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WHO ARE WE?

We are urban professionals, educators and researchers from diverse disciplines including architecture, planning, urban design, graphic design, health and medicine. We share common passions. We are at WUF to promote a dialogue about equitable cities, to share our experience in education and practice. We are looking for new synergies, new ideas, new partners, and new ways of learning and doing. Please browse our websites and send us an email if you would like to speak to us at the booth.

ABOUT US

Global Studio – CSUD, Columbia University, New York

Global Studio is a design and action research educational program formerly at the University of Sydney, now located in the Center for Sustainable Urban Development in the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Since the inception of Global Studio in 2005, over 600 students, academics, and professionals from over 30 countries, 66 universities and 11 design and related disciplines have come together with local universities, government, NGOs, and CBOs to collaborate with disadvantaged communities to develop participatory approaches and solutions – in Istanbul, Vancouver, Johannesburg and Bhopal. In Johannesburg, Sticky Situations (*http://www.stickysituations.org*) engages in on-going work. Global Studio grew out of the work of the 2002-04 UN Millennium Project Task Force on Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers. Global Studio encourages action research by urban professionals that includes effective consultation, and the incorporation of local knowledge, community needs and aspirations. Global Studio is an associate partner in the UN Habitat World Urban Campaign.

Some relevant articles are available as free downloads through May 31: Rubbo, A. 'Towards equality, social inclusion and human development in design education: the case of Global Studio 2005 - 2008", Vol. 15, No. 1. and Stickells, L. "The Right to the City: Rethinking Architecture's Social Significance", Vol. 16. No. 3. Google the journal *Architectural Theory Review* to download these publications.

Learn more about Global Studio: ***www.theglobalstudio.com***

The exhibition, **People Building Better Cities: Participation and Inclusive Urbanization**, grew out of the work of Global Studio. It traveled to eight countries (Thailand, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, Kenya, India, China, USA) and 12 cities in 2013 to exchange knowledge, build networks, and promote a dialogue on the challenges of inclusive and equitable urbanization. PBBC addresses climate change, health, and public participation in the design and planning of cities. Associated events in each city – talks, panel discussions, workshops, studios - localized the exhibition content. The Resource Platform makes available books, articles, talks, and films as well useful websites and organizations. Contribute your resources on the PBBC website.

The PBBC exhibition is available in English, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Chinese and Hindi.

Learn more about PBBC: ***http://peoplebuildingbettercities.org***

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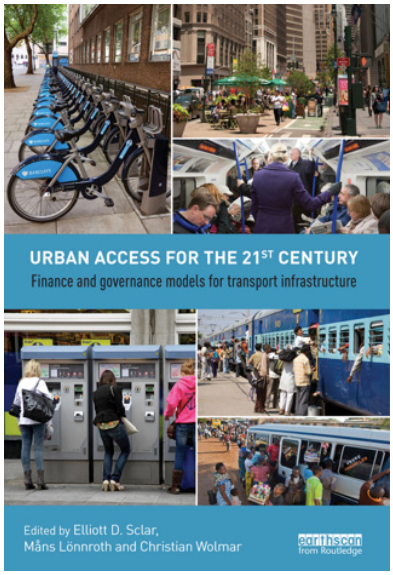
The **Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD)** in the Earth Institute at Columbia University was launched in 2005 with support from the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations (VREF)'s Future Urban Transport (FUT), CSUD has sought to understand the complexity of interactions between land use and transport through research and education, including student and professional training in the Nairobi Metropolitan Region, Kenya. Recent publications include Sclar, Lonnroth and Wolmar *Urban Access for the 21st Century: Finance and Governance Models for Transport Infrastructure*, Routledge, 2014, to be launched on Friday April 11, 8.30-10.30 in the WUF7 Urban Reading Room.



