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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles, 1986.  
M.A. in Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles, 1978.  
B.A. in Sociology and Geography, Northwestern University, 1976.

**CURRENT POSITIONS AND HARVARD AFFILIATIONS**

Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism, Department of Urban Planning and Design, **Graduate School of Design**, Harvard University, July 2015-present.  
Advisory Board Member, **Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative**, September 2020-present.  
Steering Committee Member, **Critical Landscapes Lab**, Harvard GSD, September 2021-Present.  
Advisory Group Member, **Loeb Fellowship**, Graduate School of Design, February 2021-Present.  
Founder and Director, **Mexican Cities Initiative**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, January 2014-present (<http://research.gsd.harvard.edu/mci/>).  
Executive Committee Member, and Co-Chair, Faculty Committee on Mexico, **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies**, Harvard University, September 2015-present.  
Steering and Executive Committee Member, **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs**, Harvard University, September 2016-present. [Member, WCFA Cluster on Identity Politics, September 2023-September 2025].  
Faculty Affiliate, **Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability** Harvard University, September 2014-present (formerly called Harvard Center for the Environment).  
Faculty Affiliate, **Bloomberg Center for Cities** at Harvard University.  
Advisory Board Member, Commonwealth Project (on St. Louis), **Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History**, Harvard University, 2018-present.  
Faculty Affiliate, **Harvard Asia Center**, September 2019-present

**OTHER SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Visiting Scholar, **Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR)**, University of Amsterdam, October-November 2023.  
CIFAR Fellow, **Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)**, April 2023-April 2028.  
Visiting Scholar, **Kings College, University of Cambridge (UK)**, April-July 2023.  
Advisory Board Member, **Institute for Critical Territorial Studies** (Mexico City, Mexico), September 2022-present.  
Member of the Board of Electors to the Professorship of Architecture, **University of Cambridge (UK)**, January 2022-present.

Distinguished Academic Visitor, **Queens College, Cambridge University** (UK), Academic Year 2019-2020.

Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow, **Institute for Advanced Studies**, Tel Aviv University, March-April 2020. (residential component postponed due to pandemic)

Visiting Researcher, Centro de Estudios Sociológicos, **El Colegio de México**. January–March 2020.

Member, *John Harvard Seminar on Middle East Cities and the Topographies of Citizenship*, **Cambridge University Institute of Advanced Studies** (CRASSH), December 2015-December 2018.

Visiting Fellow. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, **Harvard University**. 1998-2000 and 2009-2010.

Faculty Affiliate. **Seminar on Drugs and Politics in Latin America**, Institute for Latin American and Iberian Studies, Columbia University, December 1989-91.

Faculty Associate. Center for Studies of Social Change, **New School for Social Research**, 1987-present.

Visiting Scholar. Centro de Estudios Sociológicos, **El Colegio de México**, 1990-1991.

Faculty Research Associate. Gordon Public Policy Center, **Brandeis University**, 1986-1987.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Program on Population Studies in Developing Countries, **Brown University**, 1985-86.

Visiting Scholar. Centro de Demografía y Desarrollo Urbano, **El Colegio de México**, 1981-1982.

#### **PRIOR TEACHING, ACADEMIC, AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Track Coordinator, Risk and Resilience Master of Design Degree, **Advanced Studies Program**, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, 2014-2021. (<http://research.gsd.harvard.edu/riskandresilience/>)

Chair, Department of Urban Planning and Design, **Graduate School of Design**, Harvard University, July 2015-June 2019.

Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee, **Joint Center for Housing Studies**, Harvard University, September 2018-2018 (and Member of the FAC, September 2016-2018).

Member, **Cluster on Inequality**, Weatherhead Center for International Studies, Harvard University, September 2019-2021.

Professor of Urbanism and Development, Department of Planning and Design, **Graduate School of Design**, Harvard University, January 2012-July 2015.

Associate Dean, **School of Architecture and Planning**, MIT, Academic years 2004-2007.

Professor of Political Sociology and Head, **International Development Group**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, September 2004--December 2011.

Member, **Provost's Advisory Committee on International Programs and Collaborations (IAC)**, MIT, 2007-2010.

Member, **Global Council**, MIT. 2008-2011.

Co-Director and Steering Committee Member, **Jerusalem 2050/Just Jerusalem Project**, 2004-2009.

Member, **GEOMIT** (Undergraduate Dean's Office Task force Global Educational Opportunities at MIT), 2006-2007.

Program Head, **International Development Group (IDG)**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, 2007-2011.

Head, **Undergraduate Program**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, 2003-2005.

Associate Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, September 2001-June 2004.

Acting Director, **MIT Program on Human Rights and Justice**, Center for International Studies, Academic Year 2003-2004.

Faculty Advisory Board Member, **MIT Program on Human Rights and Justice**, 2004-2011.

Chair, Department of Sociology, Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, **New School for Social Research**. January 2000-September 2001.

Co-Chair, Committee on Historical Studies, Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, **New School for Social Research**. January 2000-September 2001.

Associate Professor of Sociology and Historical Studies. Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science. **New School for Social Research**. 1995-2001.

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Historical Studies, **New School for Social Research**. 1987-94.

Adjunct Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology, **Wellesley College**, spring 1987.

Lecturer. Program in Social Studies, **Harvard University**, 1986-87.

Lecturer, Experimental College, **Tufts University**, 1985-1986.

## FUNDED RESEARCH, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Organizer and Participant, *Climate Justice Exploratory Seminar*, **Radcliffe Institute**, May 12-13, 2025.

Project Advisor, Governance Team, **Cape Ann Climate Change and Resilience Initiative** (\$9000),  
Funded by the Office for Urbanization, Harvard GSD.

PI, *New Territorialities of Governance in the Anthropocene*, (\$25,000 Canadian Dollars) Funded by the **Canada Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)**, August 2024..

Project Co-Director, "Humanity's Urban Future," (\$250,000 Canadian dollars). Funded by the **Canada Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)**, April 2023-April 2028.

Team Member, "Strengthening Communities for Changing Energy Systems," 3-year project funded by the **Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability**, (\$365,000), Awarded February 2023.

Co-PI, **Law, Regions, and Ports: Towards Theorizing Alternative Futures** (with Lucie White, Harvard Law School), Weatherhead Center Faculty Conference Grant (\$27,000), awarded October 2022.

Research Team Member, **Projecting Sea Level Changes in Africa: Improving the Science, Assessing Vulnerabilities, and Informal Adaptation Policies**, [with PI Jerry Mitrovica, Earth and Planetary Sciences]. Funded by the Harvard University *Motsepe Presidential Research Accelerator Fund for Africa* (\$161,262).

PI, **Barriers and Enablers to Resilience: The Case of the Philippines**, Funded by the International Financial Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank. February 2022-July 2022 (\$55,000).

PI, **Best Practices in Sustainable Urban Development**, Funded by the Urban Economy Forum in collaboration with UN-Habitat and Government of Canada, August 30, 2021-June 30, 2022 (\$80,000).

Consortium Research Partner, Landscape Conservation and Livelihood Restoration in the Mexican Altiplano: The case of Apan, Hidalgo, **The UK-Mexico Pact (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions)**, March 2021-February (UK \$495,000).

PI, Transforming Urban Transport: Sub-Saharan Africa, **Volvo Research and Educational Foundations**. September 2018-January 2020. (U.S. \$226,080).

PI, **Technology Innovations and the Future of Streets** (with Andres Sevstuk), Ford Mobility Lab. January 2017-September 2018 (\$40,000).

