

## URBAN PLANNING NEWSLETTER JANUARY 25, 2019

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### URBAN SPRING 2019 - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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### URBAN PLANNING BOOK CLUB



The APA Student Representative Committee invites students to join the newly-created Urban Planning Book Club. The first book to be discussed is Edward Glaeser's *Triumph of the City*, a seminal text making the case for the city's importance and splendor as humanity's greatest creation... and our best hope for the future.

The group's inaugural meeting will be announced in the coming weeks. Refreshments will be served.

### STUDENT/ALUMNI NEWS

**Guilherme Rocha Formicki (MSUP '19)** recently had his paper "Power Imbalances in Favela-upgrading Practices in São Paulo, Brazil" published in the *Berkeley Planning Journal*. The paper explores the power dynamics that he has witnessed and studied in the upgrading of Favela do Sapé, in São Paulo. His conclusion is that favela-upgrading interventions are ways in which the São Paulo city government attempts to shift the power structure of these vulnerable settlements. [More info](#)

**Tara Heidger (MSUP / SIPA MIA '19)** recently gave a TED-style talk to a crowd of over 400 attendees based on her urban planning master's thesis. The title of the talk was "From Displacement to Resettlement; Life after conflict" which discussed refugee resettlement in post-conflict Rwanda. In 2017, Tara was selected as a Pat Tillman Foundation Scholar for her military service, strength in character, and academic excellence. The Foundation, which hosted the lecture, helped fund Tara's thesis fieldwork in Rwanda. [More info](#)

Tara also had a Letter to the Editor published this past week in the *Wall Street Journal*. Her piece was in response to a recent article which argued that women do not belong in military combat. [More info](#)

### COMPETITIONS AND PAPERS

**APA Transportation Planning Division Student Paper Competition, Application Deadline: February 1st, 2019**  
The Transportation Planning Division is looking for outstanding student papers on current transportation planning or policy issues. The purpose is to recognize and reward work completed for courses in PAB-accredited graduate planning programs. Cash prizes will be given to the top three papers. Interested students must submit their papers to Margaret by 5pm on Wednesday, January 30th. [More info](#)

**Student Research Conference on Asia and the Environment, Application Deadline: February 1st, 2019**  
Vassar College is pleased to announce its first Student Research Conferences on Asia and the Environment. Graduate students engaged in research related to Asia and the environment are invited to submit posters and papers for presentation at this conference. [More info](#)

### FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Ju Hwa Jung

**Where are you from?**

Busan, South Korea

**What and where did you study previously?**

MBA at KDI School of Public Policy and Management

**Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?**

I decided to study at Columbia because of its academic reputation and location in NYC.

**What is your interest within the urban planning field?**

I'm planning to focus on housing affordability and equality.

**If you could pick up a new skill in an instant what would it be?**

I would become a GIS and design expert.

**Been anywhere recently for the first time?**

I traveled to California and western Canada before moving to New York. It was a wonderful experience!

**If you were famous, what would you be famous for?**

I would like to be a renowned academic researcher and policymaker in the housing field.

### SECOND-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Yu Chen

**Where are you from?**

Beijing, China

**What and where did you study for your undergraduate?**

I completed a five-year Urban Planning degree in Beijing.

**Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?**

Columbia University is known for its amazing academics and is located in New York City, which is one of the largest and most exciting cities in the world.

**What has been your favorite urban planning class so far and why?**

The planning studio, which is a required course for first-year students. You choose the project that meets your interests and then conduct a comprehensive analysis of the topic. I liked the balance of teamwork (in decision-making processes) and individual tasks (such as surveys and interviews). Plus you can travel to the site to conduct fieldwork.

**What is your interest within the urban planning field?**

Community and Economic Planning

**What is one advice that you have for the first-years?**

Don't be afraid to ask for help when you have any trouble. If you're an international student, DO NOT use Google Translate to do readings.

### NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Young Professionals in Transportation - Game Night, January 26th, The Sackett (661 Sackett St, Brooklyn)**  
The Greater New York City chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT-NYC) is hosting its annual Game Night at The Sackett (661 Sackett St, Brooklyn) from 3-6pm. YPT is an international nonprofit coalition of organizations, which provides professional development, fellowship, and networking opportunities for young professionals in the transportation field. YPT memberships are free for students, and members have access to exclusive summer tour opportunities. [More info](#)

**Buromoscow, January 28th, Wood Auditorium**  
Practicing architecture is never art or technology alone. The profession is deeply involved with politics and economics. Using examples of their projects, Julia Burdova and Olga Aleksakova from Buromoscow will tell a story of urban change in post-soviet Russia. In almost 30 years of transition, it morphed from socialist model into another one, neither Western nor Asian. Working in these conditions makes one reflect on how built environment changes and shapes people and vice versa.

Buromoscow is one of Moscow's leading architecture firms, mostly known for changing the face of prefabricated mass housing and creating popular public spaces such as Triumfalnaya Square and kindergarten at Varshavskoye 141. [More info](#)

**AIANY Women in Architecture Committee - Speed Mentoring, January 30th, Center for Architecture**  
This event is one of WIA's core programs, providing networking opportunities for women architects and facilitating interaction across multiple professional levels. Participants are encouraged to offer advice, share experiences, and discuss career goals. This event is structured so that each attendee will meet with professionals of all levels in small groups for informal discussions. \$20.00 Student Tickets. [More info](#)

**Inside Out/Outside In: Second Nature in Japanese Architecture, January 31st, Japan Society**  
In our climate-shifting world, the traditional Japanese notion of mediating between interior and exterior has re-emerged as an essential concern for contemporary architects. Rome Prize-winning architects Rachely Rotem and Phu Hoang, of architectural firm MODU, explore this dynamic in their own weather-centric projects. At this talk, they will reveal their discoveries, from their own first-hand experience of climate change to their interviews with five generations of Japanese architects including Kengo Kuma, Fumihiko Maki and Ryue Nishizawa. \$12.00 Student Tickets. [More info](#)

**Ambiguous Territory: Architecture, Landscape and the PostNatural, Ends February 7th, Pratt Manhattan Gallery**  
This exhibition assembles more than forty contemporary artists and designers whose work challenges the relationship between the built and the natural environment in the Anthropocene, a new epoch where humans have been displaced from a place of privilege and traditional distinctions between nature and culture have eroded. Free and open to the public. [More info](#)

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