

Planners Network Conference 2000



Toronto, June 22-25, 2000

**Insurgent Planning,
Globalization and Local Democracy**

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- **Faculty of Environmental Studies,
York University**
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- **Department of City & Regional Planning,
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Planners Network Statement of Principles

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment in order to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. This includes in particular racial injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.



Conference Context

In recent years, the city of Toronto has been buffeted by the adverse effects of globalization, and by the downloading of responsibility for social services onto the municipal government. Local communities are organizing to resist these developments with varied success. This conference will provide an opportunity to meet with some of these communities to share strategies and experiences.

Toronto has been described as the most multicultural city in North America. It is also home to a large and vibrant gay and lesbian community. The conference coincides with a week of festivities culminating in Toronto's Gay Pride parade on Sunday, June 25. Toronto's Pride Festival is one of the oldest and largest on the continent. Some of the conference activities will be integrated with Gay Pride events.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Legend

- ▲ Activities sponsored by the Fannie Mae Foundation
- Interactive Workshops
- RCC Rogers Communications Centre
- PH Pitman Hall

NOTE: Detailed tour descriptions and meeting locations start on page 11.



Thursday, June 22

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| 8:15 – 9:15 am | Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration
Rogers Communications Centre (RCC), 2nd Floor. |
| 9:15 – 9:30 am | Welcome
Room: RCC 204
Barbara Rahder, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am | Keynote Address.
Room: RCC 204
Gerda Wekerle, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto. “Planning and Civil Society.” |
| 10:15 – 10:30 am | Coffee Break |



10:30 – noon Concurrent Sessions

■ ***Insurgent Planning and Collaboration.***

Room: PH 200

- James McKenzie, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University & McKenzie Paris Conflict Management / Collaborative Planning, Toronto.
- John Douglas, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto.

▲ ***Building Community Through Housing.***

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Iain De Jong

- John van Nostrand, Planning Alliance, Toronto.
“Building Community Through Housing in Africa and Canada.”
- Alison Guyton, Executive Director, Habitat Services, Toronto.
“Community Development in Boarding and Rooming Houses.”
- Iain De Jong, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.
“Social Housing in Turmoil (SHIT), What Now?”

Immigration, Ethnicity, and Space.

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Diana Iorio

- Yasminah Beebeejaun, University of Sheffield, U.K.
“Race and Planning in Britain.”
- Roxanna Ng, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto.
“Globalization, Recolonization, and Worker Resistance: the Case of Garment Workers in Toronto”
- Diana Iorio, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto
“Making a Case for Multicultural Planning: the Redevelopment of Downsview Airforce Base.”

Globalizing Cities: Partitioned Worlds.

Room: RCC, 204

Moderator: Kanishka Goonewardena

- Peter Marcuse, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, New York.
- Pablo Idahosa, African Studies, York University.
- Tom Angotti, Pratt Institute, GCPE, New York.
- Kanishka Goonewardena, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

▲ ***Mixing it Up: Local Housing Issues in Canada and the US.***

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Alex Murray, York University

- Sue Bunce, Former Board Member of Kensington Market Action Committee, Toronto.
“The Loft Condo Craze: ‘Yuppification’ in Downtown Toronto Neighbourhoods”
- Mark Guslits, City of Toronto Housing Company.
“Affordable Housing after Government Programs.”
- Cheryl Wilson, Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, University of Illinois, Chicago.
“Public Housing ‘Transformation’ in Chicago.”

**Noon – 2:00pm Break for Lunch
Try out one of Toronto's
many fine local eateries!**

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2:00 – 5:00 pm Tours of Toronto and Area

1. Accidental Village:

Church and Wellesley (Queer Toronto)

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Rick Bebout, Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives (CGLA).

2. Traditional Toronto: A Walk Through Neighbourhoods Built 100 Years Ago.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: David Gurin. Former Commissioner of Metro Toronto Planning.

3. Rouge River Valley: Watershed Management at the Eastern Edge of the City.

Van tour.

Capacity: 18 (2 vans)

- Guide: Michael Bunce, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

4. West of Toronto's Downtown:

A walking tour of the Spadina District.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Jon Caulfield, Urban Studies Program, York University.

5. ▲ A Cross-section of Toronto, from the Centre to the New Urbanist Suburbs.

Bus tour.

Capacity: 48

- Guide: Ted Relph, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

6. The Great Indian Bus Tour of Toronto.

Bus tour.

Capacity: 45

- Guide: Rodney Bobiwash, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

7. ▲ St. Lawrence Neighbourhood:

Downtown Success Story (Mixed Income Post-Urban Renewal).