Co-Principal Investigator, **UTC/U.S. Department of Transportation**. Project: "Transport: A Set of Case Studies" (U.S. \$178,367). March 2015-February 2016 (with \$89,630 extension in May 2016).

Faculty Seminar Grantee, **Identity, Sovereignty, and Global Politics in the Building Baghdad**. Funded by the Weatherhead Center for International Studies (\$23,000), 2015.

Co-Principal Investigator, **INFONAVIT (Mexico's National Workers Housing Fund)**. Project: "Strengthening Urban and Housing Policies, Plans, Regulations, and Techniques: Connection National, State, and Local" (US \$1.2 million dollars). February 2014 - December 2016.

Project Coordinator, Cancun: All-Inclusive Urbanism. Funded by **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies** (\$13,000), January 2015.

Project Director, **Volvo Research and Educational Foundation**. Project: "Transforming Urban Transport: The Role of Political Leadership" (US \$2.31 million dollars). July 2013 - December 2016.

Project Director and Co-PI, **Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence**, CIS-IDG Initiative [Funded by USAID, Office of Conflict Mitigation and Management.], 2010-2012 (\$550,000).

**Jerusalem 2050/Just Jerusalem**, Grant support provided by the Graham Foundation, the Boston Foundation, and the Jeffery Silverman Foundation. (Project Director and Co-PI for each grant).

**D'Arbeloff Fund for Excellence in Education**, for the development of a new course curriculum for project-based learning, MIT Undergraduate Dean's Office, 2005 (\$150,000).

**Carnegie Corporation of New York**. Project: Public versus Private Security Forces and the Rule of Law: The Transformation of Policing in Moscow, Mexico City, and Johannesburg (\$100,000). June 2001-July 2003.

**John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**, Post-doctoral Fellowship. Project: "Police Impunity, Public Insecurity, and Deteriorating Rule of Law in Mexico City" (\$95,600). January 1999-July 2000.

**Ford Foundation**, Individual Research Grant for the update and Spanish translation of *Urban Leviathan: Mexico City in the Twentieth Century* (\$10,000). January 1998.

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**, Sawyer Seminar Grant (\$100,000), New School for Social Research. Duration: September 1997-September 1998.

**United States Institute for Peace**. Grant for Research on Democratic Reform in Mexico (\$25,000). September 1991-August 1992.

**Social Science Research Council**. Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$15,000). Academic Year 1989-1990.

**National Endowment for the Humanities**. Summer Stipend Research Fellowship. Awarded March 1989.

**Faculty Development Grant**. New School for Social Research. Awarded January 1989.

**Howard Heinz Foundation**. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Research on Contemporary Latin American Issues (\$15,000). 1987-88.

**Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship** (Ph.D. Research in Mexico). 1980-81.

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, UCLA Latin American Center. 1979-81.

**Hortense Fishbaugh Scholarship Award**, May 1980.

**Tinker Foundation Fellowship**, Latin American Summer Research Grant, June 1980.

**University of California Graduate Study Fellowships**. 1981-85.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Remarkable Women in Transportation Award**. April 2019. Named one of top 50 women in research on transport by the German Development Agency/Transforming Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI),

**Starr Family Prize for Excellence in Advising**, Harvard College, June 2018.

**Outstanding Author Contribution Award Winner**, Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2014, for "How to Defeat a Megaproject: Lessons from Mexico City's Airport Controversy" (with Onesimo Flores Dewey), in Gerardo del Cerro Santamaria (ed.) **Urban Megaprojects: A Worldwide View**, Emerald Ltd, 2013.

**Outstanding Author Contribution Award Winner**, Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence (2011) for "The Socio-Spatial Reconfiguration of Middle Classes and their Impact on Politics and Development in the Global South: Preliminary Ideas for Future Research" **Political Power and Social Theory**, Volume 21 (2010): 241-269.

**Bernard Brodie Prize (2010)** for Best Article of the Year in for "Non-State Armed Actors, New Imagined Communities, and Shifting Patterns of Sovereignty and Security in the Modern World," Contemporary Security Policy, vol. 30 no. 2 (August):221-245

**Best Book in Political Sociology** [Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America, Cambridge University Press, 2004]. Awarded by the Section on Political

Sociology, American Sociological Association, July 2005.  
 Nominee for **Outstanding Woman Historian of the Year**. Submitted to the Berkshire Women's History Conference by the Journal of Urban History, January 1999.  
**Scholarly Achievement Award**, Best Article of the Year, **New England Association of Latin Americanists**, November 1990. Cited article: "Divided over Democracy: The Embeddedness of State and Class Conflicts in Contemporary Mexico," Politics and Society, vol. 17 no. 3 (1989).  
**Outstanding Woman Graduate Student**, Department of Sociology, UCLA, May 1984.

#### **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS, JUROR AND EXTERNAL EVALUATOR POSITIONS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND APPOINTMENTS**

Advisory Board Member, **Revista de Estudios Urbanos y Territoriales del Instituto Boliviana de Urbanismo**, February 2024-present.  
 Advisory Board Member, Excellence Project, **Department of Architecture**, University of Naples, May 2025- present.  
 GSD Elected Representative, **Senate Planning Body Committee**, Harvard University, Academic Year 2024-25.  
 Faculty Mentor (for visiting scholar and urban planner Orwa Switat, **Program on Religion, Peace, and Conflict, Harvard Divinity School**. Academic Year 2024-25.  
 Founding Member, **Boston Urban Salon**, Consortium of Urban Studies Faculty in the Boston Area, Academic Year 2024-present.  
 External Member, Search Committee for the Professorship of Sociology and Urban Studies, **Department of Landscape and Architecture, ETH-Zurich**, appointed September 2022.  
 Advisory Council Member, Consortium on Reflexión Crítica del Territorio desde la Geografía, Sociología, y Urbanismo hasta el Lenguaje, las Diásporas y las Comunidades Virtuales, **Institute of Critical Studies**, Mexico City, Mexico. May 2022-present.  
 Doctoral Mentor/Academic Advisor, Virtual Doctoral School, provided by the **International Journal of Urban and Regional Research** and the **Urban and Regional Studies Committee (RC21) of the International Sociological Association**, Spring 2022.  
 Academic Council Member, Incidencia Para La Paz-CDMX, **El Colegio de Mexico**, January 2022-present.  
 Fellowship Evaluator, **Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies**, Academic year 2020-21.  
 Evaluation Committee Member, **Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs**, December 2020-21.  
 Advisory Board Member, **Emergency Governance Initiative for Cities and Regions, Sponsored by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Metropolis, and LSE Cities** (United Kingdom), June 2020-present.  
 Advisory Board Member **CoRe (Ciudades Vivibles y Amables, A. C.)**, Mexico City, March 2020-present.  
 External Evaluator, **Strategic Review Committee for the Department of Geography and Environment**, London School of Economics, February 13-14, 2019.  
 Member, **Harvard Task Force on Climate Change**, Academic Year 2018-2019.  
 Associate Fellow, **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)**, Security and Development Program, London, England. March 2018-present.  
 Proposal Reviewer/Evaluator, **Radcliffe Institute Fellowship Program**, since 2016.  
 Invited Evaluator, **Strategic Review Committee for the Department of Architecture**, Cambridge University (UK), May 11-12, 2018.  
 Member, **Urban Agency Network** (Territory Subgroup), EU-Funded network based at the University of Antwerp, 2016-2020.  
 Advisory Board Member, **South Florida Sea Level Rise**, Office for Urbanization, GSD. PI: Charles Waldheim. September 2016-1

Juror, **INFONAVIT Prize for Best Thesis on Social Housing**, Mexico City, Mexico. February 2015-present (administered by the National University of Mexico, UNAM).

