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MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING (MUP)

2017

Jean-Francois, Jessica. "Setting the Scene for Inclusive Growth in Small Island Development States (SIDS): Lessons from Montserrat for Pro-Poor Economic Diversification." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Kamel, Howaida. "The Planning and Implementation Process: The Suez Canal Area Development Plan." (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Kim, Mina. "Misaligned, Tangled, Yet Buoyant: Making Sense of Cultural Districts." (Advisors: Ann Forsyth, Susan Nigra Snyder, and George Thomas)

Stokols, Andrew. "Re-FORM: Accessibility and Community in China's Superblock Neighborhoods." (Advisor: Andres Sevtsuk)

2016

Almogren, Faisal. "Turning Points: City-building in the Arabian Gulf, Riyadh as a Case." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

Janson, Nathalie. "Maintaining the Working Waterfront: The Divergent Paths of the Port of Seattle and Port of Boston." (Advisor: Laura Wolf-Powers)

Lara Garcia, Francisco. "Te Vas O Te Quedas? Explaining Housing Abandonment in Tijuana, México." (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Lillehaugen, Paul. "Rail Transit Impacts on Residential Land Use: Lessons from the MBTA Red and Orange Line Extensions." (Advisor: Tony Gómez-Ibáñez)

McCartin, John. "Design for Uprising: Insurgent Infrastructure in Baltimore." (Advisor: Dan D'Oca)

Mendoza Gutfreund, Andres. "Community Engagement and Social Capital in Low-Income, Urban Communities: A Strategy for the Harlem Children's Zone in Saint Nicholas Houses." (Advisor: David Gamble)

Michell, Cara. "Performing Spatial Justice." (Advisors: Teman Evans, Teran Evans)

Perkins, Lucy. "No Shots Fired: The Evolution of Cordon and Search Operations in Response to Population-Centric Counterinsurgency." (Advisor: Peter Godfrin)

Ramsey, Rebecca. "Becoming Better Neighbors: Exploring the Processes of Engagement Between Non-Profit Hospitals, Local Communities and Cities." (Advisor: Ann Forsyth)

White, Annie. "Community After Coal: Transitioning an Appalachian Kentucky Mining Economy to Healthier Industries." (Advisor: Dan D'Oca)

2015

Deutsch, Owen. "Institutional Strategies for Upholding Affordable Housing Agreements: New York City as a Case Study." (Advisors: Laurie Goldman, Michael Hooper)

Diwadkar, Vineet. "Practices in the Turbulent City: Land Speculation in Mumbai." (Advisors: Rahul Mehrotra, Bobby Pietrusko)

Katseff, Jared. "Marrying Market Timing with Human-Centered Urban Design: How Investors and Municipalities Can Better Realize Transit Oriented Development." (Advisor: Bing Wang)

Lee, Joyce. "Perceptions of Physical Space and the Planning Process in Camp Azraq, Jordan: Lessons for Time-Sensitive Planning." (Advisors: Anya Brickman Raredon, Rahul Mehrotra)

Pym, Martha. "Understanding Tensions around the Application of Global Standards in Post-Disaster Scenarios." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Refuerzo, Frankie. "The Diasporic Return of Capital: Diasporas as Investment Channels for Public-Oriented Projects in the Philippines." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

2014

Anderson, Raven. "Policy Levers and Urban Growth: A Study of Rapid Urbanization and its Management in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Barrera, Mariana. "Añelo, Argentina, and the Urban Challenges of a Shale Boom Town." (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Hwang, Christine. "Ungluing Detroit's Stained Glass Mosaic: Parochial Schools as Spaces of Contention." (Advisor: Jana Cephas)

Yang, Xueyi. "Public Housing in China: A Case Study of Diverse Investment Models and their Outcomes in Beijing." (Advisor: Eric Belsky)

2013

Aronshtein, Hannah. "When Politics Confronts Planning: 2005 Israeli Disengagement and Relocation from Gaza." (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Brown, Alice. "Reimagining Roadways: An American City's Shift Towards Non-Automotive Uses of Street Space." (Advisor: Tony Gomez-Ibanez)

Cummings, Jason. "Confronting the Favela Chic: Gentrification of Informal Settlements in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Khan, Salmaan. "Open Data as Urban Innovation: Patterns of Adoption Across U.S. Cities." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

McDonald, Kevin. "Generating Revenue, Congestion Relief and Controversy: Managed Lanes as a Solution to Urban Highway Challenges." (Advisor: Tony Gomez-Ibanez)

Pickard, Justin. "Can We 'Trust' More in Inner City Neighborhoods? Doing Economic Development with Community Land Trusts." (Advisor: James Stockard)