Learn more about CSUD: ***www.csud.ei.columbia.edu***

UNU International Institute of Global Health (UNU-IIGH), United Nations University, Kuala Lumpur
UNU-IIGH is a branch of United Nations University, a global think tank aimed at serving the needs of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States. We seek to undertake research, capacity development, and dissemination of knowledge related to key issues of human health.

Few forces in today's world affect health and wellbeing as comprehensively as urbanization. Cities are the predominant influence on human lives and affect nearly all other aspects of sustainable development. The coming decades, during which we will more than double the urban footprint of humanity, represent a precarious phase, because the decisions we make in managing this unprecedented growth will affect our ability to achieve all development goals.

Accordingly, we are co-sponsoring the new International Council for Science (ICSU) Program 'Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment – a Systems Analysis Approach', which will apply systems approaches to understanding and resolving complex urban science and policy questions that affect health and wellbeing. This will require integrative solutions and the co-production of knowledge with a diversity of stakeholders – major changes in how the scientific community approaches urban problems. Underlying these approaches is a renewed recognition of the essentiality of local knowledge and equity – health and wellbeing for all.

Learn more about UNU-IIGH: ***http://iigh.unu.edu***

Learn more about the ICSU Program on Urban Health and Wellbeing:
http://www.icsu.org/what-we-do/interdisciplinary-bodies/health-and-wellbeing-in-the-changing-urban-environment

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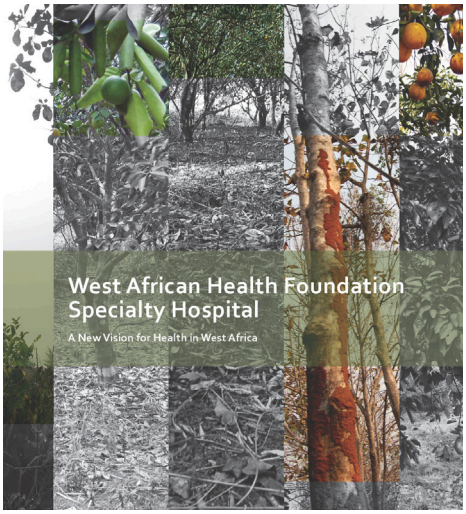
The Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation Urban Design Program (GSAPP UDP), the Millennium Cities Initiative (MCI) and the Urban Design Lab (UDL), Columbia University, New York

The **Urban Design Program** is committed to preparing professionals to serve BOTH top and bottom fifty-percent of the planet. The program has worked in under-served communities around the world, demonstrating the value in in-situ, incremental and people-lead development, underlining everyone's "Right to the City". The pedagogy moves between recent theoretical debate on future urbanism, and applied projects that engage the realities of the transformations of the post-industrial city. Recent work with our partner MCI and UDL includes the project and publication of *Re-Envisioning Health in Kumasi: Spatial Strategies* (2014) *to* to be launched with *West African Health Foundation Specialty Hospital: A New Vision for Health in West Africa* (2014), on Friday April 11, 8.30-10.30 in the WUF Urban Reading Room.



Learn more about the Urban Design Program:
http://www.arch.columbia.edu/programs/urban-design

The **Urban Design Lab at the Earth Institute, Columbia University (UDL)**, was founded in 2005 to deploy a comprehensive, design-based approach to the future of sustainable urbanism. UDL's multidisciplinary approach cuts across all of the Earth Institute's cross-cutting themes, including climate and society, water, energy, poverty, ecosystems, global health, food, ecology and nutrition, and environmental risks. Over the years the UDL has applied its methodologies to under-served communities in Ghana, Brazil, Jamaica, China, India and South America.

Learn more about the Urban Design Lab:
http://www.urbandesignlab.columbia.edu

The **Millennium Cities Initiative** was founded in 2006 by Earth Institute Director and renowned development economist Jeffrey D. Sachs as an outgrowth of the United Nations Millennium Project. MCI's mission is to help under-resourced cities across sub-Saharan Africa complete an urban transformation - one essential to attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These Goals are aimed at halving extreme poverty and creating the conditions for sustainable economic development. MCI has worked in 11 Millennium Cities in Africa to identify needs and to develop strategies in the sectors of health, education, water/sanitation, gender and urban infrastructure.

