

PRESENTERS in order of speaking, with short description	BIOGRAPHY
<p>SESSION 1</p> <p>Sonia DE GREGORIO HURTADO, postdoctoral researcher at the Polytechnic University, Madrid (Spain)</p>	<p>Sonia de Gregorio is a qualified architect and PhD with special "European Doctor" designation. Sonia has developed a professional activity as practitioner in architecture and urban planning in Europe, North Africa, Asia and Center America, in Chapman Taylor Architects and L35, and a sustained research activity in CEDEX (Ministry of Public Works). She has been lecturer in UPM and visitor researcher in the European Institute for Urban Affairs (Liverpool) and in the Boku University (Vienna). At the moment she is postdoctoral researcher in UPM. Her main research interests are urban policies (Spain and EU), urban governance and gender issues.</p>
<p>SESSION 2</p> <p>Fernando MURILLO, from IDUS - Interdesign for Sustainable Urban Development, Center for Habitat and Municipalities, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism, University of Buenos Aires</p> <p>Arthur ACHESON, Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture and the Built Environment for Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Fernando Murillo is an Architect with a Master degree in urban and regional planning and a PhD in architecture and urbanism. Consultant for several UN agencies (UNRWA; UNHCR, UN Habitat, etc) in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, specialized in developing urban and regional plans in the context of humanitarian disasters and support for low income communities. Director of a research program at the University of Buenos Aires, focus in developing tools and approaches to tackle down habitat problems priorities for the global south. Based at IDUS -Interdesign for sustainable urban development, Center for Habitat and Municipalities, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism, University of Buenos Aires.</p> <p>Arthur Acheson is an architect and civic planner with over forty years' experience in education and practice in Europe, North America and Australia. He currently chairs the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture and the Built Environment for Northern Ireland and has his own architectural and planning practice. He is the author of the report "Civic Stewardship.....doing more with what we've got", November 2013, which is freely available at http://www.dcalni.gov.uk/civic_stewardship_symposium_-_interim_report_-_final.pdf</p>
<p>SESSION 3</p> <p>Erik LEES, Lees & Associates, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada</p>	<p>Erik Lees, MBCSLA, CSLA, RPP, CIP is a Registered Landscape Architect and Registered Professional Planner with 35 years of experience in parks, trails, and natural heritage planning, design, and management – including 20 years in Parks Management and Administration. With clients from coast to coast to coast across Canada as well as in the US and in Africa, Erik is committed to enhancing health and sustainability by creating inclusive project processes that reflect local culture and transfer knowledge to local communities.</p>

Katy AMON, Lees & Associates, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Katy Amon, BA, MLA, BCSLA has led or contributed to many parks and recreation planning and design projects including master plans, trail design and construction, feasibility studies and land use management strategies including the award winning City of Toronto Natural Environment Trails Strategy. Katy was awarded an American Society of Landscape Architecture Student Honour Award in the Research Category for her thesis in which she developed a methodology for integrating ecosystem planning and active transportation into public rights of way.

Adam BECK, Vice President of Programs at EcoDistricts, in Portland, Oregon

Adam Beck is Vice President of Programs at EcoDistricts, in Portland, Oregon. He specializes in developing market-based sustainability tools and appraisal systems for built environment projects. Adam was previously Executive Director at the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) and 'chief architect' of the Green Star – Communities rating tool. Adam was an Associate at global consulting firm Arup for almost a decade, and spent four years as lecturer in social impact assessment and community engagement at the University of Queensland.

SESSION 4

Dorit GARFUNKEL, PhD student in planning, under the supervision of Prof. Rachelle Alterman, Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

Dorit Garfunkel holds degrees in history, law and planning. Until recently she was a practicing lawyer specializing in planning, municipal and property law. Currently she is a PhD student in planning, under the supervision of Prof. Rachelle Alterman, Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. Dissertation subject: Towers vs. the City - High-Rise Condominiums, Property Law and Urban Governance: Comparative analysis of the legal field that shapes the "City of Towers".

