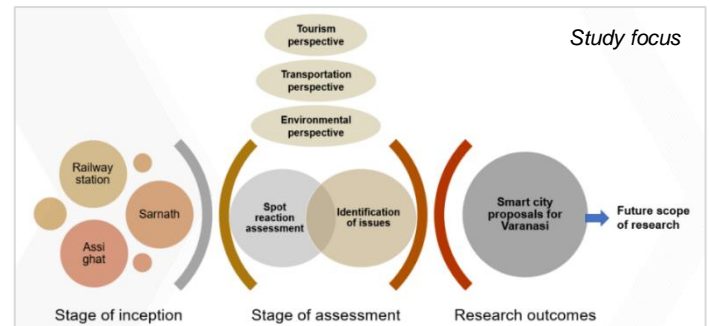


Georgia Tech, IIT-KGP, and IIT-BHU team @ IIT-BHU alumni guest house in Varanasi, India

Varanasi, India, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, looks to become a 21st century city. The Government of India a few years ago initiated a \$14 billion urban renewal and retrofitting program to develop 100 cities across the country in a “Smart Cities Mission.” Varanasi, which sits on the banks of the sacred Ganges River, is among them. In the spring of 2019, nine Georgia Tech students took a semester-long graduate studio offered by the School of City Regional Planning to study the “smart city” ambitions of Varanasi, which some sources say has legends that go back 10,000 years. The students worked in collaboration with researchers and Ph.D. students from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) and the Indian Institute of Technology BHU (IIT-BHU).

While studios are a regular part of the graduate curriculum, the Varanasi studio was a first for the School. It was co-taught by Subhro Guhathakurta, chair and professor in the School of City Regional Planning, and Ramachandra Sivakumar, a member of the research faculty in the Center for Spatial Planning Analytics and Visualization. The studio particularly concentrated on the relationships among environment, transportation and tourism in Varanasi. Looking at the city through a microscopic lens, the studio identified three sub-regions, i.e., zones, into which the analysis and proposals were concentrated.

The Assi Ghat Zone is a recently renovated tourist attraction receiving an increasing footfall of local visitors and international travelers alike. The mouth of the river Assi meets the Ganga here, creating avenues for pollution and solid waste collection. The Transit Hub Zone is the area around the Varanasi Cantonment railway station and the Varanasi bus stand. It is an entrance into the city for many, and the sheer volume of passengers the zone handles exceeds its ageing infrastructural capacity. The Sarnath Zone is a peaceful, secluded paradise that sits north of the chaotic urban life in Varanasi. Home to one of the holiest sites for Buddhism, Sarnath is an archaeologically protected area with limited non-vehicular connectivity to its sister city, Varanasi. The three zones are each distinct in their own characteristics, warranting context-specific solutions. Zooming out to view the larger regional picture however, the three zones are adequately representative of Varanasi’s overall personality. The plans and recommendations that emanated from this studio are available [here](#).



Varanasi railway station

Study Abroad Program, Rajasthan, India

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

During December 2018-January 2019, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Geography and Regional Planning faculty members collaborated with the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) on a study abroad program that explored urban and environmental issues in major cities of Rajasthan, India.

This was the latest in a series of 3-4 week long collaborative programs initiated in 2016, which serve as international and interdisciplinary opportunities to engage students from various backgrounds including Anthropology, Biology, Geography, Political Science, and Urban and Regional Planning. This project conducts field studies where students are exposed to various socio-economic, cultural, environmental, and urban and regional planning scenarios in the fast-growing Indian cities.

The faculty members from IUP and IIT-KGP selected Jaipur and Jaisalmer as two field-trip sites to study contemporary urbanization and sustainability issues, emerging impacts of globalization on the urban fabric of historic cities, and the rapid growth of renewable energy. Local NGOs, city planners, govt. officials from the State Department of Energy, and multi-national energy companies collaborated with the IUP-IIT team to organize field trips and site visits.