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Frank Lewinberg, Urban Strategies, Toronto

8. Garment District

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Gunter Gad and Norma Rantisi, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

9. ▲ Co-op Housing Downtown:

Non-profit Resident Managed Communities.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Doug Young, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

6:00 – 7:30 pm Buffet Dinner

Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

Toronto City Hall Rotunda, Cash Bar

7:30 – 9:30 pm

Views on Planning and Local Democracy in Canada, the USA, and Mexico

Moderator & Discussant: Roger Keil, York University

- Gustavo Romero Fernández, Presidente del Consejo Directivo, Fondo Solidario de la Vivienda, A.C. (FOSOVI), (Chair, Solidarity Fund for Housing), Mexico.
- Winnie Frohn, Département D'études Urbanes et Touristiques, Université de Québec à Montréal.
- Peter Marcuse, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, New York.



Friday, June 23

7:30 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration
Rogers Communications Centre.

8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Toronto 2008: Labour's Divergent Views of the Olympics.

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Steven Tufts, Centre for Research on Work and Society, York University

- John Cartwright, Building Trades Council.
- David Kidd, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 79.
- Jan Borowy, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) & Bread Not Circuses Coalition.
- Paul Clifford, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union (HERE) Local 75.

Millennial Visions: Planning Issues in Toronto

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Ellie Perkins

- Roger Keil, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, & Stefan Kipfer, Community Social Planning Council, Toronto. "Toronto at the Millennium: Still Planning to be Different?"
- Ellie Perkins, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University & Paul Young, Community Planner, South Riverdale Community Health Centre, Toronto.
"Contesting Visions of Sustainable Development on Toronto's Waterfront."

■ *Shared Experiences of Gender Based Planning.*

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Allison Meistrich, Women Plan Toronto (WPT)

- Reggie Modlich, WPT, Toronto. "History of Women PlanToronto."
- Melanie Hare, WPT, Toronto. "Women Plan Toronto's Official Plan Project."
- Connie Guberman, METRAC, Toronto. "Safety Initiatives in Toronto."

Solutions Flowing from Design—An Ecovillage Permaculture View

Room: PH 200

Moderator: J.P. Warren

- Jeff Gold/Denis Bowman, Wholevillage King
- Dorothy Mazzeau, CoHousing Ontario
- Jason Whitfield, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo
- Scott Dawson, Permaculture Community Action Network

10:00 – 10:30 am Coffee Break

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10:30 – noon Concurrent Sessions

Resisting the Growth Machine.

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Richard Milgrom

- Kelly Snow, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University "Is Resistance Futile? Thoughts and Images from Protests in Toronto and Washington DC."
- Richard Milgrom, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University & Bread Not Circuses Coalition.
- Jan Borowy, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) & Bread Not Circuses Coalition.

▲ *Comparative Approaches to Community Development.*

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Jim Ward, York University

- Alejandro Rofman, Undersecretary for Regional Development, Government of the City of Buenos Aires. "Community Revitalization in Buenos Aires."
- Xavier Morales, Arizona State University, Tempe. "Insurgent Communities: Beyond the Planner."
- Pierre Clavel, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. "CDCs: An Emerging Third Sector in Planning."
- Heather McLean, Department of Geography, University of Toronto. "Gender Policy and Planning: The Roles of Men."

Grassroots Groups and the Preservation of Regional Open Spaces.

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Eduard Sousa

- Anna Tilman, Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM). "Pushing to Save a Natural Heritage."

- Bob Johnston, University of California at Davis. "Uses of GIS for Citizens Groups in Regional Planning."
- Eduard Sousa, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University. "They May Have Piped Up the Creek but Not the Process: Exploring the Intersections of Natural Heritage, Urban Ecology and Community Development."

Noon – 2:00 pm Luncheon

Room: Pitman Hall Cafeteria

Greeting: Jim Carr, Fannie Mae Foundation.

▲ *Social Inequalities and Urban Governance in Brazil*

Moderator: Tom Angotti

- Orlando Alves dos Santos Junior, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "Social Capital and the Mandate of Big Cities: Social Activism and Socio-political Participation in the Metropolitan Regions of Brazil."
- Fabricio Leal de Oliveira, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "Competitiveness and City Strategic Planning: the Agenda of Multilateral Agencies and Urban Policy in Rio de Janeiro."
- Pedro de Novais Lima Junior, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "A Place of Struggle in the Struggle for Place: A View on the Role of the University within the Symbolic Disputes that Dominate the Planning Arena in Brazil."
- Mariana Fix, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "Three Cases of Local Resistance to Private-Public Partnerships in Sao Paulo During the Last Decade."



2:00 – 5:00 pm Tours of Toronto and Area

■ Planning a Barrier-Free Toronto:
A Field Simulation of the Physical Reality Faced
by People with Disabilities

Capacity: 20

Room: RCC 203

- Al Reeves, Accessibility Awareness Committee, York District
- Shane Holten, Toronto Joint Citizens Committee for People with Disabilities

10. ▲ Straw Bale House:
Experimental House Under Construction in a
Western Suburb.

Van tour.

Capacity: 18

- Guide: Martin Liefheher, Architect.

11. ▲ East of Downtown:
Homelessness, Public Housing, and
Brownfields.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Jim Ward, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

12. Bring Back the Don River:
Community Led Effort to Revive a Sick River.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: David Stonehouse, Taskforce to Bring Back the Don.