Juror, IDB UrbLab, **Emerging and Sustainable Cities Program of the Inter-American Development Bank**, Washington DC September 2015.

Advisory Board Member, **Exuma Project**, Harvard Graduate School of Design. PI: Mohsen Mostafavi, 2013-2018.

External Expert, Department of Geography & Environment, **London School of Economics**, 2013. Advisory Council Member, Co-Founding Member, **Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence (URCV) Transnational Working Group**, Joint initiative of MIT-LSE-CCDP (Geneva), 2008-present ([www.urbanresilience.org](http://www.urbanresilience.org)).

Member, **Continental Research Network on Informal Activities in Metropolitan Spaces (RECIM)**. Joint initiative involving faculty at the University of Montreal, the National University of Mexico, and other universities and research centers in Canada, Mexico, and the US ([www.recim.info/menufr.html](http://www.recim.info/menufr.html)), 2011-present.

Steering Committee Member and Participant, **Emerging Patterns of Insecurity Dialogue (EPID)**. Joint initiative sponsored by Cornell University and the University of Turin with support from the German Marshall Fund, 2010-present.

External Evaluator, School of Inter-disciplinary Area Studies, Division of Social Sciences, **Oxford University**, May 16-17, 2010.

Member, Scientific Council, **European Research Council (ERC)** Advanced Investigative Grants Program, Panel SH3 (Environment and society: environmental studies, demography, social geography, urban and regional studies) 2007-2011 and Advanced Synergy Grants 2011-present.

Reviewer, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, **Swiss National Science Foundation**, 2009-2010.

Juror, **Women's Empowerment Photo Contest**. Legatum Center for Entrepreneurship, MIT.

Chair and Member, **Gil Lim Chin Award Committee**, ACSP, 2008-2010.

Consultant, **UNDP-SSRC**, Global Centre for Research on Gender, Crisis Prevention and Recovery, April 2009.

Co-chair, **Program on Environmental Governance and Sustainability (PEGS) Fellowship Program**, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2010-2011. Thematic Area: Environmental Change and Conflict.

Co-organizer (with Dr. Fabio Armao, University of Turin), **Mediterranean Cities as Hubs of Insecurity: The Local and Regional Significance of Urban Conditions in a Networked World**. Symposium Sponsored by the German Marshall Fund, to take place in 2011.

Team Leader, **Urban Violence and Crime Prevention Assessment**. Subcontract for the World Resources Institute, EMBARQ Center for Sustainable Transport (Washington, DC) for their proposal to the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) *Urban Sustainability Assessment Methodology and Pilot City Project*, pending.

Dissertation Jurist, **University of Montreal**, Urban Management Program, August 2008.

Advisor, **Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)**, Project on Cities and Human Security, 2007-2008.

Board Member, **Urban and Regional Development Research Committee (RC21)**, International Sociological Association, 2006-present.

Panel Member, Advisory Review Panel for *Human and Social Dynamics: Globalization and Conflicts*, **National Science Foundation**, 2004; 2006.

Council Member, **Community and Urban Section**, American Sociological Association, 2006-2009.

Chair, **Distinguished Book Award Committee**, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2003; Committee member, 2006.

Project Director, **Jerusalem/AI-Quds 2050: Vision for a Place of Peace**, Department of Urban Studies & Center for International Studies Joint Initiative, MIT, July 2003-July 2006.

Member, Committee on Awards, **American Sociological Association**, 2000-2003.

Council Member, **Political Sociology Section**, American Sociological Association, 2000-2003.

External Evaluator. **Social Science Research Council**. Pre-dissertation Fellowship Competition. July 1999 (declined).

Dissertation Jurist. **Universidad Autónoma de México-Atzacapatzalco**. Urban Studies Doctoral Program. January 1999.

Section Leader, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Research on **Cities, Citizenship, and Quality of Life**, April 1997-April 1999.

External Consultant/Screeners. **Social Science Research Council**. Dissertation Fellowship Competition. November 1998.

External Evaluator. **Social Science Research Council**. Dissertation Fellowship Competition. February 1998.

Board Member, **MacArthur Program on Global Change and Liberalism**, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, 1995-2001.

Chair, **Distinguished Scholarly Publication Committee**, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2002-2003

Member, **Distinguished Scholarly Publication Committee**, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2001-2002.

Member, 1994-1995 **Bryce Wood Distinguished Book Award Committee**, Latin American Studies Association (declined).

Member, **1994-1995 Distinguished Scholarly Contribution Award Committee**, Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Section, ASA.

Chair, **Janey Program on Latin America**, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, 1992-1994.

Chair, **Mexico-New School Committee on Scholarly Collaboration and Exchange**, New School for Social Research, 1992-1993.

Task Force Member, **The Twenty-First Century City Project: Financing Urban Development in New York City and Mexico City**, Bildner Center for Western Hemispheric Studies, CUNY-Graduate Center, 1993-1994.

Academic Consultant, Public Television Documentary on Mexico, WGBH, Boston, October 1987.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

General Field: Relationship between urbanization and national development, both political and economic, with a specialized focus on the global south and Mexico in particular. Subfields: urban governance; social movements; socio-spatial dimensions of conflict; violence and the urban question; regionalism and new sovereignty assemblages for the Anthropocene; sustainability and the governance of risk; futuring in theory and practice.

## ACADEMIC BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- 2026 **North American Urban Futures** (co-edited with Julie-Anne Boudreau and Roger Keil), DeGruyter Press, in preparation.
- 2025 **La Mordida: Policing Institutions, Conflicting Sovereignities, and the Territorial Logics of Violence and Impunity in Modern Mexico, 1910-2020** (under review).
- 2019 **Transforming Urban Transport** (with Alan Altshuler). Oxford University Press.
- 2011 **Cities and Sovereignty: Identity Politics in Urban Spaces** (edited with Nora Libertun de Duren). *Special Series on Critical International Studies*. Indiana University Press.
- 2004 **Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Economic Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America**. Cambridge University Press (*awarded Best Book in Political Sociology by the American Sociological Association, June 2005*).

- 2003 **Irregular Armed Forces and their Role in Politics and State Formation** (edited with Anthony Pereira). Cambridge University Press.
- 1994 **Urban Leviathan: Mexico City in the Twentieth Century**. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. [Translated as **Leviatán urbano: La ciudad de Mexico en el siglo XX**. Mexico City: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1999].

## SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

- 2026 **Design and Poverty** (co-edited with Petr Vasat and Talja Blokland), Special Issue of *CITY*, in production.
- 2025 **(Il)liberal Governance Arrangements and the Material Foundations of Sovereignty** (co-edited with Frank Mueller), Special Issue of Territory, Politics, Governance. (Volume 13).
- 2021 **Publics** (Issue 49 of the Harvard Design Magazine), Co-edited with Anita Berrizbeitia.
- 2020 **Learning from Conflict** (with Nanke Verloo), Special Issue of Built Environment, vol. 47 no. 11.
- 2017 **Beyond Dichotomization: Informality and the Transformation of Governance in Cities of the Global North and South** (edited with Julie-Anne Boudreau), Monographs Series (March 2017 edition of Current Sociology, the Journal of the *International Sociological Association*).
- 2006 **The New Sociological Imagination** (edited with Hector Raul Solis Gadea). Two Volume Special Issue of The International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society. Springer Verlag Publishers.
- 2005 **Symposium on Cities in the Developing World** (edited with Kian Tjakkaksh) International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, vol. 29 no. 1 (March): 92-109.
- 2000 **Violence, Coercion, and Rights in Contemporary Latin America** (edited with Anthony Pereira). Two Volume Special Issue of Latin American Perspectives. Beverly Hills: Sage Publications.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES (\*Refereed)

- \*2025 "Speculation through Critical Cartography: Visualizing Forgotten Pasts in the Service of Alternative Futures" (with Johanna Hoffman), Dérive (<https://derive.at/>), in process.
- \*2025 "Are Current Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) enough in Latin America? Discussion from Mexico City and Sao Paulo" (with L. Zambrano, S. Handel, Elena Tudela Rivera, et. Al.), NatureCities, under review.
- 2025 "Spatializing Sovereignty: Commentary on the Contributions of Warren Magnusson," Urban Studies, in press.
- 2025 "New Territorialities of Governance in the Anthropocene," La Política (Journal of the Mexican Political Science Association), in press.
- \*2025 "Deconstructing sovereignty: (Non-)life, territorial power, and the everyday ecologies of hybrid

governance" (with Frank Mueller), Territory, Politics, Governance, vol 13; 755-722.

\*2022 "Collective Consumption and Urban Complexity: Food Governance Innovations in the Anthropocene" (with Taylor Davey). *Special Issue on Complex Resilience and Sustainability: Transdisciplinary Perspectives* edited by Gerardo del Cerro, Transdisciplinary Journal of Engineering and Science.

\*2022 "The Pandemic and Organized Crime in Urban Latin America: New Sovereignty Arrangements or Business as Usual?" (with Tina Hilgers), Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, vol. 43 (3): 241-256.

2021 "New Mobility Paradigms and the Equity Question." ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America. Volume XXI, Number 1 (Fall 2021). Available at: <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/new-mobility-paradigms-and-the-equity-question/>

2021 "The Phenomenology of Change: How Conflict Drives Urban Transformation" (with Nanke Verloo), Built Environment vol. 47 no. 1: 119-135.

2021 "Urban Sovereignty in the Age of Pandemics: Illicit Actors and the Crisis of Governance" (with Graham Denyer Willis). *Special Issue on Illicitities: City-Making and Organized Crime* edited by Frank Mueller and Julianne Weegels. POLAR (Journal for the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology). At: <https://polarjournal.org/2021/02/10/urban-sovereignty-in-the-age-of-pandemics-illicit-actors-and-the-crisis-of-governance/>

\*2020 "City, Nation, Network: Shifting Territorialities of Sovereignty and Urban Violence in the Global South." Urban Planning, vol. 5, issue 3: 1-12.

\*2020 "Implementing a Progressive Urban Agenda through Innovations in the Design of Social Housing: Scalar Mismatches" (with Maria Atuesta). Planning Theory and Practice, (August 2020).

2020 "Beyond Appearances: Community Activism and New York City's High Line" (with Stephen Gray), Journal of Landscape Architecture 14:3: 74-81,

\*2019 "Collective Property Rights and Social Citizenship: Recent Trends in Latin America" (with José Carlos Fernández Salas). In Social Policy and Society. Vol 19, Issue 2: 319-330.

2018 "The Politics of Informality: Methodological Innovations in the Study of Urban Governance." In Studies in Comparative International Development. 53/3: 365-378.

\*2017 "Expanding the Scope of Sustainability Planning: Lessons from Stockholm's Congestion Charging Policy" (with Amy Rader Olsson). Urban Planning (Volume 2, Issue 4): 81-92.

\*2017 "Informality and State Theory." Current Sociology 65/2: 315-324.

\*2017 "A Processual Approach to Informalization: Contributions to Critical Studies" (with Julie-Anne Boudreau). Current Sociology 65/2: 151-166.

\*2016 "Reflections on the Relations between Urbanization and Development: Past trajectories and future prospects." International Journal on Urban Sciences, vol. 20 no.1: 1-14.

\*2016 "The Production of Space and Violence in Cities of the Global South: Evidence from Latin America." Nóesis: Revista de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, (num. especial Enero-Julio): 1-15.

2015 "From Risk to Resilience: New Design Assemblages for Confronting Unknown Futures." Topos, Garten + Landschaft (Munich).

\*2014 "Modernist Planning and the Foundations of Urban Violence in Latin America." Built Environment vol. 40 no. 3: 376-393.

2014 "Competing Globalizations in Mexico's Historic Centre." Scapegoat 6 (Special Issue on Mexico, DF/ NAFTA): 156-166.

\*2013 (with Onesimo Flores Dewey) "Planning, Politics, and Urban Mega-Projects in Developmental Context: Lessons from Mexico City's Airport Controversy." Journal of Urban Affairs, Vol. 35, issue 5, 2013, pp. 531-551.

\*2013 "Zero-Tolerance Policing, Stealth Real Estate Development, and the Transformation of Public Space: Evidence from Mexico City, Latin American Perspectives Volume 40 Issue 2 (March): 53-76.

2013 "The Physicality of Citizenship: The Built Environmental Foundations of Insurgent Urbanism in Cities around the Globe (with Prassanna Raman), in CRIOS: Critica degla Ordinamenti Spaziali, Rome.

2013 "The Physicality of Citizenship: The Built Environmental and Insurgent Urbanism" (with Prassanna Raman) in Thresholds 41 (Special Issue on Revolution).

\*2011 "The Right to Vision: A New Planning Praxis for Conflict Cities" (with Tali Hatuka), Journal of Planning Education and Research, vol. 20 (10): 1-17.

\*2010 "Irregular Armed Forces, Shifting Patterns of Commitment, and Fragmented Sovereignty in the Developing World," Theory and Society, Volume 39 Issue 3:397-413.

2010 "The Socio-spatial Configuration of the Middle Class and its Impact on Politics and Development in the Global South: Preliminary Ideas for Future Research" and "Rejoinder: Subject or Subjects?" Political Power and Social Theory, vol. 21: 241-267 & 323-331. [Special Issue on the Politics of the New Middle Class in the Global South].

\*2009 "Non-State Armed Actors, New Imagined Communities, and Shifting Patterns of Sovereignty and Insecurity in the Modern World," Contemporary Security Policy vol. 30 no. 2 (August):221-245. [Revised version reproduced in Reflexión Política (Colombia), 2011. Winner of the **Bernard Brodie Prize (2010)** for Best Article of the Year.

\*2009 "Ciudad global: un concepto en transición" (with Gerardo del Cerro) Ciudad y Territorio, vol. 41 no. 159: 31-42.

2009 "Taking Place and Space Seriously: Reflections on 'Disparity and Diversity in the Contemporary City' by Robert Sampson. British Journal of Sociology, Vol. 60 no. 1 (March 2009).

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2019 **Beyond Reconstruction: Reflections on Post-disaster Recovery in Oaxaca, Mexico after the 2017 earthquakes** (co-edited with Lorena Bello Gomez and Enrique Silva Estrada). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Design.

2018 **Rethinking Hermosillo's Unrealized Potential** (edited with Felipe Vera and Andreina Seijas). Cambridge, MA: DRCLAS and Inter-American Development Bank.