Michelle OREN, environmental planning consultant and a PhD candidate at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in the Urban Planning Program

Michelle Oren is an environmental planning consultant and a PhD candidate at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in the Urban Planning Program. She holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Technion and a Bachelor in Political Sciences and Environmental Studies from the University of Haifa. Born in Israel, Ms. Oren spent her childhood years in Bogota, Colombia. In 2012 she worked as an Intern at UN-Habitat in Nairobi for the policy analysis branch. Her major interests are housing rights, urban development and comparative research methods. She has recently published a co-authored chapter in the book Contemporary Housing Issues in a Globalized World edited by Padraic Kenna.

SESSION 5

Greg MORROW, city planner, architect, urban designer and Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary

Greg Morrow is a city planner, architect, urban designer and Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary. His research focuses on the historical, regulatory, and cultural determinants of land use, urban development, and city form. This current research focuses on the economic, political, and zoning barriers to urban intensification, particularly as it relates to transit-oriented development. He is also working on a pan-Canadian study of secondary suites.

Beverly A. SANDALACK, Professor and Associate Dean (Academic) in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary

Beverly A. Sandalack PhD, MLandArch, FCSLA, MCIP, RPP is a registered landscape architect and planner, and is specialized in urban design and open space planning. She is currently a Professor and Associate Dean (Academic) in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary. Bev has over twenty years of professional experience with several prominent private sector firms in Winnipeg and Calgary, as founding principal of Sandalack + Associates, and since 1999 as Research Leader of the Urban Lab at the University of Calgary.

Francisco ALANIZ URIBE, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary and a Research Associate with the EVDS Urban Lab

Francisco G. Alariz Uribe BScArch, MPDU, MEdes (Urban Design), MCIP, RPP is a registered architect in Mexico and a registered professional planner in Alberta. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary and a Research Associate with the EVDS Urban Lab. With the Urban Lab and as a consultant, he has participated in several campus planning, downtown revitalization, open space planning, and urban planning projects in towns and cities in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan

SESSION 6

Rojan MOHAMMADI, Development Officer Plans Examiner at the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta.

Rojan Mohammadi is Development Officer Plans Examiner at the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta. She earned her Master and bachelor in Environmental Studies in Planning from University of Waterloo. Her master research was conducted in Iraqi Kurdistan in the City of Erbil, exploring social and economic impacts of bazaar relocation on the local merchants. She is a recipient of a 2013 International Experience Award from University of Waterloo.

Co-authors Laurel Johnson and Luna Khirfan

Laura C. Johnson, PhD, MCIP, RPP, is a Professor of Planning at University of Waterloo School of Planning. She is currently conducting a longitudinal survey tracking the displacement and resettlement experiences of the first phase of Regent Park tenants during the redevelopment of that public housing project in downtown Toronto. She teaches housing, neighborhood and community planning, and social research methods.

Shashi TINDWANI, Junior town Planner at Gujarat infrastructure Development Board, Gujarat, India

Shashi Tindwani, architect and urban planner, Bachelors in Architecture 2005-2010., is a Junior town Planner at Gujarat infrastructure Development Board, Gujarat (India) who has also Worked with the Centre for Research, Development & Consultancy at CEPT University in Gujarat as Project Associate on studies of (1) Inclusive Heritage-Based City Development Program – Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (2) Revised City Development Plan 2020 – Vizag, Andhra Pradesh (3) Preparation of Structure Plan- Kalpasar, Gujarat Education Masters of Urban Planning, 2010 – 2012

SESSION 7

Suryakant VERMA, Assistant Town Planner, Town Planning Department Government of Rajasthan, India

Célida I. GÓMEZ GÁMEZ, teacher and researcher at Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

Suryakant Verma is an architect & urban planner, currently Assistant Town Planner, Town Planning Department Government of Rajasthan (India). Has also worked with the Centre for Research, Development & Consultancy at CEPT University, Gujarat, (India as Project Associate and Junior Town Planner at HCPDPM Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, Gujarat, since 2009, working on (1). Inclusive Heritage-Based City Development Program – Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh; (2) Comprehensive Development Plan (India); (3) Inventory of Environmental Features in Greater Mumbai; (4) Action Plan for Heritage Conservation and Environment Improvement - Erangal Precinct (India); (5) Recreational and Tourism Plan Manori, Gorai and Uttan, Mumbai. Education: Masters of Urban and Regional Planning, 2007 – 2009, Bachelors in Architecture 2002-2007

