Dear GSAPP Family,

I hope this letter finds you well, healthy, and as busy as ever. As we move through the week, we look towards the second half of our 2020-21 academic year, now more than halfway done. This past year has undoubtedly left its mark on us all, and the architecture and planning community. The last few months have been a time of reflection, resilience, and reflection. While the studio schedule has come to a temporary halt, we continue to connect with our students and faculty, offering them the opportunity to present their work and thoughts.

As our students and faculty have been part of the conversation at GSAPP, they have been addressing different topics and issues ranging from urban planning and preservation to real estate development and sustainability. These discussions not only reflect the current state of our profession but also provide insights into future trends and solutions. The essays are evidence of a commitment to deepening our understanding of these issues and advancing our professional practice.

In this week's TUESDAY TALKS WITH ALUMNI program, we had the pleasure of hosting a conversation between Linda Whybark Lock and Margaret Hodge, who shared their thoughts on leadership and the role of planners in shaping cities. Their insights were invaluable and highlighted the importance of collaboration and leadership in today's rapidly changing urban landscape.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who presented their work during the Core II Studios. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have managed to produce something different and new. The student work that was presented was a testament to the remarkable talent that surrounds it professionally in New York and beyond. It is heartening to see how our students are navigating this unprecedented time and maintaining their commitment to their craft.

I wish everyone a productive and healthy week ahead.

Sincerely,

Bryony Roberts
Director