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THE SEVENTH GENERATION

In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

—From the Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy

Privatization and Planning

The Fall/Winter New York Planners Network Forum featured three sessions on Privatization that brought out some important issues for progressive planners.

This isn't just a technical or organizational issue. It's not about figuring out the best way to deliver services or saving public funds. It's a political issue that gets resolved in the political arena. And these days the political debate is ideologically charged by well-endowed right-wing think tanks. In New York City, for example, the Manhattan Institute has an impressive stash of dough to wine and dine policymakers and intellectuals, finance a slick policy journal and pull strings in the conservative administration of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. At times they've been successful in appearing balanced by welcoming debate, but the agenda is decisively for privatization.

The progressive alternatives are not so well endowed. The Five Borough Institute in New York City brings together progressive
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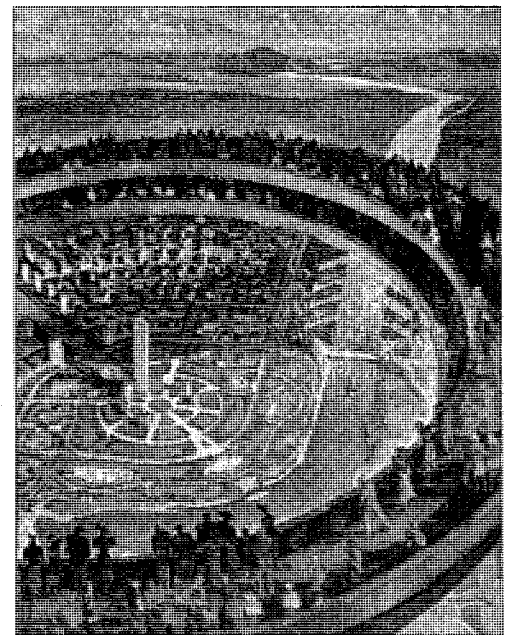
What's the Pedagogy?

By Leonie Sandercock

Twenty something years ago I wrote a book (my first) called *Cities for Sale*, which opened with the following statement: "This book is about failure. City planning in Australia this century has failed to improve the welfare of our city dwellers and unless we understand why, our urban planners will continue to devise counter-productive land use plans and our urban policy makers will perpetuate the series of income transfers from the poor to the rich which have accompanied the urban planning process in the past."

I have not been alone in assessing the past hundred years of planning practice as a major disappointment, in terms of the radical projects which have been proclaimed in this period. Nevertheless, eleven years of teaching planning at UCLA has reassured me that the radical spirit is alive and well among our students, many of whom bring with them to graduate school valuable knowledge of alternative practices which are worthy of inclusion in our curricula.

I have tried in recent work (*Towards Cosmopolis: Planning for Multicultural Cities*, Wiley, 1998) to delineate a radical planning project for the twenty-first century, which takes into account the failures of the



modernist project of the twentieth century, and which is based on an acknowledgement of the socio-cultural as well as economic dimensions of globalization and of the more culturally diverse urban and regional landscapes that are being produced as a result of these processes. The debate about planning's radical project has necessarily expanded to include notions of environmental and cultural
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UPDATES

PNer Ron Shiffman is leading a Planning and Design Studio in the Czech Republic in late spring/early summer. The 3-5 credit intensive workshop is sponsored by the Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning & the Environment and is open to PNers who are not Pratt students. Participating will be architects, planners, landscape architects, economists and environmentalists from the U.S., Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic, using sustainable planning and design criteria. The faculty will be drawn from the four sponsoring universities. Students and faculty will visit Prague and other cities. Costs will be kept to a minimum. Students may be eligible for travel assistance from the German government. For information contact Ron Shiffman at 718-636-3494 or <ronyvette@aol.com>.

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PN at APA

PNers interested in getting together at the American Planning Association (APA) conference in Seattle this April should contact Alan Rabinowitz at 206-525-7941 or <arabinowitz@igc.apc.org>.

P.E.O. at the Lowell Conference

1999 is the 35th anniversary of Planners for Equal Opportunity, created to give planning advocates a voice and support for their efforts to give minorities a fair shake in housing, urban renewal and other services. It confronted the main professional planning organizations, ASPO and AIP, tackled segregated projects in New York, and demanded minority representation on the New York City Planning Commission. It was disbanded in 1974, and was succeeded by Planners Network under the guidance of Chester Hartman. Reunion meetings are planned the June PN Lowell conference, and in New York in the fall.