Singh, Matthew. "Community Development Financial Institutions and the Financing of Early Care and Education." (Advisor: Eric Belsky)

Yang, Regina. "Pre- and Post-Disaster Migration and Settlement Patterns in Port au Prince, Haiti." (Advisor: Joyce Rosenthal)

2012

Hornig, Nick. "Renegotiating Infrastructure: Lessons from Community-Led Planning in the South Bronx, New York." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Lee, Pamela. "The Future of Housing Finance: A Public Proposition." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Lempel, Diana. "Producing Authenticity: Redevelopment and Boston's Haymarket." (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

Sachs, Jaclyn. "Innovating through Institutional Design: Mexico City's Autoridad del Espacio Publico." (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Stern, Justin. "Chaebol Urbanism: Diversified Corporate Conglomerates as Agents of Urban Transformation in the Seoul Metropolitan Region." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

Yurkofsky, Jessica. "Exploring Dispersed Community: A Case Study Looking at the LGBT Senior Population." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

2011

Balug, Kate. "Place-Based Collective Identity and Art: An Experiment in Dorchester."
(Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Beranger, Alix. "Neighborhood Understandings: A Study of Communities and Perceptions of Place in Somerville, Massachusetts." (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Biyani, Shradha. "Urban Food Systems: An Analysis of Food Access in Millennial Delhi."
(Advisor: Michael Hooper)

Schonewolf, Jack. "The Struggle to Breathe: ABC No Rio, Bullet Space and the Recovery of Utopia." (Advisor: Rafi Segal)

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2017

Izquierdo, Juan Diego. "Agricultural Valley Towns: Searching for a Development Catalyzer." (Advisor: Felipe Correa)

Kwong, Elaine. "Village Autonomy: Elevating the Urban Vernacular in 21st Century Guangzhou, China." (Advisors: Chris Lee, Anita Berrizbeitia)

Ma, Siwen. "Shibuya Redevelopment: A New Vision of Commercial Sub-City Centers in Tokyo City." (Advisor: Mark Mulligan)

Smith, Caroline. "Logistics Urbanism: The Socio-Spatial Project of China's One Belt, One Road Initiative." (Advisors: Sai Balakrisnan, Eve Blau)

Tomateo, Claudia. "Urban Archipelagos—Tracing the Invisible Lines." (Advisor: Eve Blau, Carles Muro)

Wang, Liang. "The Chinese Block: Searching for a New Spatial Construct." (Advisor: Felipe Correa, Peter Rowe)

2016

Hyun, Seunghoon. "Diasporic Landscape: Reimagining the Air-Infrastructure of Small Islands." (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

Patel, Nishiel. "Frameworks of Mapping: An Investigation on the Space of Transition." (Advisor: Bobby Pietrusko, Rahul Mehrotra)

Yinan Wang, Trax. "City Challenges: The Shifting Architectural Attitude of City Halls from Surface to Type." (Advisor: Felipe Correa)

2015

Tarrido, Hector. "Remote Sensings in Mumbai: Disturbance Ecologies in Urban Settlements." (Advisors: Bobby Pietrusko, Jill Desimini)

Xu, Grace. "Surviving, Sustaining and Shaping Urbanization: A Manual for Informal Food Provision in Shanghai." (Advisors: Carles Muro, Diane Davis, Rahul Mehrotra)

2014

Choi, Hyemin. "Post-Olympicism: The Marathon-Scape as an Innovative Urban Strategy to Transform Post-Olympic Seoul." (Advisor: Joan Busquets)

Dvir, Noam. "Hedonistic Landscapes: Vacation Cities and Seaside Resorts in the Mediterranean in the Age of Mass Tourism." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Gard, George. "Justness in Crisis: Extending Design Life-Cycle for the Re-Imagined Receiver City." (Advisor: Daniel D'Oca)

Guzman, Manuela. "Land Colonization: Flexible Design Strategies for the Emergent Urbanization of the Productive Territory of the Altillanura in Colombia." (Advisor: Joan Busquets)

Lopez Melendez, Miguel. "Morphologic: A Study of the Relation Between Urban Densities and Urban Systems." (Advisor: Joan Busquets)

Lundell Garver, Beth. "Sweet Limin[AL]ity: Reframing Public Space in the Post-Panamax Port City of the American South." (Advisors: Alex Krieger, Peter Rowe)

Orbea, Santiago. "Persistent Footprints: Using Pre-Hispanic Land Occupation Strategies to Organize the Complexity of the Modern Andean Territory." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Pauer, Lukas. "Toward an Urbanism of Hoarding in a Society of Risk: On Econophysical Tropes and Regimes in the Swiss Alpine Territories." (Advisors: Hashim Sarkis, Luis Callejas)