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Learn more about the Millennium Cities Initiative: ***http://mci.ei.columbia.edu***

Urban Design Lab, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Medellin
The Urban Design Lab of the Faculty of Architecture is a final year design studio of the 5-year professional program. The lab focuses on real places and problems to build knowledge on designing the city of the future. We focus on the center/periphery relationship as a scenario with immense possibilities to build a more inclusive and equitable city, with new opportunities for economic development of its communities, better adapted to its geography, more sustainable and resilient. We explore models for more equitable communities. The lab presents spatial solutions to achieve high quality urban environments for a better society, and a more globally competitive city. This year it initiated an international collaboration with the Columbia University Urban Design Program in New York to focus on *corregimiento* of San Cristobal in the central western part of Medellin. Our work is of great interest to the city administration, and has engaged the local community.

Learn more about the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana:
http://www.upb.edu.co/portal/page?_pageid=954,1&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

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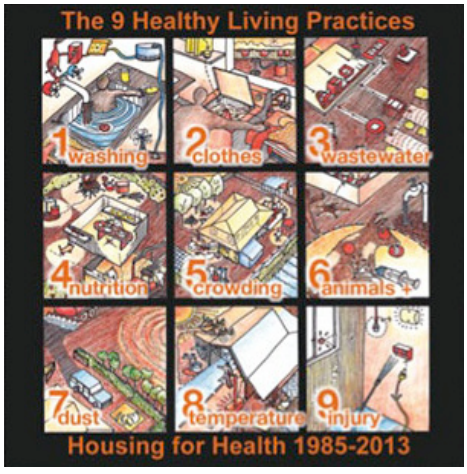
Healthabitat, Sydney
Whether you live in an urban, rural or remote location, a poor living environment affects your health. For 29 years Healthabitat has designed and implemented Housing for Health projects to provide safe, and healthy living environments for poor people.

The 2013 publication ***Housing for Health – the guide*** is a resource developed by Healthabitat from the data gathered during the work of improving existing houses in remote, regional and urban communities. The Housing for Health program aims to ensure that every house can provide residents with the facilities to achieve nine simple health goals known as the Healthy Living Practices. This is achieved by:

- Immediately improving the function of homes and surrounding living environment,



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- Employing and training local community people to survey and fix their houses and,
- Using the collected data to inform applied research and development projects to target then improve specific design problems.

The Housing for Health program has been able to show significant improvements in the function of housing, and corresponding health impacts. The Nine Healthy Living Practices principles have been applied to communities in New York, Nepal, South Africa, Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea, thus showing the impact of the living environments on our health and its importance to all people, regardless of location. Healthabitat, winner of the 2011 World Habitat Award, encourages any organisations working to improve health through environmental change to contribute their knowledge to the guide. Go to *www.housingforhealth.com*. The Latin American launch of the *Housing for Health Guide* and two new films will take place Friday April 11, 8.30-10.30 in the WUF Urban Reading Room.

Learn more about Healthabitat: ***www.healthabitat.com***

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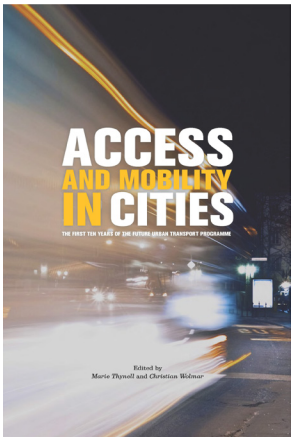
Housing for Health, World Habitat Award report in English or Spanish (Vivienda para la Salud), 2014



Access and Mobility in Cities – The first ten years of the Future Urban Transport Programme, Thynell, M. and Wolmar, C. (eds), VREF 2014

A guide to the PBBC exhibition in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Thai, Hindi

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