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The PEO Reunion Committee is proposing two sessions and a slide show to the Lowell Conference Committee. One session would look at PEO's experience and history. Another will focus on the conference theme, including issues such as environmental justice, planners and organized labor, and planning and the market. Leo Lillard's 18 minute slide show of East New York shows the devastation of the community as it was turned from white to black and Puerto Rican. It identifies the players of all colors who helped the community rebuilding effort, and shows some of the 2,300 housing units built as a result of a joint community/city effort.

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SANDERCOCK

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as well as economic justice. But this debate now takes place in a context in which the state, whether in rich or poor countries, is for the most part no longer supporting the sort of progressive interventionist planning that has

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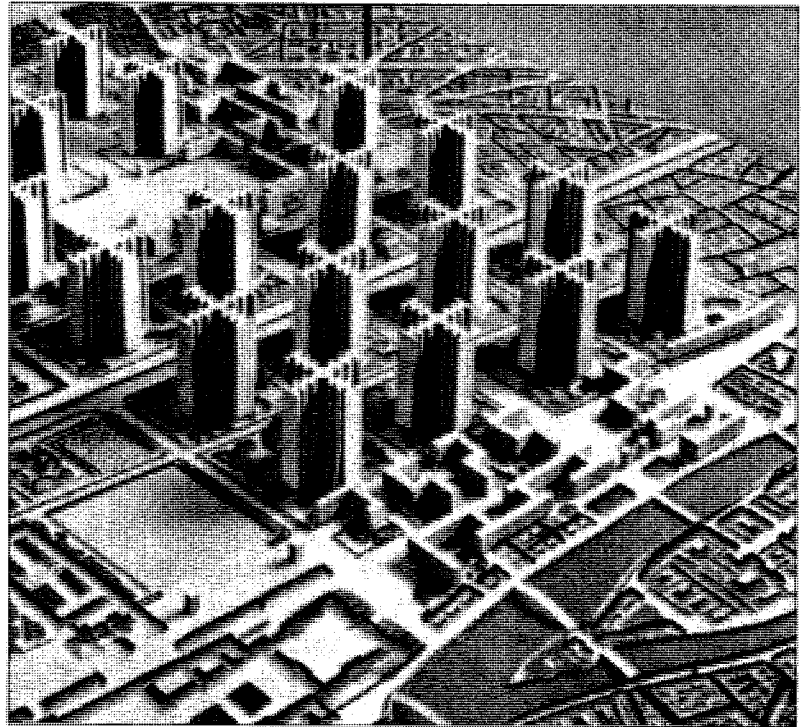
been supported for some of the last half-century.

In so far as planning, as a professional practice, has sought to address and represent the needs of that part of civil society which is most vulnerable, it has traditionally done so through the agencies of the state (the results of which have not been without criticism from the intended beneficiaries). This option of a top-down, progressive planning, empowered by the state, seems at this moment in history to be increasingly unavailable to planners. It would seem that contemporary planning must define its role in a world where national governments almost everywhere are in retreat, fiscally stressed, and out-manuevered by the transnational investors whom they court.

From this very context, new forms of progressive planning have begun to emerge, a bottom-up style of planning which we might call insurgent because it is operating in the interstices, and even in the face of power. If planning's constituency is to continue to be, at least in part, those groups who are most vulnerable, whether from economic or political disadvantage or from cultural and/or ethnic/racial/religious discrimination and oppression, then these new forms of planning will be increasingly important. If we want to achieve greater social justice, less polluted environments, and broader cross-cultural tolerance, and if planning is to contribute to those goals, then we need a broader and more politicized definition of planning's domain and practices. Part of this broadening is to acknowledge that planning is not only that professional domain that constitutes the field of city-building, but is also that form of collective action which we might call community-building.

My own attempt to redefine planning's radical project has been inspired by existing radical practices. In *Towards Cosmopolis*, and in a forthcoming issue of a new journal (*Plurimondi*, no.2, Summer 1999) which I have guest edited, I tell the stories of "a thousand tiny empowerments," stories of people and organizations who are practicing a radical, democratic, and culturally pluralist planning sometimes in the face of power, sometimes in the interstices, and occasionally from positions of state power. These stories illustrate an emerging planning paradigm which is grounded in the rise of civil society and embodies a new definition of social justice for cities and regions, a definition which includes, but goes well beyond, economic concerns, engaging with problems of marginalization, disempowerment, cultural imperialism, and violence.