In Jaipur, the team explored and compared the traditional urban forms and economic activities within the historic walled city with contemporary forms and activities of the modern parts of fast-growing Jaipur. Sustainability issues in traditional neighborhoods hosting metal-workers, marble-sculptors, and blue-pottery makers were explored from socio-economic and environmental perspectives. In Jaisalmer, the team explored the urban form and economic activities within the historic walled city. The team also conducted an educational trip to the Bhadla Solar Park, located about 90 miles north-east of Jaisalmer, to observe government-initiated solar parks which provide land to foreign companies for renewable energy generation from large photovoltaic arrays.



Field trips in Jaipur: tours of the traditional economic districts – blue pottery, metal works, marble sculpting and others organized by local NGOs and city planners in Jaipur



A field trip to Bhadla Solar Park: lectures and site tours of the solar park organized by Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd., and Fortum Electric Services Company

Nilgiris Field Learning Center

A partnership between Keystone Foundation and Cornell University

Neema Kudva brought her research and practice on collaborative planning and critical pedagogies to help build the [Nilgiris Field Learning Center](#) (NFLC), an innovative model of engaged research, education and practice that provides transformative learning experiences for all participants: community members, students, professionals and researchers who work alongside each other to engage in, give back, and benefit from the work they do at the NFLC. Now in its ninth year, the NFLC brings together Cornell strengths in research and teaching across various disciplines that inform sustainability studies with the Indian NGO, Keystone Foundation's strength, knowledge base and experience built over 30 years of work with indigenous communities in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in southern India. In a recent article "Slow Conservation in the Nilgiris Field Learning Center: an integrative model of education, research and practice" in the journal *Current Conservation*, the original core group of collaborators noted that:

The NFLC is intentionally structured around the expertise and experience of varied groups to bake knowledge pluralism, experience, interdisciplinarity, and diversity into every learning interaction. By bringing global North university students to Kotagiri to live, study and conduct field research with tribal peers from the Nilgiris, we invite and structure cultural collisions that present opportunities for fundamental reflections on what constitutes valid knowledge, the fluidity of cultural norms and the sense of self in community (Wolf, Kudva, Varghese, Willford, Stoltzfus, Nath and Roy, 2019).

In the six years that the NFLC has been operational, 58 students have matriculated from the program, 25 of whom are undergraduates from every undergraduate college at Cornell, and 31 are young people from tribal communities that the partner NGO works with in the Nilgiris. A publication and dissemination program aimed at both an academic and lay audiences is underway, and it starts with student presentations to the communities they work with at the end of every spring semester (SAP 2019 Bulletin, Page 10). At Cornell, participation in the NFLC has stretched faculty research and teaching programs and led about half the students to write undergraduate honors theses. At Kotagiri, participation in the NFLC has led Keystone partners to build training modules, raise funds to support new initiatives and build hard infrastructure. Two community students have enrolled in colleges, and another five have been hired into programs on community radio, barefoot ecology, community led monitoring systems and more, even as most of them continue to live in their home villages as they grow into what will hopefully be positions of leadership. A recent grant focuses on further developing the cross-platform language learning curriculum (the program is bilingual, in Tamil and English) and building a robust mutual mentoring program that will support community students to build bridges with elders in their home communities. The small NFLC program continues to evolve and innovate.



China International Lab, 2019

Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California

The 2019 China Lab in Beijing and Danzhai included 21 students from different programs at USC Price. The consulting team was guided by Professor Antonio Bento to provide a sustainable development strategy for one of the biggest Chinese Corporations, Wanda Group, in a poverty alleviation project they operate in Danzhai, Guizhou Province. In the first week in Beijing, the team visited Novartis China, Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall, Environmental Defense Fund and Renmin University of China to gain a better understanding of Beijing city planning as well as climate initiative and climate corps in China. Then accompanied by Wanda staff, the team made a field trip to Danzhai for a first-hand observation of current operations of Wanda Danzhai Poverty Alleviation Project from the perspective of eco-tourism, social entrepreneurship, local higher education, and cultural preservation. Once in the region, students conducted interviews with residents, local business owners, and tourists to broaden their practical understanding of Wanda's operations, and thereby identifying areas for future improvement.