Célida Gómez is a Mexican architect, with an MSc in urban planning and a PhD in urban design from Oxford Brookes University in England. She is a full time teacher and researcher at Universidad Iberoamericana (Iberoamericana University); Mexico City. Her PhD work on developing urban regeneration strategies for historic centres, considering an inclusion approach towards vulnerable groups such as children and young adults, has been seminal to the work developed in the recent years. In the public sector leading the development and improvement of open spaces at SEDEUR (a state development agency), in the private sector introducing open space strategies in the housing sector at GEO (a large housing developer) and nowadays as a teacher and researcher at IBERO University in Mexico City fostering cities for people.

SESSION 8

Saba HAIE

Sorensen Gravely Lowes Planning Associates Inc. and BA Group

Nathan MAROM, Marie Curie Fellow and postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Technion, Israel.

Saba Haie studied urban planning at York University, Ontario. He has a diverse skill set in public consultation, master planning and development approvals. Having lived in diverse urban settings such as Portugal, Czech Republic, India and Israel, he has seen firsthand the effects of globalization and rapid urbanization. This experience led him, both in his studies and his work, to consider how complex multi-disciplinary problems are being addressed to enable a more socially just city.

Nathan Marom is Marie Curie Fellow and postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Technion, Israel. His current research analyzes city visions and strategies in relation to socio-spatial divisions in cities in India and South Africa. He has a PhD in sociology (Tel Aviv University) and MSc in Urban Development Planning (University College London). He has published in several urban research and planning journals, and the monograph “City of Concept: Planning Tel Aviv”.

SESSION 9

Kojo FORDJOUR, Founder, Ghana Environmental and Community Development Foundation and Environmental Manager, Washington State Ferries, Seattle, Washington, USA

Silvia PEREZ BOU, architect specialising in interior design and urban planner studying public participation processes, Madrid, Spain

Kojo Fordjour is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has an MSc in Environmental and Parks and Recreation Resources Management and a BSc in Environmental Studies with 30 years of experience in environmental and community development. His articles in INTERPLAN include: "The State of Town Planning in Ghana" and "The Uses of Trees to Modify Urban Micro-climate in Hot-humid West Africa". He also served in the APA-ID International Exchange Task Force. Organization: Founder, Ghana Environmental and Community Development Foundation Environmental Manager, Washington State Ferries, Seattle, Washington, APA-Washington Chapter and International Division provided funding for the project.

Silvia Pérez Bou has a Master's degree in Transport, Land and Urbanism and is a PhD Candidate in Civil Engineering and Urbanism at the Polytechnic University of Valencia (Spain). She works as an architect in Madrid (Spain), specialising in interior design. As an urban planner, she is studying public participation processes, especially in urban regeneration. Sustainability and the use of TIC are two of her interests.

SESSION 10

Laurel JOHNSON, consultant and member of academic staff in the planning program at the University of Queensland

Laurel Johnson is the Director of a consultancy business that offers transport, social, community and land use planning and community engagement and strategy development services to Government and the private development industry. She recently joined the academic staff in the planning program at the University of Queensland. Laurel's research interests are resident activism in urban planning and power in planning

Sonia ROITMAN, academic in the planning program in the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management at the University of Queensland, Australia

Dr Sonia Roitman is an academic in the planning program in the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management at the University of Queensland, Australia. She has lived and worked in Argentina, United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico and Uganda. Her contributions to the field of development planning and urban sociology include influential research on housing policies; gated communities; urban segregation and social exclusion; urban planning, edge cities and growth; international development and poverty alleviation policies.