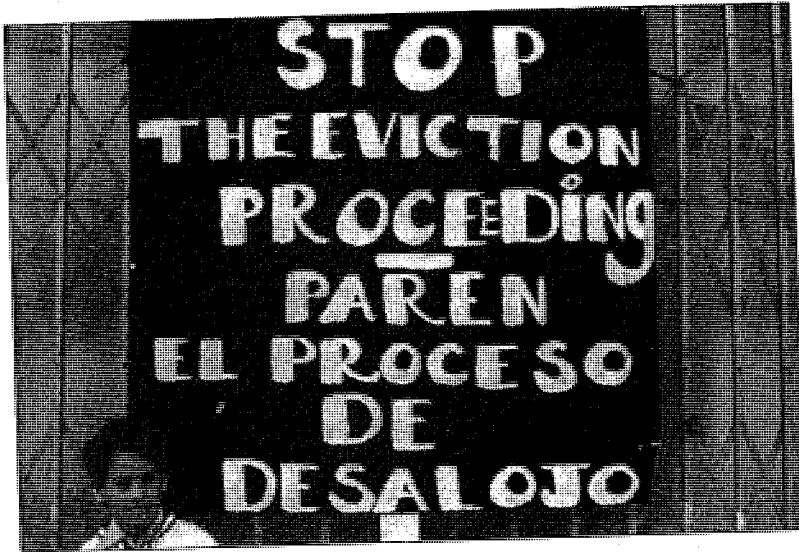
Two of these stories focus on individual activists (Mel King in Boston, Gilda Haas in Los Angeles), not because I seek to revive the idea of the heroic planner of the modernist era but rather to point to a new breed of activist/practitioner/teacher with a very different philosophy from that which inspired Hausmann, Burnham, Moses, Le Corbusier. Each of these new mobilizers



works as part of one or more social movements, and each stands out as a teacher of new ways to forward social transformation, striving to build more inclusive organizations and to create better cities and healthier communities by fostering multi-racial and multi-ethnic coalitions (moving beyond the narrower goals of identi-

ty politics). Each has taught in prominent US planning programs.

My other examples come from different parts of the world: the Wik people of Cape York Peninsula in northern Australia and their struggle for Native Title to land that was appropriated in the act of white settlement; the creation of a Municipal Department of Multicultural Affairs in Frankfurt by the victorious Red-Green political coalition between 1989 and 1996



to address the political invisibility of migrant workers; the Mothers of East Los Angeles and their campaign for environmental justice; popular participation in the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre around the municipal budget; community-building in a twenty-year-old squatter settlement on the banks of the river in Yogyakarta, and so on. There are many more stories that could have been told. PNers will all know of such stories, and will have worked with folks like Mel King and Gilda Haas in their own neighborhoods and cities.

But what is the role of the planner in these insurgent practices? Broadly speaking, there are two kinds of roles, which appear very different but may in fact draw on similar sets of skills. In situations such as Porto Alegre or Frankfurt, where progressive political forces occupy (for however long) some niche of state power, the task is to use that power to bring about change that is in the interest of, as well as in collaboration with, those who have hitherto been excluded, victimized, or oppressed. Professionals committed to social change will work within and through the state, using their knowledge of institutions, legislation, policy formulation and implementation, and so on. Along the way they will need skills of communication, argument, persuasion, negotiation, mediation — in other words,

the tools of both rational comprehensive planning and of the communicative action approach. And there is another task for radical planners working through the state, when that opportunity presents itself, and that is to consciously work to democratize the planning process itself. Once engaged in genuinely participatory processes, professionals must be able to work with diverse communities, in face-to-face dealings with those who are culturally different. This involves the development of other ways of knowing — other, that is, than the scientific and technical knowledge at the heart of the modernist paradigm. (I've called this an epistemology of multiplicity).

But if there is no progressive regime through which to work, radical planners may opt to work for mobilized communities, in which case, paradoxically, the community is the planner, and the professional is the hired gun, the technician, "the plumber," and cannot impose his/her values on the community. The ends and means of this kind of community-driven planning should be determined by the community, and the task of the planner is to help that community to ensure that the state's plans and policies, which structure the way land and resources are allocated, are modified, impeded, or undermined so as to ensure that the particular community is better able to defend and secure its rights and interests. This oppositional, or insurgent, planning practice will draw again on a wide range of skills, sometimes involving knowledge of institutional and legislative processes, sometimes drawing on substantive technical knowledge of, say, financial or ecological systems, other times requiring interpersonal and intercultural skills and an understanding of group dynamics.