All the insights acquired from site visits and immersive experience in both Beijing and Danzhai deepened and broadened students' understanding of the issue and culminated in their comprehensive package of recommendations.

In the final presentation, they made a highly professional analysis of the current operation in Danzhai Wanda Village. The dissection gave further recommendations on boosting sustainable development while further advancing Wanda's imperative corporate social responsibility.

In their report, they further elaborated on the recommendations that encompass both the demand and supply side of the Danzhai economy, with proposals for entrepreneurship capacity building, and a community stakeholder dialogue mechanism.



Highlights from Latin America

By Cristina Araujo-Lima

An interdisciplinary training course for around 70 urban planning Ph.D. students was held in May 2018. The course was promoted by the CELFI Educational Center and the National University of Córdoba, Argentina.

The University of Santiago, Chile organized a seminar "Ciudad Y Transporte" in May 2018, coordinated by Prof. Alexandre Carbonnel with local and guest lecturers.

The 10th International Seminar on Urbanism was held in Córdoba in June 2018. It was a successful event bringing together a large number of researchers from all over the world. Among the magna conferences, Dr. Cristina Araujo-Lima made a presentation titled "Curitiba: 50 years since the Model-City to the present metropolitan challenges."



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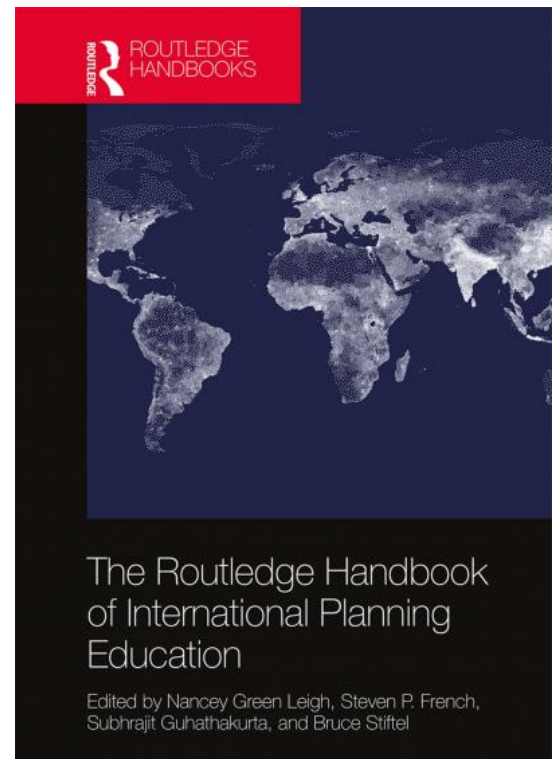
The Routledge Handbook of International Planning Education, 1st Edition

Edited by Nancey Green Leigh, Steven P. French, Subhrajit Guhathakurta, and Bruce Stiftel

The handbook responds to the interest and need for understanding how planning education is developed and delivered in different international contexts.

The forty-one contributors to the handbook write about general planning knowledge, planning skills, traditional and emerging planning specializations, and pedagogy.

In twenty-eight chapters, the authors cover the role of these topics in educating planners, the theory and methods of their subjects, key literature contributions, and course designs.



Richard LeGates, Professor Emeritus of Urban Studies and Planning at San Francisco State University, has completed the manuscript for the 7th edition of *THE CITY READER* which will be published by Routledge in Spring, 2020. He was a keynote speaker at Tsinghua University's Conference on "The Urban-rural Spatial Governance and Planning in Metropolitan Area Land, Housing and Planning Technologies" on 2nd and 3rd November, 2019, and at Renmin University of China's Capital Cities Governance Forum on 17th October, 2019.

