



# RE-IMAGINING CITIES

## URBAN DESIGN AFTER THE AGE OF OIL

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOVEMBER 6-8 2008

This ground-breaking symposium has been organized to address the role of urban design in the face of one of the most profound and important challenges facing global society: the need to re-imagine and rethink how cities are designed and organized in a future without the plentiful and abundant oil upon which prosperous urban economies have been built.

The event marks the 50th Anniversary of the 1958 University of Pennsylvania/Rockefeller Foundation "Conference on Urban Design Criticism," whose participants included Jane Jacobs, Louis Kahn, Kevin Lynch, Ian McHarg, Lewis Mumford, and I.M. Pei. That historic conference helped shape the new field of urban design in the 20th Century. Now, we hope you will participate in this critical exploration of new directions for 21st Century urban design.

Speakers include

**Peter Head**, Global Leader of Planning and Project Director of Eco-City Master Planning, Arup; Commissioner, London Sustainable Development Commission

**Saleem Huq**, Head, Climate Change Group, International Institute of Energy and Development

**Elizabeth Kolbert**, staff writer, *The New Yorker*

**David Orr**, Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Oberlin College

**Robert Socolow**, Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Co-Director, The Carbon Mitigation Initiative, Princeton University

**Marilyn Jordan Taylor**, Partner in Charge of Urban Design and Planning, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP; incoming Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Design

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## **Re-Imagining Cities: Urban Design After the Age of Oil**

November 7-8, 2008 at the University of Pennsylvania

Join us for a groundbreaking symposium on how urban designers and public and private decision-makers are re-imagining our cities in the face of costly energy and global warming. More than 70 scholars and practitioners drawn from around the world will discuss how to achieve the new sustainable urban world we all seek. An associated interactive exhibit will open in the Lower Gallery, Meyerson Hall in conjunction with the symposium. **Space is limited, REGISTER NOW** at [www.upenn.edu/penniur/afteroil](http://www.upenn.edu/penniur/afteroil).

Among the speakers are:

- **Samuel Babatunde Agbola**, Professor of Urban & Regional Planning University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
- **Carolina Barco Isakson**, Ambassador of Colombia to the United States; former director of planning for the city of Bogotá
- **Timothy Beatley**, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, University of Virginia School of Architecture; author of *Green Urbanism: Learning from European Cities*
- **Sudeshna Chatterjee**, Principal, Kaimal, Chatterjee Associates, New Delhi
- **Manny Diaz**, Mayor, City of Miami; President, U.S. Conference of Mayors (invited)
- **Jack Dangermond**, President, Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI);
- **John Fregonese**, Principal, Fregonese Associates
- **Paul Goldberger**, Architecture Critic, *The New Yorker*
- **Peter Head**, Global Leader of Planning and Project Director of Eco-City Master Planning, Arup; Commissioner, London Sustainable Development Commission
- **Saleem Huq**, Head, Climate Change Group, International Institute of Energy and Development; lead author on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- **Wu Jiang**, Deputy Director General, Shanghai Urban Planning Administration Bureau
- **Stephen Kieran**, Principal, Kieran Timberlake Associates LLP; designer of the Cellophane House on exhibit at MOMA
- **Elizabeth Kolbert**, Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*
- **Dinesh Mohan**, Henry Ford Professor of Transportation Safety at Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Programme, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- **David Orr**, Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Oberlin College; author of *Design on the Edge: The Making of a High Performance Building*
- **Rodrigo Pérez de Arce**, Professor of Architecture, Design and Urban Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
- **Marilyn Jordan Taylor**, Partner-in-Charge, Urban Design and Planning at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP; the incoming Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Design
- **Andrew Revkin**, Reporter, *The New York Times*; author of NYT's blog, *Dot*

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- **Witold Rybczynski** , Architecture Critic, *Slate.com*; author of *City Life: Urban Expectations in a New World* and *Last Harvest: How A Cornfield Became New Daleville*
- **Robert Socolow**, Co-director, Princeton University's Carbon Mitigation Initiative; author of the *Science* article, "Stabilization Wedges: Solving the Climate Problem for the Next 50 Years with Current Technologies"
- **Alexandros Washburn**, Chief Urban Designer, NYC Department of City Planning
- **Richard Saul Wurman**, Chairman, 19.20.21.; founder, TED

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