

# GLOBAL PLANNING EDUCATORS INTEREST GROUP (GPEIG) Newsletter

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## Message from the Editor

In this second issue of GPEIG newsletter, I want to share with you some of GPEIG's recent accomplishments and exciting news from our colleagues. First and foremost, we now have a draft version of GPEIG by-laws, thanks to John Browder and Alnoor Ebrahim. As we all have agreed, such governance principles are essential for GPEIG's healthy growth and functioning. Johanna and I would like to ask you to spend some time reading this draft and thinking it through. Our group will discuss, amend, and possibly adopt the by-laws at the next business meeting in Cleveland in early November.

We also have been successful in securing a small amount of funding from ACSP to support several group activities. This has come as a pleasant surprise. This year's priority is to update and web-publish a list of grants and fellowships in international development, which will be a wonderful resource for both faculty and students. Our gratitude goes to Bish Sanyal for providing the original list and Sukumar Ganapati for turning papers into updated web links. If you know of any additional funding sources, please email them to us.

Although GPEIG's history is not long, the contribution of many colleagues in nurturing it has been enormously valuable. Their role has been captured on paper by Farokh Afshar in the last Newsletter. Here, in particular, we want to extend our gratitude to Deborah Howe of Portland State University for her role in keeping the fire going for many years. She chaired an ACSP committee on global planning immediately after the 1994 Commission report and has been instrumental in the development of our group.

Thanks to all your enthusiasm and effort, GPEIG is able to sponsor two regular panels and four roundtables for WPSC. Please come to these sessions in Shanghai to show your support. If you are still contemplating about making it to Shanghai, it is not too late to plan your trip now. Remember to call United Airlines' Special Meeting Desk 1-800-521-4041 (seven days 7 am – 12 Midnight EST) and reference Meeting ID Code 549WX to get your discount. See you all in Shanghai.

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## International Development Grants and Fellowships List

Available now at the following locations, with web links to the funding sources:

<http://www-scf.usc.edu/~gsukumar/Globeplan.html>  
<http://www.csun.edu/~sg61795/grants/grants.html>

## GPEIG-Sponsored Panels and Roundtables for World Planning Schools Congress (WPSC) 2001

### **Citizen Participation in Community Development: Mobilization or Stakeholding?**

*Organized by Daniel Abramson*

- Improvised and Institutionalized Forms of Citizen Involvement in the Urban Environmental Management of Quanzhou, Fujian, China. Daniel Abramson
- Participatory Development and Local Governance: Three Models of Practices in Taipei. Lucie Cheng and Chu-joe Hsia
- Organized Land Invasion and Social Mobilization in a Chinese Cemetery: "Javanese" Style. Bakti Setiawan
- Urban Regeneration Without Local Government: A Case Study of Post-Colonial Hong Kong. Winnie Wai-Yi Law and Mee-Kam Ng

### **The Impact of Globalization and Decentralization on Chinese Cities**

*Organized by Tingwei Zhang*

- Decentralization, Localization and the Emergence of a Multi-Player Decision-Making Structure in Urban Development in China. Tingwei Zhang
- Beijing: Lost in Translation? Eric J. Heikkila
- A Tale of Two Cities: Hong Kong and Shenzhen – Planning for Hyperdense Growth and Urban Prototyping in Cities Undergoing Rapid Change. Laurence Wie Wu LIAUW
- Globalization and Cultural Resistance in Metropolises: Hong Kong and Taipei Compared. Reginald Yin-Wang Kwok
- A New View of City Master Planning in Response to Rapid Urbanization in China: A Case of Experimental Practice in Guangzhou. Bing Zhang

### **Mega City Structure and Governance (roundtable)**

*Organized by Salah El-Shakhs*

Panelists: Tridib Banerjee (on Los Angeles), Nohad Toulou (Cairo), Jae Seong Cho (Seoul), Gavin Shatkin (Manila), and Zhiqiang Wu (Shanghai).

### **Planning: Theory, Strategy and Action in a Global Context (roundtable)**

*Organized by Gill-Chin Lim*

Panelists: Weiping Wu, Sid Sen, June Thomas, Hong-bin Kang, Won-Yong Kwon, and Tae-Il Lee.

### **Comparative Planning Cultures (roundtable)**

*Organized by Bish Sanyal*

Panelists: John Friedmann, Susan Fainstein, Peter Marcuse, Klaus Kunzmann, and Rachelle Alterman.

### **Community Participation: From Dialogue to Transformation (roundtable)**

*Organized by Patricia A. Wilson*

Panelists: Leonie Sandercock, John Forester, Ellen Shoshkes, and Patsy Healey.