Ashok Das of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and Bharat Dahiya of Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand have co-edited the book, [*New Urban Agenda in Asia-Pacific: Governance for Sustainable and Inclusive Cities*](#). It explores significant aspects of the New Urban Agenda in the Asia-Pacific region, and presents, from different contexts and perspectives, innovative interventions for transforming the governance of 21st century cities in two key areas: urban planning and policy; and service delivery and social inclusion. Representing institutions across a wide geography, academic researchers and development practitioners from Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America have authored the chapters that lend the volume its distinctly diverse topical foci. Based on a wide range of cases and intriguing experiences, this collection is a valuable resource for everyone interested in the present and future of cities and urban regions in the Asia-Pacific.

Deden Rukmana, Professor and Chair, Department of Community and Regional Planning, Alabama A&M University, was invited as one of the keynote speakers at the 5th International Conference on Urban Studies: Border, Transportation and Space in Surabaya, Indonesia on October 25-26, 2019. He delivered his presentation titled "Democratization and the Dynamics of Transportation Policies in Jakarta."

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N. E. Ganapati's New NSF Award

Dr. N. Emel Ganapati, former GPEIG co-chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Florida International University, has received a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded research project entitled "A Value-Driven Multi-Sector Stakeholder Decision-Making Framework to Support Disaster Resilient Communities." This is a two-year project that carries an award amount of \$314,000. Dr. Ganapati is the co-PI of the award, along with Dr. Travis Whetsell. Dr. Lu Zhang from Construction Management Department at Florida International University is the PI.

This project provides a framework to solicit multi-sector stakeholder values related to decision-making to improve community disaster resilience. It will help decision-makers prioritize resilience strategies by showing them systematically and quantitatively how much value stakeholders will gain from different strategies. This will lead to higher levels of satisfaction among the stakeholders and enable more collaborative decision making in disaster resilience. It will also help decision-makers better communicate the decisions involved in resilience investments with the public and make these investments more transparent.

The goal of this project is to improve collaborative decision-making towards more resilient communities through an innovative value-driven framework. To this end, the specific objectives are to: (1) identify and understand multi-sector stakeholder value systems on disaster resilience, (2) systematically aggregate the value systems of multi-sector stakeholders while accounting for social influences, (3) measure the value of alternative disaster resilience decisions to multi-sector stakeholders based on their aggregated value priorities, and (4) inform decision-makers on collaborative decision-making in building more resilient communities for wider impact. This research will advance theories and methods in the interdisciplinary disaster literature as well as stakeholder theory with a new paradigm for conceptualizing and measuring the value of resilience decisions to multi-sector stakeholders.

Clara Irazábal, Professor of Planning and Director of the Latinx and Latin American Studies Program at the University of Missouri - Kansas City, has authored or co-authored several articles related to planning in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2019, including "Gating Tegucigalpa, Honduras: The Paradoxical Effects of 'Safer Barrios'" (*Journal of Urban Affairs*), "Políticas de fragmentación vs. prácticas de articulación: limitaciones y retos del barrio como dispositivo de planificación neoliberal en Chile" (*Boletín de la Asociación de Geógrafos Españoles*), "Boom, Burst, and Doom: The Petrochemical Complex of Rio de Janeiro as Catalyzer of Urban-Regional Development" (*Revista Brasileira de Estudos Urbanos e Regionais*), "Grabbed landscapes of pleasure and privilege: Socio-spatial inequities and dispossession in infrastructure planning in Medellín" (*International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*), and "Patrimonio Vivo" (Inter-American Development Bank). In January, Irazábal taught for the 10th consecutive year in the Masters in International Cooperation (part of the Erasmus European Cooperation Program, jointly offered by Germany, Italy, France, and Spain). In June, she was invited to present her work at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in both Moscow and Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Sean Francis Kennedy recently joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urban & Regional Planning. In Fall 2019, he taught a new course titled "International Environmental Planning & Governance." This course examines the environmental pressures affecting and created by cities and urbanization, with an emphasis on regions in the global South. The course is designed for sophomore and junior undergraduate students with interests in areas such as environmental justice, political ecology, community development, and environmental policy and management. The major assignment is a comparative group project in which students draw on case studies to design collaborative planning interventions to address an environmental issue in an international city of their choice.