Radical planning discourse, such as it is, has tended to concentrate either on normative visions of the Good City, or on theorizing from practice, recounting success stories just as I have done in the publications mentioned above. While both of these are essential in providing us with a politics of hope, perhaps we need more discussion of the pedagogy of radical planning. Is the task of educating radical planners the same as, or very different from the task of educating planners for the mainstream? I have my own views on this. What do PNers think? What do you think are the crucial issues we should be debating? **PN**

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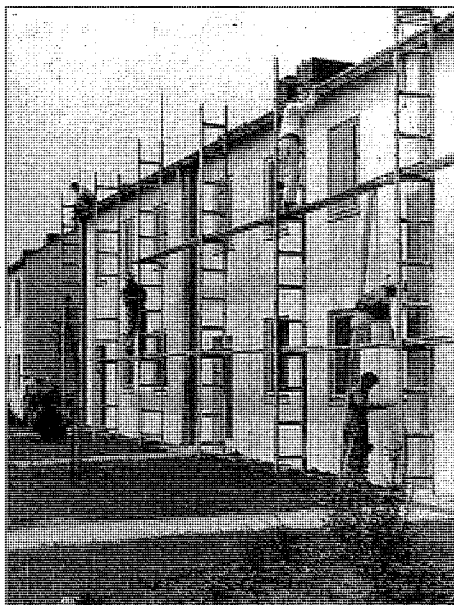
PUTTING HOUSING ON THE UNIONS' AGENDA

By Chris Baker, Annica Cooper, Sahyeh Fattahi, Paula Bingham Goldstein, Jimmy Gomez, Daniel Inlender, Jacqueline Leavitt, Erika Licon, and Paula Sirola

Union organizing around housing is barely a blip on the radar screen of unions in Southern California. Striking gains have been made in other organizing among immigrant workers, however. In this area, there have been city living wage ordinances, gains in the right to organize by the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union (HERE), and protections for dry-wallers against unfair wage practices by contractors.

We recently took a modest step in raising awareness about the housing needs of low income workers and the potential of housing as an organizing tool. This past October at UCLA, the seven of us — five undergraduate honors students, a doctoral candidate, and a planning professor collaborated in a class, "Community Development From the Ground Up." We had the following objectives: (1) create a pilot survey as a way to identify housing needs of low income workers in unions and their degree of interest about union involvement in housing; (2) research the continuum of housing services that unions provide in the U.S.; (3) investigate the experiences of labor involvement in other countries; and (4) bring labor and community-based housing groups together. 102 respondents were surveyed — 63 union and non-union workers at Farmer Johns and the remainder in the building trades.

Some survey responses were expected given the high housing costs in the metropolitan Los Angeles area and the increase



in working poor even among full-time workers. Of 47 people who were renters, we found they pay a median gross rent of \$640, or 38% of their income. Of 32 homeowners, the median gross housing cost was \$940, or 36% of their income. Mapping where survey respondents live also produced unsurprising results. Workers earning the lowest wages live in zip codes where high percentages of other people have incomes below the poverty level.

More striking was the interest expressed by survey respondents to the questions about unions becoming involved in housing programs. About two-thirds said unions should pay a lot or some attention to housing. While the question seemed to surprise some people being

interviewed, only seven flatly stated that housing should not be included in a benefits package and not be at all a union interest.

In the presentation of our results to union and community organizers, we gave findings from other research, including a ladder of union participation in housing, moving from credit unions to nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs), to working with established community organizations to include housing in contract negotiations (as in Boston's Local 26 of HERE). We also noted the activities of the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust Fund, including the recent (1997) opening of a Western Regional Office.

We summarized the arguments for union involvement in housing: wages are going down in real dollars while housing costs are going up; workers can't find affordable housing near the workplace; housing benefits have the potential to provide greater value to workers than pay increases; and workers, when asked, ranked housing as one of their top concerns. The arguments against: asking too much when union membership is declining and unions are struggling to hold on to what they have; smaller unions find housing a risky financial investment; the labor movement shies away from a non-traditional area; it could spur an adverse reaction from management which translates into a backlash against labor

unions; it could create an unfavorable public perception that unions are involved in areas where they do not belong; and the difficulty of taking on a complex task in which housing advocates have made limited progress to satisfy the need. Tipping the balance in favor of union involvement, there are powerful reasons for connecting union and housing organizing: the groups most in need of affordable housing include service workers, immigrants, women, people of color, households with children — the fastest growing segment of union membership. And by knowing where union workers are finding housing, opportunities exist for labor organizers to work both at the workplace and in the community, building coalitions around issues like housing.