Rico Espinola, Victor. "Neo Volcanic Orders: Eastern Mexico City – A Pilot for Interfacing Territories and Architecture." (Advisors: Hashim Sarkis, Diane Davis)

Song, Minkyung. "Reforming Seoul's Waterfront: A Design Strategy to Transform the Han River into an Urban Asset." (Advisors: Alex Krieger, Peter Rowe)

Stathopoulou, Afroditi. "Spectral Forms: Persistent Trajectories and the Imprint of Transformation in the Athens, Attica Region." (Advisors: Hashim Sarkis, Luis Callejas)

Viglakis, William. "Waterborne: Urban Futures on the Yellow River's Agricultural Frontier." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

Yang, Dingliang. "Townization: In Search of a new Paradigm of Urbanization in China." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

2013

Araujo, Fabiana. "Projecting Rio." (Advisor: Joan Busquets)

Cristaldo, Juan Carlos. "Infrastructure, Cities and the Transformation of Territory in 20th Century Paraguay." (Advisor: Eve Blau)

Farag, Farida. "A City Remade: Rethinking the Nile in Urban Cairo." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Ferdandez Gutierrez, Raquel. "Spanish Gypsies and Itinerant Trading: Formalizing Identity Through the Street Politics of Recognition." (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Fung, Amy. "Industrial Processes: Socio-Spatial Conditions of Migrant Workers in Dongguan, China." (Advisor: Alex Krieger)

Kurani, Danish. "Recalibrating Public Space: Meaningful Engagements on the Urban Campus." (Advisor: Eve Blau)

Landsteinter, Karl. "Swampwater Suburbs: Ecology and Urbanity in Florida." (Advisor: Lynn Richards)

Malaspina, Oscar. "Cities in Contemporary Hydraulic Landscapes." (Advisor: Felipe Correa)

Martinez Fernandez Barja, Carmen. "Villa 31, Buenos Aires: Redirecting Three Dimensional Growth as a Productive Process." (Advisor: Jorge Silvetti)

Rivard, Nicolas. "Dirty Urbanism in the Texas Mexico Borderlands." (Advisor: Kiel Moe)

Romanos, Savina. "Pyrogeography: The Potential of Dist[urban]ce in Territorial Changes." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Webster, William. "The Dimple Ducts Research Initiative." (Advisor: John Nastasi)

Whitten, James. "Redressing the 'Tyranny of Distance': Urban Futures for the Southeastern Seaboard of Australia After High Speed Rail." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

2012

Disch, Hana. "Switzerland in the Face of Extreme Water Fluctuation: Valley Urbanism in the Context of Climate Change." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

Garciavelez, Carlos. "Concrete Matter: Beyond Stillbirth Infrastructure." (Advisor: Felipe Correa)

Kameni, Mireille. "Spacing Making: The Informal Question." (Advisor: Eve Blau)

Lo, Ming Ngar. "Revitalizing the Silk Road City: Kashgar." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

Panoli, Neelima. "The Urban Housing Code: Responding to Immigrant Geographies." (Advisor: James Stockard)

Tang, Catherine. "Urban Restructuring of Metropolitan Detroit." (Advisors: Toni Griffin, Michael Hooper)

2011

De Miguel, Robert. "Urban Corridors in London's Metropolitan Region." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Linkus, Jonathan. "Liminscape: Leveraging the Distant Ecologies of Infrastructure." (Advisor: Chris Reed)

Roach, Christopher. "Edutopias: The Urban Geography of Education." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Scelsa, Jonathan. "Morphing Manhattanism." (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN URBAN DESIGN (MLAUD)

2016

Tung, Janice. "Landscapes of Irrigation: Frameworks of Unintentional Ecologies in Central Asia." (Advisor: Fionn Byrne)

2015

Seol, Won Joon. "Mountain Valley Urbanism: In Search of a New Paradigm of Urbanization in South Korea." (Advisor: David Mah)

2014

Huffman, Cheryl. "Stacking the Nexus: Green Networks, Agriculture and Urbanism in the Changping District, Beijing." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

Doussard, Claire. "Sand, Sea & Singapore: Reconsidering Land Reclamation Strategies for Urban Development." (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

2013

Stutz, Daia. "The Landscape of the Underground: Changing the View on Switzerland's Urbanization." (Advisor: Pierre Belanger)

Zhang, Lu. "Creative Re-Fabrication of Traditional Urban Grids: Shanghai's Traditional Lilong Neighborhoods in a Modern Context." (Advisor: Alex Krieger)