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Ann Markusen, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, presented the following papers in international conferences: Ann Markusen and Clelio Campolina Diniz, “Culture and Environment: Expanding the International Development Paradigm,” Seminario Iberoamericano de Economía de la Cultura, Valdivia, Chile, December 5-6, 2019; Ann Markusen, “The Roles of Cultural Creativity in Bay Area Metropolises: Lessons from New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle,” Keynote, Conference on Innovation and Regional Development for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Guangzhou, China, December 14-15, 2019.

Dr. Markusen recently published with Anne Gadwa Nicodemus the lead chapter in an international volume on creative placemaking edited by two young planning/geography academics from Ireland and the UK: Ann Markusen and Anne Gadwa Nicodemus, “Creative Placemaking: A Reflection on a 21st Century American Arts Policy Initiative,” In Cara Courage and Anita McKeown, eds., *Creative Placemaking and Beyond*, London: Routledge, 2018.

Diane Davis, Professor of Regional Development and Urbanism in the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the GSD, Harvard University, and until July 2019 chair of the department, has spent the last year working with colleagues and students on questions of urban development in Latin America and elsewhere in the global south. Building on recent work on both transportation (including a recent book co-edited with Alan Altshuler, *Transforming Urban Transport*, Oxford University Press, 2018) and a four year project on housing densification in Mexican cities (funded by INFONAVIT, Mexico’s National Worker Housing Authority), she has given talks or presentations on sustainability, governance, informality, and the housing-transport nexus in London (LSE & Greater London Council, February 2019), Washington DC (World Resources Institute & TRB Conference, January 2019), Fortaleza Brazil (ITDP, July 2019), Helsinki (University of Helsinki Conference, “Spaces of Inclusion, Cities of Justice”), and most recently at the Yale University Hixon Center Conference on Sustainability in 21st Century Cities. Her current publications on these and related topics include: “Reflections on the Politics of Informality: What we know, how we got there, and where we are heading” (*Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2019); “Governing the Smart Mobility Transition;” “Metropolitan Coordination and the Housing-Transport Nexus” (In *Metropolitan Governance in Latin America*. Washington, DC: Inter-American Development Bank, 2019); and “Collective Property Rights and Social Citizenship: Recent Trends in Latin America” (forthcoming in *Social Policy and Society*).

In addition to these articles and presentations, Davis has published the results of several project-based classes she offered at the GSD, all of which include materials or projects by both academic colleagues and students from the GSD. They include: “Rethinking Hermosillo: Planning Strategies and Design Tactics for Metropolitan Development” (Co-edited with Felipe Vera and Andreina Seijas; Published by the Inter-American Development Bank and Harvard’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, 2019) and “Beyond Reconstruction: The Isthmus de Tehuantepec and the 2017 Earthquakes in Mexico” (Co-edited with Lorena Bello Gómez and Enrique Silva Estrada, Harvard Graduate School of Design, 2019).

Davis continues to connect her work on urbanization to questions of urban violence in the global south, and has published the following sets of work: “Reducing Vulnerabilities through Urban Design: Strategies for strengthening resilience in communities at risk” (In *The New Companion to Urban Design* edited by Tridib Banerjee and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, Routledge, 2019.) and “Urban Violence in Latin America: Ethnographic Revelations” (*Latin American Research Review*, 2019). She presented her work on these challenges as a keynoter in a symposium titled “Illicities: Urbanization and Organized Crime” held at the University of Amsterdam in October 2019.

During her sabbatical next spring, Davis will spend three months at the Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City, where she is working on a funded project to explore the community-level views of urban residents on the rule of law in Mexico, and three months as a distinguished visiting scholar at Kings College, Cambridge University, where she is affiliated with the Center for Latin American Studies.