Among the audience, the rep from the United Farm Workers (UFW) pointed out,

as we had reported, their union's pioneering work in setting up retirement housing in Delano, CA and limited equity housing in Ventura County. The union reps from Local 770 of the United Food and Commercial Workers — who in the past year settled a ten-year struggle with Farmer Johns over union protection and who helped find most of the survey respondents — and a union representative from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), pointed to changes already occurring in the new labor movement, particularly the resources being put into both organizing and providing services. All present were enthusiastic about suggestions for a follow-up forum, bringing area organizers in labor and housing together with representatives from the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust Fund. They wanted to find out more about

the organization (with assets close to \$1.85 billion) and learn about the Trust's new investment initiatives. They supported the idea of continuing the research and meetings with members to discuss the pros and cons of union involvement in housing, and exploring the various ways in which credit unions function, including requirements and ease of access.

Given the role unions played in achieving a dramatic electoral change in California, the responsiveness of union members to the pilot survey, and the progressive orientation of many in the new labor movement in Southern California, housing could become more than a minor item on the union agenda. It could become a fruitful area for organizing and a means of mutual education between labor and housing advocates. **PN**

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policy advocates from universities, unions and community organizations. Summer Rosen, the organization's Chair and long-time PN member, ought to be fighting off advances from the "liberal" foundations who purport to advance progressive social policy, but that's not the case. The foundations who bankroll policy advice to the powerful give only the scraps to progressive and grassroots groups, who have to spend most of their time scrambling for the scraps and have precious little time to influence government policy.

Some union locals have argued long and hard against rampant privatization and the contracting out of public services. Too often, however, the argument is made only from the narrow perspective of saving union jobs, or trying to show how in-house services save money. The unions haven't had much success striking up coalitions with community groups to deal with the quality of services. This leaves

them vulnerable to an administration that bawls about real problems of service delivery in a way that promotes privatization and neutralizes the unions. District Council 37, the largest municipal employees union in New York, was just taken over by its parent federation amid revelations of corruption. Perhaps the most damaging corruption in the union is the leadership's willingness to strike sweetheart deals with a conservative, privatizing mayor. The fact that Giuliani has made only modest progress with privatization has as much or more to do with community opposition than union opposition.

City planning is still a public function. The City Charter requires that all major land use decisions must be made by the City Planning Commission and City Council in consultation with the Borough Presidents and Community Boards. However, since the fiscal crisis of the 1970s, the city planning staff that advises the Commission has dwindled to less than 250 professionals. In a city of almost 8 million people, that's one of the lowest

ratio of planners per capita in the nation. And in the current administration the planners are not allowed to plan. Under the leadership of Planning Director Joseph Rose, son of a local real estate magnate, planners have been instructed to be "user-friendly." This translates into obediently processing developer proposals. The planning staff does not work with neighborhoods in preparing plans. They review plans that neighborhoods submit, but they do little to support and engage in the planning process. Communities must either be well endowed with underemployed professionals, raise their own funds, or go to area planning schools for assistance. In effect, community planning is privatized. And when it comes to the high stakes development proposals, the city's planners are no match for the legions of attorneys, architects, and planners employed by builders to do the planning the way they want it. **PN**

—Tom Angotti

THE POSTMODERN OPPORTUNITY FOR PLANNING

By Paul Niebanck

WE ARE LIVING AT A TIME OF HUGE NEW PROMISE and opportunity for progressive planning. Long constrained by the rigidities associated with modernism, we are free now to help invent the future and construct the institutions that can sustain it. The postmodern climate is just right for the kinds of planning that would release the capacity for justice, peace, and human fulfillment.

Progressive planning thrives in situations where boundaries are blurred, and people can reach across them to each other. Also, where power is accessible and values are in flux. These conditions characterize the postmodern period, by and large. Recombinatory possibilities seem boundless, and the energy of innovation is everywhere. As planners, we do our best work at times of uncertainty, ambiguity, complexity, and change. Now is such a time, and we have an obligation to make the most of it.

I see three exciting signs that planning is seizing the postmodern opportunity. First, our field is striking a fresh relationship with the future. Second, we planning practitioners are critically reformulating our professional responsibility. Third, the planning function is moving to the ethical center among powerful societal forces.