2016 **Building Better Cities with Strategic Investments in Social Housing** (with contributions from Nelida Escobedo, Margaret Scott, Fernando Granados Franco, Francisco Lara Garcia, and Davi Schoen). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Design (in collaboration with INFONAVIT).

2016 **Housing in Merida: The Urban and the Territorial** (edited w/ Jose Castillo and Ruben Segovia). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Design.

2016 **The Flexible Leviathan** (edited with Jose Castillo and Simon Battisti). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Design.

2015 **Craft, Politics, and Housing in Oaxaca** (edited with Jose Castillo and Yuxiang Luo). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Design.

2014 **Retrofitting the (post) Industrial Metropolis: Housing and Economic Growth in the Mexico**

**City Metropolitan Area and the Bajio Region** (edited with Jose Castillo and Adriana Chavez). Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Design.

- 2012 **Constructing Youth Citizenship in Montreal and Mexico City: The examples of youth-police relations in Saint-Michel and Iztapalapa** (with Julie-Anne Boudreau, Nathalie Boucher, Olivier Chatel, Clemence Elizabeth, Laurence Janni, Alain Philoctete, and Hector Salazar Salame). Montreal: Laboratoire VESPA, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS)/Centre-Urbanisation Culture Societe, 148 pp.
- 2012 **Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence**. Published by USAID. Also available at <http://web.mit.edu/cis/urbanresiliencereport2012.pdf>

## WORKING PAPERS, EXHIBITION TEXTS, COMMENTARIES, AND MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 "The Making and Unmaking of Urban Territories: A Research Agenda," **Working Paper, Humanity's Urban Future**, CIFAR.
- 2020 "Foreword" to **Enhancing Disaster Preparedness**, edited by Nuno Martins, Mahmood Fayazi, Liliane Hobeica, and Faten Kikano. London: Elsevier, Ltd.
- 2019 "Progressive Politics and Inclusive Social Housing: Barriers and Enablers to Change in Bogota, Colombia" (with Maria Atuesta). **Working Paper, Joint Center for Housing Studies**, Harvard University.
- 2019 "Rethinking the Role of Property in the Enactment of Citizenship: The Historical Origins, Transformative Potential, and Uncertain Future of Community Land Trusts in Urban Latin America" (with Jose Carlos Fernandez Salas). **Working Paper, Joint Center for Housing Studies**, Harvard University.
- 2017 "Preface" In **Urban Black Holes**. Edited by Jean-Pierre Crouse. Lima: Patronato Cultural de Peru.
- 2017 "Unequal Mobility" (with Lily Song). **Politico**. July 6, 2017. Available at: <http://www.transformingurbantransport.com/newss/2017/7/6/unequal-mobility-1>
- 2017 "Policing the Streets, Securing the People." In Moritz Ahlert and Friedrich Von Borries (eds.), **Mexibility**. Berlin: Goethe Institute.
- 2017 "Can Mayors Actually Rule the World?" *Citiscopes* (December 5 2016) available at: <http://citiscopes.org/habitatIII/commentary/2016/12/can-mayors-actually-rule-world>
- 2015 "Habitat Must Rethink the Role of Housing in Sustainable Urbanization." *Citiscopes* (October 16, 2015) Available at: <http://citiscopes.org/habitatIII/commentary/2015/10/habitat-iii-must-rethink-role-housing-sustainable-urbanization>
- 2015 "Can Planning Deal with Urban Violence: Interview with Diane Davis." *Urbanologia*, April 20, 2015.
- 2014 "Urban Informality: Remnant of the Past or Wave of the Future." *Harvard Design Magazine* 37: 86-92.
- 2014 "Reflections on the Decent City." *The Cities Papers* [Social Science Research Council online

newsletter], October 26, 2014. Available at: [items.ssrc.org/the-cities-papers/reflections-on-the-decent-city/](https://items.ssrc.org/the-cities-papers/reflections-on-the-decent-city/)

2013 "The Sociological Imagination." *Platform 6* (GSD): xxv-xxviii.

2010 "Foreword" to **Violent Acts and Urban Space in Contemporary Tel Aviv** by Tali Hatuka, University of Texas Press.

2007 "Policing, Regime Change, and Democracy: Lessons from the Case of Mexico." *Working Paper #22* (November 2007), Crisis States Research Center, Development Studies Institute (DESTIN), London School of Economics.

2006 "Scales of Conflict, Spaces of Contention." In *Block # 03* (in English and Hebrew), special Issue on Y-UTOPIA.

2006 "Mexico City in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Facing the Social, Spatial, and Employment Challenges Ahead" *Urban Age Newsletter* (LSE), Summer 2006.

2005 (with Kian Tajbakhsh) "Introduction: A Symposium on Globalization and Cities in Comparative Perspective." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, vol. 29 no. 1: 89-91.

2003 "Policing in Transition: The Case of Mexico City." *NACLA Bulletin*, vol. 37 no. 2: 3-14.

2003 "Many Boundaries to Cross: The Comparative-Historical Sociology of Eiko Ikegami." *Comparative and Historical Sociology Newsletter* 15/2: 2-5.

2003 "Public Insecurity in the Developing World: The Challenges of Transition." *SPURS Newsletter*, Winter

2002 "Warmaking in the New Millennium." *Precis: MIT Center for International Studies Newsletter*, vol. 12 no. 1 (Fall): 13-15.

2002 "Cities and Globalization: Old Wine in New Bottles." *Community and Urban Sociology Newsletter*, Fall 2002.

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**Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals in North American Cities: Case Studies & Best Practices in the Science of Sustainability Indicators** by David B. Abraham and Seema D. Iyer (eds.), *Journal of Urban Affairs* (October 2022).

**Authoritarian Police in Democracy: Contested Security in Latin America** by Yanilda María González. *ReVista*, Volume XXI, Number 1 (Fall 2021).

**A City on a Lake: Urban Political Ecology and the Growth of Mexico City** by Matthew Vitz. *Environmental History* volume 25, issue 2 (2020).

**Too Big: Rebuild by Design: Transformative Approach to Climate Change** by Henk Ovink and Jelte Boeijenga. *TAD Journal (Technology, Architecture, Design)* (2018).

**Street Democracy: Vendors, Violence, and Public Space in Late Twentieth-Century Mexico** by Sandra C. Mendiola Garcia, *American Historical Review* (2018).

**Spectacular Mexico: Design, Propaganda, and the 1968 Olympics** by Luis M. Castañeda, *Planning Perspectives: The Journal of the International Planning History Society* (2015).

**City and Soul in Divided Societies** by Scott Bollen, *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research* (2013).

**Building Globalization: Transnational Architectural Production in Urban China** by Xuefei Ren, *Contemporary Sociology* (2012).

**Political Intelligence and the Creation of Modern Mexico, 1938-1954** by Aaron Navarro, *American Historical Review* (2012).

**Going Local: Democratization, Decentralization, and the Promise of Good Governance** by Merilee Grindle, *Revista: The Harvard Review of Latin America* (2008).

**The Taylorized Beauty of the Mechanical: Scientific Management and the Rise of Modernist Architecture** by Mauro Guillén, *Contemporary Sociology* (2008).

**Water, Power and Citizenship: Social Struggles in the Basin of Mexico** by José Esteban Castro, *Journal of Latin American Studies* (2008).

**The Mexico City Reader** edited by Rubén Gallo, *Journal of Latin American Studies* (2006).

**Political Institutions** by Joseph Colomer, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* (2006).

**Wounded Cities: Destruction and reconstruction in a globalized world** by Jane Schneider and Ida Susser (eds). *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (2005).