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Meenu Tewari, Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, recently published two co-edited volumes that critically examine, through a series of analytical case studies and commentaries, how global value chains and production networks have become localized in Asia over the last twenty years, and what impact they have had on labor and on the ability of local supplier firms to upgrade. The volumes [*Development with Global Value Chains: Upgrading and Innovation in Asia, 2019*](#) and [*Labor in Global Value Chains in Asia, 2017*](#) were both published by Cambridge University Press. On a related theme, she also published a chapter on “Learning sequences in lower tiers of India’s automotive value chain,” and another on emerging institutional innovations in the monitoring of labor standards in informal segments of labor intensive value chains. In the Spring she organized a conference on “Economic Resilience in a Changing Climate: Tales of Adaptation from Four Indian Cities” in collaboration with the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations in New Delhi. This conference brought to a close a multi-year collaboration with ACCCRN (Rockefeller) and ICRIER on resiliency urbanism. Her current work is on institutional reform in the water sector.

Jay Mittal, Associate Professor at Auburn University, published three book chapters and made three conference presentations on international planning topics in 2019 (see below). He received a Netherlands government fellowship to participate in a short course on “Urban Heritage Strategies” at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Aug 19-30, 2019.

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Sweta Byahut, Associate Professor at Auburn University, will teach a graduate level seminar class on “Planning in Global South” to Auburn University planning students in Spring 2020.

William Siembieda, Professor at California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, won an award from the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management. The award is an honor, given for his continued work to: “build back safer” and to engage in risk mitigation planning through the use of the ASCi model (avoidance, separation, control and integration). This work has been published in *JAPA*, the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Management*, and the *Journal of Disaster Research*. The work uses a “planning lens” to address risk and to inform practice internationally.

CALL FOR IDEAS:

Creating a Bioregional Testbed for Integrative Climate Action (BIOTICA) in US/Mexico Transborder City-Regions

A message from Keith Pezzoli, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, University of California, San Diego.

This is a call for ideas on how to define “bioregion” as a unit of analysis for integrating planning theory, research and climate action. At UC San Diego I direct the [Bioregional Center for Sustainability Science, Planning and Design](#). We are in the early stages of creating a Bioregional Testbed for Integrative Climate Action (BIOTICA) within transboundary city-regions of the US-Mexico border. Bioregionalism is the study of a life place defined by its particular climate, topography, flora, fauna, soil, and water resources, together with the territory’s sociocultural characteristics, economy, and human settlement patterns.

The communities we are working with are interested in climate solutions that create green infrastructures, manage natural resources more effectively and create new jobs. BIOTICA is a response to this interest. BIOTICA’s vision, mission and agenda will evolve with input from researchers, communities and residents working together, especially in disadvantaged communities most impacted by climate disruption. BIOTICA aims to innovate the use of GIS, digital twin and science gateway technology. By integrating physical, cyber and civic infrastructures, we aim to build capacity to measure, analyze, map, understand and optimize climate-wise land use planning and development that couples human and natural systems in how we build, work and dwell together within the configuration of cities, towns, natural and working lands constituting particular bioregions.

From a bioregional perspective, the prospect of cities to achieve climate friendly, resilient, ecologically regenerative and equitable economic development is linked to rural conditions, opportunities and constraints, unfolding in nearby towns, natural and working lands (and waters). This urban-rural continuum perspective is now an integral part of the UN’s 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and New Urban Agenda.

This blurb is submitted in hopes of getting ideas from anyone who has worked on operationalizing a bioregional frame of reference for dealing with the climate crisis – especially along the US-Mexico border; but really in any transboundary context worldwide where city-regions span an international border, sharing economic and cultural relations as well as watersheds and vital ecosystem tied to food, water and energy provisioning.

If you have any ideas or lessons learned along such lines please send them to me at kpezzoli@ucsd.edu. If I get responses, I will compile them and share back via the GPEIG co-chairs.

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