

A PACIFIC RIM DIALOGUE PRESENTED BY IFHP AND SPUR

URBAN RESILIENCE ON THE RING OF FIRE

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MODERATOR:

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By 2025, roughly 2/3rds of the world's inhabitants and the vast majority of wealth will be concentrated in urban centres. The vulnerability of the cities will become a defining theme of disaster risk in the coming decades. Residents survey the scene on Long Island, New York following Hurricane Sandy.

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Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 5 pm at
SPUR Urban Center in San Francisco

DIALOGUES

Join a PACIFIC RIM dialogue with leading figures in urban design Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 5 pm at SPUR Urban Center in San Francisco

As cities continue to grow in importance they also grow ever more vulnerable to natural catastrophes. Coastal cities around the world face threats from earthquakes, tsunamis and the effects of climate change.

IFHP and SPUR are co-presenting a dialogue focusing on tools to improve the capacity of cities to not only survive but thrive once disaster strikes. A panel of international keynote speakers from Asia, Europe, and America will share extensive experience and mutual learnings on urban resilience.

The dialogue will be held at SPUR Urban Center in San Francisco with a preceding networking reception.

All dialogue participants are invited to the reception.

SPEAKERS

Herbert Dreiseitl

Director, Ramboll Liveable Cities Lab

Herbert Dreiseitl is an urban designer, landscape architect, water artist and interdisciplinary planner. A hallmark of his work is the inspiring and innovative use of water to solve urban environmental challenges, connecting technology with aesthetics, encouraging people to take care and ownership for places. As director of the Ramboll Liveable Cities Lab and founder of Atelier Dreiseitl, Herbert Dreiseitl is focusing on urban initiation projects, workshops and research.

Hugh Nicholson

Principal Urban Designer, Christchurch City Council

(on Skype connection)

Hugh Nicholson is the principal urban designer at the Christchurch City Council. After the devastating earthquakes in 2010-11 he was the urban designer responsible for developing the Share an Idea campaign and the draft Central Christchurch recovery plan. He has been extensively involved in the transitional projects aimed at kick-starting the recovery of Christchurch.

Sarah Karlinsky

Deputy Director, SPUR

Sarah Karlinsky manages all of SPUR's policy and public engagement programs. She specializes in housing, community planning and disaster resiliency policy, and for the last seven years has led SPUR's Resilient City Initiative. She is the author of 'On Solid Ground. How good land use planning can prepare the Bay Area for a strong disaster recovery' and 'Safe Enough To Stay: What will it take for San Franciscans to live safely in their homes after an earthquake?' and has contributed to several major public policy achievements in San Francisco including the passage of a mandatory seismic retrofit program and the San Francisco Housing Trust Fund. Sarah Karlinsky is a board member of the Community Housing Partnership (CHP). She has previously served on the board of Transform and Urban Ecology and has taught land use planning at San Francisco State University.

Larry Ng

Group Director, Architecture & Urban Design Excellence, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore

Larry Ng is the group director of Architecture and Urban Design Excellence (AUDE), Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) which is the planning and conservation authority of Singapore. He spearheads URA's effort to promote architecture and urban design excellence and to raise public awareness and appreciation of Singapore's built environment. He is also the managing director of World Cities Summit, which is an exclusive and premier global platform for government and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships.

Laurie Johnson

Principal and Founder, Laurie Johnson Consulting

Laurie Johnson has over 25 years of experience in urban planning and disaster-related consulting, management and research. She has written extensively about land use and risk, disaster recovery and reconstruction, and the economics of catastrophes. She has studied many of the world's major urban disasters. In 2006, she was a lead author of the recovery plan for the City of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina and coauthored the book 'Clear as Mud: Planning for the Rebuilding of New Orleans.'

MODERATOR:

Søren Smidt-Jensen

Head of CITIES Programme, Danish Architecture Center

Søren Smidt-Jensen is PhD in strategical urban governance and works with an international network of urban planners and thinkers. As Head of CITIES Programme at DAC he is the main responsible for developing and managing projects on urban development and planning. Søren is an experienced speaker and moderator on various international conferences.

Admission

Free to IFHP and SPUR members - 10 \$ non-members

Location

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The IFHP Pacific Rim Dialogue is arranged in collaboration with SPUR. The City of San Francisco is one of the front-runner cities in the Pacific Rim in terms of resilient integrated urban design. This effort is actively supported by SPUR.

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