**The Limits of Convergence: Globalization and Organizational Change in Argentina, South Korea, and Spain** by Mauro Guillén, *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2004).

**Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neo-liberalism** by Sarah Babb, *Political Science Quarterly* (2003).

**The Left Strikes Back: Class Conflict in Latin America in the Age of Neoliberalism** by James Petras, *Contemporary Sociology* (2000).

**Informal Politics: Street Vendors and the State in Mexico City** by John C. Cross, *Contemporary Sociology* (1999).

**Organizing Dissent: Unions, the State, and the Democratic Teachers' Movement in Mexico** by Maria Lorena Cook, *Contemporary Sociology* (1997).

**Political Stability and Democracy in Mexico: The Perfect Dictatorship?** by Dan A. Cothran and The

**University System and Economic Development in Mexico** Since 1929 by David E. Lorey, *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (1995).

**State and Society in Contemporary Korea** by Hagen Koo, *Korean Studies*, vol.19 (1995): 197-202.

**Democracy within Reason: Technocratic Revolution in Mexico**, by Miguel Centeno, *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 23 no. 6 (1994): 830-831.

**Power and Popular Protest: Latin American Social Movements** by Susan E. Eckstein (ed.), *Journal of InterAmerican Studies and World Affairs*, vol. 30 no.4: 225-234 (1989).

**Equity with Growth? Planning Perspectives for Small Towns in Developing Countries** by H. Detlef Kammeier and Peter J. Swan (eds.) *Regional Studies*, vol. 20. No. 5: 598-600 (1986).

## EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board Member, **Urban Planning**, 2020-present.

Advisory Board Member, **Sociologica: International Journal for Sociological Debate**, 2006-present.

International Advisory Board Member, **Journal of Latin American Studies**, 2007-2013.

Contributing Editor, **US Library of Congress**, Handbook of Latin American Studies (**Sociology: Mexico**), 2013-2018.

Editorial Board Member, **Journal of Planning Education and Research**, 2011-2014.

Editorial Board Member, **City and Community**, 2009-2013.

Series Editor, **Political Power and Social Theory: A Research Annual**, Vols. 8-20 (1988-2009).

Member, External Review Board, **International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society**, 2006-2008.

Editorial Board Member, **Latin American Research Review**, 2000-2005.

Associate Editor, **Sociological Inquiry**, 1993-1996.

External Journal Reviewer for: International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Territory, Politics, and Governance, Regional Studies, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Planning History, CITY, Social Forces, Habitat International, World Politics, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Sociological Theory, Social Forces, Sociological Forum, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Urban Geography, Cities, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Space and Culture, EPA: Economy and Space, American Historical Review, Comparative Politics, World Politics, International Sociology, Sociological Inquiry, Estudios Sociológicos, Studies in Comparative International Development, Latin American Research Review, Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos, Social Research, Policy Studies Journal, Latin American Politics and Society, European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies/Revista Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos y del Caribe, The Americas, Crime, Law, and Social Change, Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Architecture and Urbanism, Public Culture, The National Science Foundation, The City University of New York Faculty Research Fund, The National Endowment for the Humanities, The United States Institute for Peace, Qatar National Science Foundation.

Manuscript Reviewer for: Cornell University Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, Stanford University Press, University of Texas Press, University of California Press, Prentice-Hall Publishers, Routledge, Berg Publishers, Duke University Press, Palgrave-MacMillan, Oxford University Press, Duke University Press.

## COLLOQUIUMS, GUEST LECTURES, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Speaker, **Mexican Association of Political Scientists Annual Meeting**, Mexico City Mexico, August 7, 2024.

Invited Speaker, **Harvard Kennedy School of Government Symposium/Short Course** on Climate Adaptation in the Global South, June 3, 2025.

Organizer and Commentator, **Opportunities & Challenges in Small and Rural Cities: A Discussion with Mayors**, Bloomberg Center for Cities, May 15, 2025.

Panelist, *Resiliencia Urbana e Crise Ambiental Na America Latina/Urban Resilience and Environmental Crisis in Latin America*, **University of Sao Paulo**, May 8-9, 2025.

Panelist, Conference on Visualizing Cities, **Department of Architecture and Urbanism, University of Sao Paulo**, May 5, 2025.

Panel Organizer and Moderator, *Violence, Crimiinality, and Human Rights in Latin America*, **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**, April 26-27, 2025.

Conference Organizer, *Distant Neighbors or Uneasy Partners*, Annual Conference, **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies**, March 27-28, 2025.

Panel Organizer and Moderator, *Mayors on Both Sides of the Border: A Conversation about the Future of Transnational Urban Collaboration*, **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies**, March 27-28, 2025.

Commentator, "Real Estate, Planning, and Dwelling in Chinese-built African Cities, **Harvard University Mellon Initiative Symposium (HUMI)**, March 3, 2025.

Workshop Participant and Invited Commentator, "Signals of Inclusion," Organized by Larry Vale (MIT) and Tali Hatuka (Tel Aviv University), Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, January 15, 2025.

Keynote Speaker, "Seeing Water in Time and Space," Martius Symposium, University of Sao Paulo, November 30, 2024.

Paper Presenter, "Urban Rights in the Anthropocene: Rethinking the Territoriality of Claims to Life and Livelihood" (with Clara de Castro), American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting (ACSP), Seattle, November 7-10, 2024.

Paper Presenter, "New Territorialities of Governance in the Anthropocene," **International Organization of City Planning Faculties (AESOP)**, Paris, July 10-12, 2024.

Paper Presenter, "Learning from Conflict, **World Congress of Sociology**, Melbourne, July 1-3, 2023.

Panelist, Security Challenges in Latin America, World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), May 10-12 2023.

Keynote Panelist, "Innovative Approaches to Mobility Justice," **WPI-Innovation Studio Launch**, Boston Seaport District, May 24, 2022.

Invited Speaker. **Violence in Mexico: Modernity, Inequality, and the City**. Organized by the Postcolonial Hierarchies Network and Contested Governance Cluster at the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) and Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), Germany, May 4, 2022.

Presenter, **Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD)**, co-organized by the Just City Lab at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, April 6, 2022.

Provost's Signature Lecture, **Designing and Planning Cities for Inclusion**, University of Georgia, March 29, 2022.

Commentator, Panel on **State Sovereignty, Order, and Governance in Comparative Perspective**, International Studies Association, Nashville, TN, March 30, 2022.

Panelist, **Security and Urban Development Panel**, International Security Forum. Organized by the Secretary of Security, State of Mexico (co-sponsored by FLACSO and CONACYT), November 18, 2021.

Participant in Online Dialogue, **Challenges for Disaster Risk and Territorial Governance in the Post-Covid Era**, UNDRR (UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction), October 13, 2021.

Panelist, **Conference on Migration and Urbanization in Three Continents**, University of Florida, March 24, 2022.

Invited Speaker, **Foro Urbano Zapopan**, Guadalajara Mexico, August 27, 2021.

Invited Speaker, **"Spatial Justice" Seminar**, University of Costa Rica, April 13, 2021.

Commentator, Panel on **Political Infrastructures**, Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, May 29, 2021.

Keynote, "Reflections on Urban Sovereignty in Times of Crisis: The Ethics of Care." **Debating Urban Ethics as a Research Agenda**, Concluding Conference of the Urban Ethics Research Group, Institute For Ethnography, Ludwig-Maximilians Universitat, Munich, April 26-28, 2021.