<p>Victoria OKOYE, Independent Consultant Founder and Editor of African Urbanism (africanurbanism.net)</p>	<p>Victoria Okoye is a community planner and communications specialist working in Accra, Ghana. She has worked at urban, rural and regional contexts of planning, including water and sanitation, land use and urban transport, economic development, cultural mapping/tourism and public spaces/placemaking. She is the founder of African Urbanism, an online space documenting dynamic aspects of West Africa's urban development and an offline initiative to engage communities in planning improvements. Victoria has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri and master's degrees in Urban Planning and International Affairs from Columbia University.</p>
<p>SESSION 11 Francois WÜST, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape Provincial Government programme</p>	<p>Francois Wüst is the RSEP/VPUU Programme Manager within the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning of the Western Cape Provincial Government. Francois is a registered Professional Planner (A/1033/1998) and holds his Masters Degree in planning at the University of Stellenbosch. He has 25 years' planning experience, including experience at municipal and provincial level, and he has 10 years private sector experience, and is constantly seeking new and innovate approaches towards finding multi-sectoral planning solutions.</p>
<p>Michael KRAUSE, team leader of the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU)</p>	<p>Michael Krause is the team leader of the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU) programme, a project run collaboratively by the City of Cape Town, the German Development Bank, the Province of the Western Cape, the South African Treasury and the Khayelitsha Development Forum (KDF). Michael Krause holds, amongst others, a Masters Degree in Spatial Planning and Urban Design from the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.</p>
<p>Rebecca RETZLAFF, Associate Professor in the Auburn University Community Planning Program</p>	<p>Rebecca Retzlaff, Ph.D. is an associate professor in the Auburn University Community Planning Program. Her research focuses on land use and historic preservation planning</p>
<p>Jay MITTAL, Assistant Professor in the Auburn University Community Planning Program</p>	<p>Jay Mittal, MBA, Ph.D. is an assistant professor in the Auburn University Community Planning Program whose research focuses on real estate development.</p>
<p>Sweta BYAHUT, Assistant professor in the Auburn University Community Planning Program</p>	<p>Sweta Byahut, Ph.D. is an assistant professor in the Auburn University Community Planning Program whose research focuses on land use planning and sustainability.</p>

SESSION 12

Luis Alfonso SALTOS ESPINOZA, architect and Urban and Regional Planner with CityUrb consultants

Ecuadorian, Architect, and Urban and Regional Planner. Worked in the Municipality of Guayaquil in the Direction of Urban Planning and collaborating in projects of urban and architectural planning; moved to Buenos Aires to start Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, where he did internships in the government of the City of Buenos Aires. In Ecuador began developing social activities with urban approaches in conjunction with various social organizations. Now with CityUrb Consulting Firm

SESSION 13

Greg ZWICKER, WSP Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Greg Zwicker, MCIP works at WSP Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Greg has over 13 years of professional planning experience, and specializes in project management and public engagement. Greg's experience has involved the management of a wide range of multi-disciplinary projects and he prides himself on delivering a quality project on time and within budget. His strength lies in communication and understanding the deliverable and who within the team is needed to deliver on the required outcomes.

Kourosh RAD, WSP Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Kourosh Rad, MCIP works at WSP Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Learning English as a second language has helped Kourosh understand the complexities and challenges of expressing one's views and ideas. This has encouraged him to become familiar with alternative and creative communication methods. Kourosh has been able to use his experience in getting people involved in public consultation and providing a comfortable setting for people to share their opinion. Kourosh has helped shape a platform for Tactical Community Engagement.

Sebastián SALAZAR, City Planner with the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Sebastián Salazar, MCIP works at the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick. One of his passions within the profession of urbanism lies in transmitting the benefits that can be obtained by creating built environments with a great sense of place. The ways in which he does that— asking the right questions, showing images, telling a story—allows people to dream and shape their needs and aspirations into a common vision, and it is that exercise where creativity and participation come together make him feel fortunate to be a planner.

Shannon CLARKE, Capital Regional District, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Shannon Clarke completed her Master's in Public Health at the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada), School of Public Health & Social Policy, in August 2014. She works at the Capital Regional District (CRD) in Victoria, and her passion is building healthy communities by merging the fields of planning and public health. Health equity is her primary focus area, and she hopes to share her knowledge and demonstrate the essential link between equitable societies and sustainable societies.