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MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING (MUP)

2019

Gourley, Katie. “It Starts with a Seed: Exploring Place-Based Socio-Ecological Care and Alternative Economies in Community Seed Saving Initiatives.” (Advisor: Lily Song)

Hicks, Natasha. “Bounded: Towards Creating a Framework for Revolutionary Design.” (Advisors: Abby Spinak, Toni Griffin)

Kaplan, Jennifer. “Rebuilding as Opportunity: Youth Engagement as Planning in Post-Tsunami Miyagi, Japan.” (Advisor: Abby Spinak)


O’Connor, Eamon. “Sharing More than Space.” (Advisor: Toni Griffin)

Rouse, Chandra. “Race, Space and the Poetics of Planning: Toward a Black Feminist Space-Making Practice.” (Advisors: Lily Song, Toni Griffin)


Vo, Hung. “Diasporic Capital and Urban Change in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.” (Advisors: Neil Brenner, Diane Davis)

2018

Brady, Colleen. “Redefining the State-Society Interface: Evaluating the State’s Approach in Ghana’s Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development.” (Advisors: Michael Hooper, Janina Matuszeski)


Rose, Justin. “‘Clearing the Way’ for US Shrinking Cities: Decline and Demolition Planning in Baltimore, Maryland.” (Advisor: Andres Sevtsuk)

Schreiber, Matthew. “Accessible Diversity: Preserving Inclusive Ground-Floor Retail in Cambridge’s Central Square.” (Advisors: Chris Herbert, Andres Sevtsuk)

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)


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


2016


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


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

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)


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


2014

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)

2013

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)


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)


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

2012


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)

2011
Balu, Kate. “Place-Based Collective Identity and Art: An Experiment in Dorchester.” (Advisor: Michael Hooper)


MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE IN URBAN DESIGN (MAUD)

2019

Sen, Sudeshna. “Interrogating Smart Imaginaries in India.” (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)


Wang, Shenting. “Urban Regeneration: Rethinking Housing Typology in Shekou.”
(Advisors: Peter Rowe, Stephen Gray)

Ward, Austin. “Philanthropic Catalytics: Patronage and the Making of a Region.”
(Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

2018
Bouliari, Foteini. “Sustainable Urban Mobility in Athens: Learning from Paradigmatic Cases.” (Advisor: Joan Busquets)


Gutierrez Plata, Camila. “Spaces of Interaction – Quality Not Quantity: The Case of Bogota, Colombia.” (Advisor: Stephen Gray)


Paisana, Mariana. “Vendors and Markets in Public Space: The Case of Ahmedabad.”
(Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

Yuen, Alex. “From Pipeline to Platform: Imagining Innovation in the Rust Belt.”
(Advisors: Felipe Correa, Peter Rowe)

2017
Izquierdo, Juan Diego. “Agricultural Valley Towns: Searching for a Development Catalyzer.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa)

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 Balakrishnan, Eve Blau)


2016

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


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

2015


2014


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)


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


2013
Araujo, Fabiana. “Projecting Rio.” (Advisor: Joan Busquets)


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)


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


2012


Garciaavelez, Carlos. “Concrete Matter: Beyond Stillbirth Infrastructure.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa)


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

Linkus, Jonathan. “Liminiscape: Leveraging the Distant Ecologies of Infrastructure.” (Advisor: Chris Reed)


MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN URBAN DESIGN (MLAUD)

2018
Zhou, Zhankan. “From Political Agenda to Design in Xiong’An: Realizing President Xi’s Vision for an ‘Ecological Civilization.’” (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

2016

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)


2013

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