Planning for the Unknown

As a modernist practice, planning was defined almost exclusively in terms of objective, instrumental, formal, and strictly rational conceptions. Planning could attend only to what was measurable, predictable, and subject to control. Implicit in

these limitations, the objects of planning were conceived conservatively, as either problems to be solved, situations to be managed, systems to be adjusted, or crises to be avoided. The best that planning could do with the future was to forecast certain aspects of it, and either accommodate them, contain them, or resist them altogether.

Planning is a way of being in the world.

By contrast, the postmodern context releases planning to regard itself more generously, and to engage the future in ways that are organically related to a much larger planning idea. Planners are involved in actualizing potentialities, embodying meanings, writing stories, even forging myths. Planning is generative, as well as regulatory; inventive, as well as stabilizing; adventuresome and visionary as well as adaptive and cautious. The unknown future is something to be invited, promoted, and co-created, not

merely accommodated or resisted.

Progressive planners have room to breathe, space in which to work assertively, in this new environment. The modernist conception of planning frustrated our best attempts to right wrongs, undo oppressive systems, equalize structures of opportunity, form productive relationships, and give voice to the factors that support human life. Postmodern conceptions invite us to plan for the unknown. Our imaginations need not be constrained. Quite the contrary, we are called to enlarge the conversation, delight in multiplicity, imagine what is possible, decide cooperatively what is desirable, and negotiate it into being.

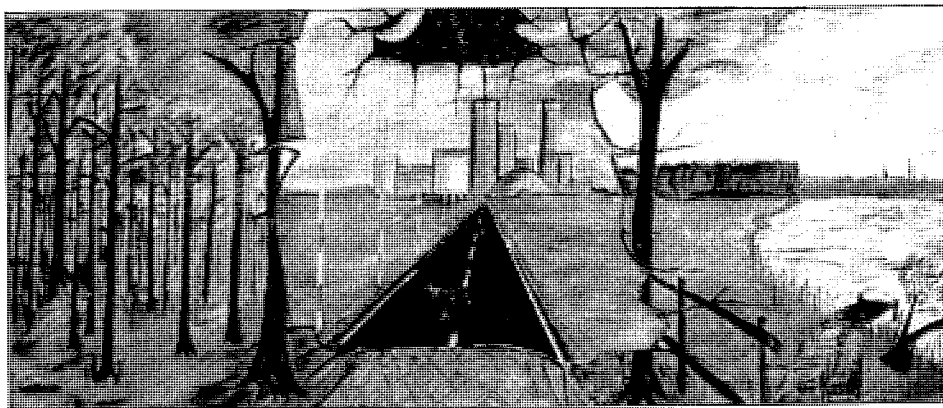
Planner as Midwife

Among the hallmarks of modernism was its reliance on expertise. Buildings need to stand; thus the profession of engineering. Corporations need to thrive; thus, accounting and management. Individuals need to prosper; thus, teachers, social workers, and psychologists. Planning has sought a place among the professions, that is, to convince society that we have special abilities that deserve standing. To some extent we have succeeded. In respect for certain of our technical skills, planning has come to be regarded as a "minor profession."

Planning is too large and too important to be contained by such a designation. It is a way of being in the world. There is no major sector, no domain, of human life that does not practice planning. Further, planning takes as many nuanced forms as the circumstances in which it is practiced.

And wherever it is found, planning provides opportunities for people of different persuasions to assemble respectfully around shared concerns, organize, design their own formats, offer critique, identify

and the capacity to plan, for themselves and in collaboration with others. We recognize our responsibility to be midwives on behalf of the practice of democratic planning.



the common good, and take responsible action together. Thus, in every instance, planning is potentially a democratic practice. This potential has long been recognized by progressive planners, and the postmodern period affords room for its vigorous expression.

The power of planning as democratic practice is being celebrated broadly among planning scholars and practitioners. The primary responsibility, even the professional responsibility, for planners, is coming to be seen not so much in terms of "making plans," or even in "doing planning," but in facilitating the planning impulse and encouraging its democratic character. The true "product" of the professional investment will not be evident so much in the quantity or quality of plans produced as in the enhanced capacity for constructive interaction and intelligent and compassionate action across society.