13. ▲ Alternative Housing:
Getting off the Streets.

Van tour.

Capacity: 8

- Guide: Richard Milgrom, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

14. South Etobicoke Regeneration

Van tour

Capacity: 9

- Guide: John Graham, Planner

15. Portlands and Waterfront Redevelopment

Van tour

Capacity: 18

- Guide: Peter Zimmerman, City of Toronto

16. ▲ Foodshare and Community Gardens and
Growing Cultures: Immigrants and Their
Gardens.

An Exhibition of Photographs by Vincenzo Pietropaolo.

Exhibit research by Gerda Wekerle, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

Van tour.

Capacity: 9

- Guide: Laura Berman, Community Gardening Coordinator, Foodshare.

5:15 – 5:45 pm

Meet volunteers at the Registration Desk to take TTC to Field to Table.

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Field to Table Warehouse Tour

200 Eastern Avenue, Tel: (416)363-6441

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Field to Table Dinner and Discussion

Moderator: Sue Bunce

Speakers

- Debbie Field, Executive Director, Foodshare Metro Toronto
- Lauren Baker, Seeds of Our City

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Saturday 24 June

7:30 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration
Rogers Communications Centre.

8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Walkin' the Walk: Techniques for Empowerment.

Room: PH 200

Moderator: Ken Reardon

- Ken Reardon, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
- Cathy Klump, East St. Louis Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- LaTonya Webb, East St. Louis Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Pierre Clavel, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

Cities for Sale: Planning in the Face of Privatization.

Room: PH 205

Moderator: Antonio Gomez-Palacio

- Luis Octavio Silva, Municipality of Sao Paulo & Université de Québec à Montréal.
"Public/Private Partnership Financing Urban Investments: An Experience from Sao Paulo."
- Nirmita Mehrotra, Pratt Institute, New York. "Privatization of Planning in New York City."
- Cynthia J. Cranford, Department of Sociology, University of Southern

California, Los Angeles & Robert D. Wilton, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton.

"Restructuring and Resistance in Higher Education: USC as the University of Sub-Contracting?"

The Good, the Bad, and the 905.

(905 is the area code for suburban Toronto).

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Karen Wirsig

- Stephen Dale, Author of *Lost in the Suburbs: A Political Travelogue*.
"Understanding Suburban Revolt: How a Conservative 'Revolution' Overturned Decades of Small 'L' Liberal Rule in Ontario."
- Heath Priston, School of Planning, University of Waterloo.
"Social Polarization and Income Redistribution in Toronto CMA: Towards a Culture of Polarization."
- Alan Walks, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.
"The Rise and Fall of the Welfare State and the Implications for Social Segregation in the Toronto Region."
- Karen Wirsig and Stefan Kipfer, Community Social Planning Council, Toronto.
"The Paradox of the Post War Suburbs: the Case of Toronto."

Whose Rights to the City? Part 1

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Barbara Rahder

- Herbert Glasauer, Universitaet Gesamthochschule Kassel, Germany.
"Public Space and Fear of Crime. Urban Competence Versus the Need for Security."



- Laura Lanza, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
"Competing Visions and Contested Spaces: An Ethnographic Study of the Meanings, Activities and Uses of Downtown Philadelphia for Different Stakeholders."
- Barbara Rahder, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto.
"Voices of the City: A Diversity of Women's Perceptions of the Urban Environment."

Lost and Found in the City: Environmental Initiatives.

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Alex Long

- Hamish Wilson, Member of Toronto Cycling Committee, Toronto.
"The Velouration of Toronto."
- Alex Long, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.
"Informal Waste Recovery in Mexico: What are the implications for Sustainable Urban Planning?"

10:00 – 10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30 – noon Concurrent Sessions

■▲ *Seize the Moment: Popular Education, Community Organizing.*

Room: PH 200

- Chris Cavanagh, Catalyst Centre, Toronto

▲ *Social Movements and Community Development*

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Katharine Rankin, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

- Sheri Blake, Department of City Planning, University of Manitoba.
"Community Design Centres and Methodologies: Towards Implementation of a Technical."
- Susan Seifert, Philadelphia, and Mark Stern, School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, " 'Irrational' Organizations: Why Community-based Organizations are Really Social Movements."
- Rachel Bland, University of Sheffield, England
"English Perceptions of Social Justice and Student Activism."
- Ben Kohl, Cornell University
"When the Center Does Not Hold, Who Does the Planning? Decentralization and Planning in Bolivia."

▲ *Local Economic Development and Issues of Metropolitan Governance: New Challenges for Community Groups*

Room: PH 205

Moderator: Pierre Hamel, Institut d'urbanisme, Université de Montréal

- Claude Piché, Études urbaines, Université de Québec à Montréal.
Montreal Case Study.
- Anne Latendresse, Centre of Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto. Toronto Case Study.
- Jill Hanley, McGill University.
Boston Case Study.

Whose Rights to the City? Part 2

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Christina Gallimore, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

- Mano Kumarasuriyar, Development Planning Program, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
"Rights of Children to the City."