Panelist, "Multidisciplinary Approaches to Social Change," **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs**, Harvard University, December 9, 2020.

Panelist, **Rethinking Citizen Participation in Times of Crisis**, Organized by CoRe, Mexico City, October 23, 2020.

Presenter, "Urban Sovereignty in the Age of Pandemics: Implications for Illicit Governance," **Illicities: Urbanization and Organized Crime II**, Amsterdam, April 20, 2020.

Presenter, "The Health Crisis is a Governance Crisis," **Global Health Strategies during the Covid-19 Pandemic**, Organized by FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito, April 16, 2020.

Panelist, **Public Space in Mexico City after Covid-19**, Organized by CoRe, Mexico City, April 23, 2020.

Seminar Presentation, "From Risk to Resilience and Back," **Department of Geography**, National University of Mexico (UNAM), March 6, 2020.

Seminar Presentation, **Shifting Geographies of Activism and Latin American Social Movements: Implications for the City**, Center for Sociological Studies, El Colegio de Mexico, February 25, 2020.

Panelist, **Inhabiting the City: Urban Policy and Innovation in the Global South**, Guadalajara International Book Fair, December 5, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, **Conference on Sustainable Urbanization**, Hixon Center for Urban Ecology, Yale University, November 8, 2019.

Participant, **Beyond Economic Impact: Charting the Field of Infrastructure Reuse**, Organized by Friends of the High Line, October 16-18, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, Governance of the Smart Mobility Transition. **HERCity Symposium: Housing, Environment, Resilience**, Technical University of Gdansk, October 9, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, **Illicities: Urbanization & Organized Crime**. University of Amsterdam, October 2, 2019.

Keynote Address, "City, Nation, Network: New Imagined Communities, Violence, and Sovereignty in Latin America." Symposium on **Cities of Inclusion, Spaces of Justice**. University of Helsinki, September 20, 2019.

Panelist, **Conference on Urbanization and Poverty Reduction**, Interamerican Development Bank, Washington DC, September 9, 2019.

Panelist, **Why are Cities so Liberal** Conference Organized by Harvard's Weatherhead Center, May 14, 2019.

Invited Speaker, *Sovereignty and the Urban Question: Exploring the Material Foundations for Imagined Communities of Allegiance in Conflict Cities*, **Harvey S. Perloff Lecture Series, Just Urban Design: The Struggle for a Public City**, University of California, Los Angeles, April 25, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, **City Debates**, American University Beirut, March 25, 2010.

Keynote Panelist, **Seeing it Through Buffalo: How Architecture and Planning Schools Shape – and are shaped by – the Cities Around Us**, Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, New York, March 21, 2019.

Panelist, *Political Strategies and Tactics for Transformative Urban Change*, **London School of Economics Cities Programme**, February 12, 2019.

Moderator and Panelist, *Disruptive Technologies and the Future of the City*, **Greater London Authority**, February 13, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, *Ciudades para Todos: Hacia un desarrollo urbano inclusive y sostenible*. **Catedra Fulbright-Universidad Industrial de Santander y Universidad del Rosario**, Bogota, Colombia, March 13- 14, 2018.

Workshop Participant, **Urban Inequality Symposium**, Sponsored by the Mellon Foundation/Divided Cities Project, Washington University-St. Louis, February 23, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, *The Future of Affordable Housing*, **International Forum on Reconstructing Mexico City**, sponsored by Mejor Ciudad, Mexico City, January 25-26, 2018.

Participant, Workshop on *Violence in the Northern Triangle of Central America*, Sponsored by **the United Nations** and the **Social Science Research Council**, New York City, January 27, 2018.

Workshop Participant, *Urban Governance: The Production of Alternative Forms of Order in the Metropolis*, **Sponsored by Sciences Po and funded by Canadian Institute for Advanced Research**, Paris, France, December 14-15, 2017. Keynote Speaker, Urban Agency Network Territoriality Group, Panel on *Urban Theory: A Rebel without a Cause?* Antwerp, December 13, 2017.

Invited Speaker, **CoRE/ Annual Urban Forum**, Panel on *The Future of the City*, Mexico City, December 5, 2017.

Presenter, **IISS-ICRC Symposium**, *Armed Conflict in Cities: Humanitarian Implications and Responses*, Geneva Switzerland, November 28-29, 2017

Panelist, **The Future of Cities**, Sponsored by the Vic-Provost for International Affairs, Harvard University, October 25, 2017.

Panel Discussant, *Planning's Outside: Being Normative in the Face of Egregious State Action*, **American Collegiate Schools of Planning**, Denver, October 12-15, 2017.

Keynote Panelist, Governing Urban Accessibility, *Mobilize Symposium*, **Sponsored by the International Transport and Development Policy (ITDP)**, Santiago, Chile, June 28-29, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, **International Transport Forum**, EU Transport Ministries, Leipzig, Germany June 1, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, Session on *Governing Urban Transport*, Pre-ITF Summit, Sponsored by the **German Development Agency (GIZ)**, Leipzig, Germany, May 30-31, 2017.

Presenter, **Amazon Radical Transportation Summit**, Amazon Headquarters, Seattle, Washington, April 21-22, 2017.

Symposium Organizer and Moderator, **Mexico City at the Crossroads: Rethinking Governance in an Era of New Sovereignties**, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies/Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, March 31-April 1, 2017.

Panel Discussant, "The Geography and Environment in Mexico City: New Research Directions." **American**

**Association of Geographers.** Boston, April 5-9, 2017.

Commentator, *Author Meets Critic Session: The Endangered City and the Hydraulic City.* **American Association of Geographers**, Boston, April 5-9, 2017.

Panel Discussant, "Rethinking State Theory." **American Association of Geographers.** Boston, April 5-9, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, "The Built Environment and Violence." Opening of **Mexibility** Exhibition, Casa del Lago, Mexico City, March 25, 2017.

Panel Participant, "Global Displacement and the Politics and Ethics of Planning," **American Collegiate Schools of Planning**, Portland, Oregon, November 3-6, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, "Political Leadership and Innovation in Transportation," **Mobilize Summit**, Sponsored by IDTP, Yichang, China September 21-23, 2016.

Panelist, **International Conference on Metropolitan Areas**, Santiago Chile, July 28-July 30, 2016.

Plenary, **Conference on Sustainable Social Housing Policy in Mexico**, Leon Guanajuato, June 29, 2016.

Panelist, "Dialogues on Spaces of Resistance," Collateral Event, **Venice Biennale**, June 23-24, 2016.

Panel Participant, "Civil Society, Citizenship, and Politics in Contexts of Crime and Violence", **Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings**, May 25-28, 2016.

Keynote Address, "Crimescapes: Space, Law and the Making of Illegality in the Americas," **University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies 65th Annual Conference**, March 24-26, 2016.

Participant, **Topographies of Citizenship Symposium**, John Harvard Seminar, Cambridge University Center for Advanced Studies (CRASSH), Cambridge UK, January 28-29, 2016.

Panelist, "The Decent City," **Center for Contemporary Culture (CCCB)**, Barcelona, Spain, July 2-4, 2015.

Keynote Address, **International Forum on Metropolitan Governance Innovation**, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 23-24, 2015.

Panelist, "What is a Decent City: Reflections on Uneven Growth," **Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)**, New York City, May 11, 2015.

Panelist, "Fragile Cities and Fragile States," **Independent Commission on Multilateralism/International Peace Institute**, New York City, May 8-9, 2014.