## GPEIG-Sponsored Panels and Roundtables Submitted for Review for the Cleveland ACSP Meeting

### **Globalization Impacts on Metropolitan Spatial Structure**

*Organized by John O. Browder*

### **Comparative Planning Cultures (roundtable)**

*Organized by Bish Sanyal*

### **Community Participation: From Dialogue to Transformation (roundtable)**

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## Member News

**Dan Abramson**, currently a postdoctoral research fellow and lecturer at the School of Community and Regional Planning's Center for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia, has accepted a position as assistant professor in the Department of Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington, Seattle, to begin in September 2001. His proposed panel on Citizen Participation in Community Development has been accepted for inclusion in the program of the World Congress of Schools of Planning to be held in Shanghai this year. The panel includes presentations on Taiwan by Lucie Cheng and Hsia Chu-Joe; Indonesia by Bakti Setiawan; Hong Kong by Winnie Wai-Yi Law and Mee Kam Ng; and China by Dan himself; Michael Leaf will serve as discussant. During March, Dan also made presentations on community mobilization and planning in China at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and at the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting in Chicago. Papers he wrote jointly with Michael Leaf and Tan Ying on urban planning and development in the city of Quanzhou are appearing this year as chapters in two books: "The New Chinese City: Globalization and Market Reform", edited by John Logan, and "Southern California and the World", edited by Eric Heikkila and Rafael Pizarro. Finally, the Ford Foundation has just agreed in principle to fund Dan's proposal for a second year of community development work with the government of Quanzhou and counterparts in the Chinese Academy of Urban Planning and Design and the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

**Farokh Afshar** and Keith Pezzoli served as guest editors on the Special Issue of the Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER) on "Globalization and Planning" that was published as Spring 2001, Vol. 20, No. 3. It contains eight articles with topics ranging from issues around mobile capital to globalization's implications for planning pedagogy. Farokh Afshar published two articles in the Special Issue on "Globalization and Planning" of the JPER Spring 2001. The first is titled "Preparing Planners for a Globalizing World". The second, written jointly with co-guest editor of the Special Issue, Keith Pezzoli, is titled "Integrating Globalization and Planning." Farokh was in Bhutan in February-March where he did an evaluation of the UNDP, UNCDF, and Government of Bhutan's Decentralization Program. Farokh was awarded \$3000 from the University of Guelph's Instructional Development Grant competition to further develop and make web-based the course he teaches on "Project Development."

**Salah El-Shakhs** (Rutgers University) is on leave this semester. He is traveling to, and studying, some large capital cities in Eastern Europe as part of his research on the future and planning of large cities. These will include Budapest and Prague among others.

**John Friedmann** and **Leonie Sandercock** will be relocating to Vancouver next June. Leonie has been appointed Professor of Urban Planning and Social Policy in the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia. John will be an Adjunct Professor in the same School and will be working out of the Center for Human Settlements at UBC. His new book, "The Prospect of Cities" will be published early next year with the University of Minnesota Press. Leonie's current work concerns the politics and social consequences of restructuring urban space in Melbourne during the past two decades. Our new home address will be 694 Millbank, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5Z 3Z3. New email addresses will follow in due course.

**Ayse Pamuk** has joined the Urban Studies Program in Fall 2000 and delighted to be back in the Bay Area. Her recent activities include a public lecture at SFSU in April on "Inner Cities and Globalization" using Census 2000 on population among other secondary data sources. Also, students in her senior seminar class are working with several nonprofit organizations in the Mission District to deal with the local impacts of globalization in San Francisco's neighborhoods. She can be contacted at [pamuk@sfsu.edu](mailto:pamuk@sfsu.edu).

**Bish Sanyal** chaired a session at the World Bank meeting on Upgrading of Slums and also participated in the 6-week-long interactive video conference on Slum Upgrading organized by the Bank. He organized a Forum with Meenu Tewari and WIEGO (Women in the Informal Economy: Globalizing and Organizing) at Harvard University on the theme of Unionization in Urban Informal Sector that took place in May. In June, Bish visited Cambridge University in England to develop a joint proposal with the Department of Land Economy and Department of Architecture to create an MIT-Cambridge University Joint Center for Innovation. Additionally, he was asked by the Provost to visit the University of Delft in the Netherlands to develop a joint program on Sustainability in the New Economy. Bish chaired a panel on the planning profession at the annual meeting of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning in Atlanta. The panel was based on a volume on this topic which he co-edited with the late Lloyd Rodwin. He is assuming new editorial responsibility for two referred journals, "Planning Theory" and "Practice and Planning Theory", to be published by Sage.

## Proposed By- Laws of the GPEIG of the ACSP

### DRAFT

*Prepared by John O. Browder and Alnoor Ebrahim  
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### Preamble

1. Whereas, globalization is the process of growing institutional and spatial interconnectedness that is embodied in a set of trends that are transnational in scope and have universal, albeit differentially experienced impacts<sup>1</sup>, and;
2. Whereas, the conduct of planning in a global context is validated to the extent that it reflects, in teaching and practice, an understanding of these trends as they are experienced by the individual at the local as well as national and international levels,<sup>2</sup> and;
3. Whereas, the increasing globalization of the U.S. economy and landscape has transformed traditional local planning practice such that the effective professional planner in the United States must become literate in a new way of thinking about that practice while in graduate training, and;
4. Whereas, U.S. graduate planning programs continue to attract international students, many from low-income countries, seeking training that will prepare them to solve complex planning problems in vastly different contexts from those that domestic planners face in the United States to which most U.S. graduate planning programs are oriented...

Therefore be it resolved...

5. The "Global Planning Educators Interest Group" (GPEIG) be formally established and recognized as a standing "interest group" within the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and be subject to the following bylaws.

### Goals

1. The GPEIG seeks to promote planning education that appreciates global trends; that prepares students to work in the world in ways that probe diversity, dependency and interdependency in the global context; that invites students and faculty to relate local efforts to global circumstances.<sup>3</sup>
2. The GPEIG seeks to encourage scholarly planning research, both conceptual and comparative, that focuses on how the diverse processes of globalization influence the conduct of planning practice around the world, especially the low-income countries of the "Global South."
3. The GPEIG seeks to expand opportunities for the widespread discussion and dissemination of global planning research both in ACSP and other professional venues worldwide.
4. The GPEIG seeks to promote deliberation among and between the faculty and students of ACSP member universities on normative approaches to global planning education that might be reflected in curricular innovations at the graduate level.

<sup>1</sup> Conference statement. Conference on Global Approaches to Planning Education. Center for Comparative Studies in Development Planning, School of Architecture and Planning, SUNY-Buffalo, September 7-9, 1990. In B. Sanyal and I. Jammal, "Growing Pains or a Fruitless Endeavor? Retrospective Notes on the Buffalo Conference on Global Approaches to Planning Education." *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, winter 1992, 11(2): p. 154.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* p. 155.

<sup>3</sup> Statement on pedagogy from the 1990 Buffalo Conference on global Approaches to Planning Education. *Ibid.* p. 155.

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## Membership

1. The GPEIG membership shall consist of any active member of ACSP, or of a cognate association (e.g. AESOP, etc.) with a recognized interest in international development planning, globalization and planning. To make such interest recognizable, any member should notify the current chair of the GPEIP and request membership.

## Dues

To support the goals of the GPEIG, a system of membership fees or dues may be implemented according to the preferences of the membership and subject to the by-laws of ACSP.

## Business Meetings

1. The GPEIG will meet in plenary at each annual meeting of the ACSP to conduct the general business of the Group. Other special meetings that focus on specific issues may be convened from time to time at various locations.

## Periodic Newsletter

1. To facilitate communication between members consistent with the goals of the GPEIG, the GPEIG will periodically (at least one time per year) post a newsletter on the internet containing information of general interest to membership of the Group.

## Governance

1. The GPEIG shall be democratically self-governed with all decisions reached by consensus or by majority vote of the membership. Leadership will be provided by two co-chairs and a treasurer (if membership dues are collected).
  2. Two co-chairs shall be elected by majority vote each to serve a staggered two-year term, each overlapping the other by one year. Accordingly, a new co-chair shall be elected at each annual business meeting of the GPEIG to replace the co-chair whose two-year term has expired.
  3. The co-chairs shall share the following responsibilities:
    - 3.1. Preside over annual business meetings of the GPEIG;
    - 3.2. Promote GPEIG membership and organization growth;
    - 3.3. Represent the GPEIG before the ACSP Executive Council and other organizations outside of ACSP;
    - 3.4. Propose and organize GPEIG activities and committees as deemed necessary by the membership;
    - 3.5. Coordinate GPEIG participation in the ACSP International Development Planning track of the program of the annual ACSP Congresses;
    - 3.6. Communicate with other regional associations of planning schools;
    - 3.7. Edit and disseminate the newsletter.
    - 3.8. Other responsibilities as may be deemed appropriate by the membership.
  4. If the GPEIG chooses to raise funds by establishing a membership dues or fees system, then the Group shall elect a treasurer to serve on a two-year renewable term. The treasurer shall not be either of the co-chairs. The duties of the treasurer will include:
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- 4.1. Maintain an FDIC insured bank account on behalf of the GPEIG;
- 4.2. Maintain financial accounts of all money transactions involving the GPEIG account;
- 4.3. Make annual reports to the membership at it business meeting on the financial status of the Group;
- 4.4. Make quarterly reports to the co-chairs of the financial status of the Group;
- 4.5. Represent the GPEIG before the ACSP Executive Council on any financial matters.

### Ratification and Amendments

1. These by-law must be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership. Once ratified, it may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership.

### GPEIG Budget (Fiscal Year 2001) Approved by ACSP

1. Updating and web-publishing the list of grants in international planning (current 72-page-long list provided by MIT; annual updating is needed and will be provided by a graduate student at \$15/hour for 40 hours)	\$600
2. Limited hard-copy publishing and distribution of Newsletter	\$200
3. Organizing annual business meeting (copying and light refreshment, \$10/person * 30)	\$300
Total	\$1100

Note – Another budget item we have requested was not approved by ACSP's Executive Committee:

Best student paper on international development planning presented at ACSP (to be judged by a committee of three GPEIG members )	\$500
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Shanghai's New Central Business District