Speaker, "Irregular Armed Forces and Violence: Shifting Loyalties and Fragmented Sovereignty." Transnational Studies Initiative, **Harvard University**, April 28, 2015.

Keynote Speaker, UNESCO-ITESO Seminar on "The Social Construction of Secure Cities without Violence," **University of Guadalajara (Mexico)**, April 22-24, 2015.

Moderator, Latin America: Identity and the Case for Regional Policies, **Harvard Kennedy School of Government**, April 18, 2015. Workshop Participant, "A Divided City: Rethinking Borders, Settlements, and Inter-communal Interactions in Jerusalem." **Les Treilles Foundation**, Provence (France), November 4-6, 2014.

Panelist, "Politics and Sustainable Urbanism." Colloquium on Urban Research at Harvard and in Spain **Real Colegio Computense**, Cambridge MA, October 17, 2014

Panel Organizer, "Beyond Dichotomization: Informality and the Challenges of Governance in Cities of the Global North and South." **International Sociological Association**, Yokohama Tokyo, July 23, 2014.

Panelist, "The City of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." **University of Guadalajara (Mexico)**, June 9-13, 2014. Panelist, "Frederick Law Olmsted Symposium." **Georgia Tech University**, June 2, 2014.

Panelist, "The Role of Middle Classes in Promoting National Development," **Inter-American Development Bank**, Washington DC, May 13-15, 2015.

Panelist, "The Inclusive City." **Institute for Business in the Global Context**, Fletcher School of

Diplomacy, Tufts University, May 1-2, 2014

Panelist, "The Future of the State." **Lauder Institute at the Wharton School of Business**, University of Pennsylvania, April 17-18, 2014.

Panelist, "Orangi Pilot Project: Reflections in Honor of Perween Rehwan." **Sponsored by the Aga Khan Program on Islamic Architecture and the Department of Urban Studies and Planning**, MIT, April 11-12, 2014.

Presenter, "Violence and State Capacity." Paper presented at the Princeton-Oxford **Consortium on State Capacity in Developing Countries**, Nuffield College, Oxford, May 17-8, 2013.

Panelist, "Violence and Urban Governance." **Rethinking International Planning Education Conference**, MIT, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Panelist, "The Study of Urban Resilience: A Methodological Challenge." **Conference on Qualitative Methodology**, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, April 9, 2013.

"Public Institutions and Accountability: Security and the State." Paper presented at the Conference on **Mexico's Future: In Search for a New Democratic Equilibrium**, Center For Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, April 1-2, 2013.

"Challenges to Urban Governance in Mexico." Presentation at the **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies**, December 5, 2013.

"Policing, Violence, and Regime Change: Mexico and the Middle East Compared." Paper presented at the **Building Rule of Law in the Arab World** Conference, Co-sponsored by the Crown Center for Middle East Studies and the US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, November 15-16, 2012.

"Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence," **International Summit on Crime Prevention**, Tijuana Mexico. September 25-27, 2012.

"Violence and the Challenges to State Capacities in the Global South: From Shifting Territorialities and Declining Legitimacy to Competing Sovereignities." Paper presented at the International Seminar on **The Political Economy of State Capacity: An Endogenous Institutional Approach**, Fundación Juan March, Madrid Spain, June 11-13, 2012.

"Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence." Presented at the Seminar on **Drug Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime: Reframing the Debate**, organized by the World Peace Foundation, Tufts University, May 2012.

"(Re)Theorizing the Urbanization-Violence Nexus: Evidence from Cities in the Global South." Lecture to the **Metropolitan Studies Program, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis**, New York University, April 13, 2012.

"Urban and National Development in Puerto Rico." Invited Lecture at the Puerto Rican Student Association Conference, Yale University, March 31, 2-012.

Keynote Speaker, *Workshop on State and Organized Crime in Latin America and Europe: Shaping Protected Spaces*, **German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)** in conjunction with the Volkswagen Foundation, Hamburg, September 30-October 1, 2011.

Keynote Speaker, *Conference on Urban Flexibility and Reconstruction*, Programme on Cities, **Oxford University**, March 2011. Invited Lecturer, *Summer Institute on Development and Inequality in the Global South*, **Brown University**, June 2010.

Participant, Conference on *Grounded Utopias: Six Cities of Mexico and their Ideals*. Department of History-Center for Latin American Studies, **University of Chicago**, May 20-21, 2010.

Keynote Speaker, *Non-State Armed Actors and Shifting Patterns of Violence in the Modern World*, **Turin World Affairs Institute**, University of Turin, April 15, 2010.

Invited Speaker, *History as a Resource for Decision-Making*. Department of History, **University of California at Berkeley**, March 12-14 2010.

Invited Speaker, *Prosperity and Security: The Challenges of Uncertain Economic Times*. **Canadian**

**Security Intelligence Services and Export Canada**, Ottawa, March 7, 2010

Invited Speaker, *Inequality and Social Policy Seminar*, **Harvard University**, December 7, 2009.

Keynote Speaker, *Illegal Activities, Imagined Communities, and New Forms of Sovereignty and Security in the Modern Era*, Canadian Ministry of Public Security, Ottawa, Canada, November 24, 2009.

Invited Speaker, *Crime, Insecurity, Fear: Ethnographic Approaches to Contemporary Mexico*, **Columbia University**, November 12-14, 2009.

Invited Speaker *Violence in Mexico: Beyond Sensationalism*, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, **Brown University**, October 23, 2009.

Invited Participant, *Working Group on State Building in the Developing World*, **Princeton University**, October 9-10, 2009.

Invited Panelist, *The Role of the State in Development: Old Patterns, New Challenges?* **Princeton University**, October 8, 2009. Invited Panelist, Symposium on *Middle Classes in Emerging Economies*, **Princeton University**, April 9, 2009.

Panelist, *In and Out of the Context of Contemporary Mexico City*, a Symposium on the work of Melanie Smith, sponsored by the Vera List Visual Arts Center (MIT) and the David Rockefeller Center's Latin American and Latin Art Forum (Harvard), February 7, 2009. Keynote Speaker, Conference on *Rethinking Cities and Communities: Urban Transition Before and During the Era of Globalization*, Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, November 14-15, 2008.

Keynote Speaker, *Confronting the Century of Cities*, International Sociological Association, Barcelona, September 4-7, 2008.

Participant, Roundtable Discussion on *Violence, Insecurity, and Economic Competitiveness in Latin America*, **Council on Foreign Relations**, Washington DC, June 24, 2008.

Conference Speaker, Symposium on *World Trends and their Impact on Latin America*, **Boston University**, June 29, 2008.

Invited Speaker, Conference on *Transnational and Non-State Armed Groups: Legal and Policy Responses* **International Institute of Graduate Studies** (Geneva), April 2008.

Speaker, Mexico Hoy Series, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, **Harvard University**, March 20, 2008.

Guest Lecturer, Crisis States Research Center, **London School of Economics**, October 31, 2007.

Invited Speaker, *Celebrating the City: Mexico City Through History and Culture*, **The British Academy**, London, England, October 30, 2007.

Luncheon Speaker, *Children of Abraham Conference*, **Harvard University** and the **American Academy**, October 22, 2007.

Keynote Speaker, special summer school session on *Violence in the Global South*, held at the **University of Utrecht**, June 25-26, 2007. Guest Lecturer, *Seminar on Urban Violence and Crime in Latin America*, **USAID-Woodrow Wilson Center**, Washington DC, March 21, 2007.

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