Progressive planners have strong commitments to equality, justice, sufficiency, and sustainability. We have learned that these commitments cannot be realized without the direct participation of the people who have been marginalized or oppressed. We also know that planning is a powerful instrument for social improvement, and that, with rare and transitional exceptions, these people have the right

The Ethical Center

The rhetoric of modernism ironically makes values-neutrality a virtue. Most early planning practice mimicked this emphasis. What was at stake was not so much whether neutrality was a virtue as that its practice veiled an active reinforcement of the dominant forces in society, and of domination itself. An ideology of values-neutrality served to protect the prerogatives of the nation-state, the army, the church, the corporation, even the profes-

The rhetoric of modernism ironically makes values- neutrality a virtue.

sions, and their respective beneficiaries.

Postmodernism has emphasized values-indeterminacy. We face a marketplace of competing claims, enticements, and pronouncements. Deep-rooted ethical traditions are everywhere being compromised. Institutions and communities that once were counted on to cultivate values and hold members to account have lost their force. The proliferation of distinctions and the ceaseless flow of information have obscured the pathway to defining values.

Progressive planners know that values-neutrality is a deception. We also know that values-indeterminacy is a delusion. We affirm that human beings have evolved as moral agents and choice-makers. Amidst the cacophony, progressive planning stands confidently at the ethical center. Unlike the cynics, pessimists, and opportunists all about us, we see in the postmodern environment an opportunity to cultivate a core of relevant values, values that can create and sustain a world society.

In practice, the ethical requirements should be to:

- Generate a clear vision and remain faithful to it
- Locate the reservoirs of energy and talent, and tap into them
- Establish and maintain relationships of active support and respectful critique
- Understand the structure of power, and use it
- Represent the highest standards at every turn.

These requirements are arguably the marks of mature planning, and they place planning at the center of the values question.

Conclusion

Progressive planning offers three powerful things to this emergent era. First, it provides a way into the future on behalf of the future's fullest potential. Second, it affords people the chance, collectively, to express their deepest understandings and realize themselves as individuals and groups. Third, it exemplifies what it means to be a conscious partner in the evolution towards the human and ecological ideal. At its best, the day-to-day practice of planning will be an approximation of that ideal. **PN**

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CALL FOR WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES

**WORKING FOR A
DECENT LIVING**

*Bridging the Gap
Between Labor
and Community*

**PLANNERS NETWORK CONFERENCE, JUNE 17-20, 1999
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS**

Planners, community and labor activists and advocates, researchers, academics, students:

We invite you to submit a proposal for the June 1999 Planners Network conference, "Working for a Decent Living: Bridging the Gap between Labor and Community." We encourage you to propose a full workshop or activity, but proposals for individual presentations are also welcome.

We have broken the conference into several themes, described on the following page.

Our goal is a set of working sessions, in which participants will truly grapple with how to "bridge the gap between labor and community." To this end, we place a premium

on proposals that emphasize interaction with all participants. (We expect that most workshops and activities will attract 10-20 participants.) This does not mean we will reject all proposals that involve an audience simply listening to presentations, but it does mean we will favor proposals that include more extensive interaction. In any case, when we receive a proposal, we will send you materials with tips for increasing participation.)

Please return the workshop/activity proposal form by March 15, and we look forward to reading your ideas!

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PLANNERS NETWORK 1999

Workshop and Activity Themes

Workshops and activities will take place in four segments, all built around the challenge of linking up labor and community issues and movements, in the following sequence:

- 1) Obvious common interests
- 2) Less obvious common interests
- 3) Conflicts and challenges
- 4) Future strategies

The idea is to start by identifying common interests, examine conflicts, and then move to future strategies.

Here are some possible examples in each category, with some overlap:

1) Obvious common interests:

Education and job training • Affordable housing as an issue for workers and unions • Job creation in environmental industries • Living/livable wage • Occupational safety and health and community environmental protection • Part-time and contingent work • Planners in unions • Plant closings/retention (especially community services such as hospitals) • Unions as investors/lenders • Unions developing housing

2) Less obvious common interests:

Anti-racist organizing • Bringing people of color and women into the building trades, into union leadership • Community groups organizing unions directly • Community support for union organizing • Confronting globalization • How unions have learned from community organizing, and vice versa • Immigrant rights in workplace and community • Linking job demands to development • Reindustrialization • Supports and services needed for work (such as child care, transportation) • Sweatshops at home and abroad • Transportation planning as a link between community and workplace • "Union cities" • Unions and worker ownership • Welfare and workfare organizing

3) Conflicts and challenges:

Jobs vs. the environment • Jobs for construction workers vs. sustainable, community-controlled development • Overcoming anti-immigrant sentiments • Race and gender as barriers to access to unions • The strings attached to welfare-to-work funding • Unionization of community-based agencies • Working with businesses while defending worker rights

4) Future strategies:

Building class consciousness and working class culture • Coalitions: labor-community, labor-interfaith, labor-environmental • Community income statements, community currencies • Confronting racism and sexism in workplaces and communities • Electoral strategies, including third parties • Full employment • International solidarity • Regional strategies from the bottom up • Roles for planners in labor/community coalitions • Setting comprehensive standards for development • Unions refusing to do work that is destructive to communities

The conference will take place at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, June 17-20, 1999. Lowell, cradle of the U.S. industrial revolution, has a long history of immigration, labor struggles, and creative economic development initiatives. Lowell's National Park showcases the textile industry of a century ago, with a focus on work life.

Recent Latin American and Southeast Asian migrations have changed the face of Lowell and neighboring communities, and a vital and diverse set of community organizations have sometimes collaborated with government officials and at other times struggled against them. The University's Lowell campus is home to innovative programs focusing on economic and social development and environmental stability. Other area educational institutions, including the College of Public and Community Service at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, known for its work in participatory planning, will be contributing to the conference, as will a variety of community organizations and agencies in the Lowell and Boston areas. The Massachusetts labor movement, which has actively pursued labor-community collaborations, will also take part. Lowell is within commuting distance of Boston by car or commuter rail.

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ENDORSEERS: Merrimack Valley Project • Coalition for a Better Acre

Draft Conference Schedule

(subject to change)

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| Thursday June 17 | Registration, community tours, reception, and orientation of facilitators |
| Friday June 18 | Workshops and keynote speakers |
| Saturday June 19 | AM Workshops; PM plenary and workshops; speakers and entertainment |
| Sunday June 20 | AM Planners Network meeting |

Call For Workshops

Please return by March 15, 1999 to Marie Kennedy or Chris Tilly, 35 Rodman St. #2, Jamaica Plain MA 02130; <chris_tilly@UML.EDU> (If you have questions, email or call 617-983-3202.)

Name(s): _____

This proposal fits the following conference theme(s):

Affiliation(s): _____

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Brief description of the content of the presentation/workshop/activity:

Brief description of the significance of the presentation/workshop/activity to progressive planning and/or the theme of "bridging labor and community"

If you list presenters other than yourself, we ask you to obtain permission from them (please also include names, affiliations, addresses, phone numbers, and emails). Please develop panels that reflect a racial, gender, age, and practitioner/academic balance, as well as a geographic mix where possible.

This proposal is for:

- A presentation
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- A complete self-organized discussion workshop (semi-structured discussion of a topic, no formal presenters)
- Community or labor tour /off-site presentation (should be reachable from Lowell/Boston area)
- Charrette (intensive brainstorming/problem-solving session with community or labor group or agency)

Specific issues raised for group discussion by the presentation/workshop/activity, and plans for encouraging interaction and participation:

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PN 1999 — Working for a Decent Living: Bridging the Gap Between Labor and Community
 June 17-20, 1999 • University of Massachusetts at Lowell

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\$110 per person after April 15
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- () Low income \$40 per person before April 15
\$50 per person after April 15
- () 1 day registration \$40 per day

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THE BOMBING OF IRAQ

U.S. War Crime

By Noam Chomsky

The US and its increasingly pathetic British lieutenant want the world to understand — and in particular want the people of the Middle East region to

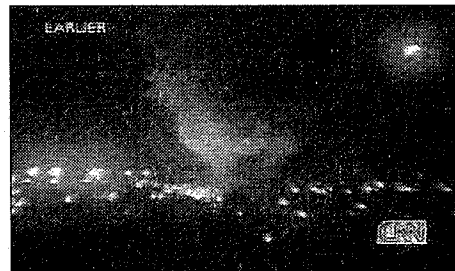


understand — that “What We Say Goes,” as Bush defined his New World Order while the missiles were raining on Baghdad in February 1991. The message, clear and simple, is that we are violent and lawless states, and if you don’t like it, get out of our way. It’s a message of no small significance. Simply have a look at the projections of geologists concerning the expanding role of Middle East oil in global energy production in the coming decades. I suspect that the message is understood in the places to which it is addressed.

A very conservative assessment is that the US/UK attacks are “aggression,” to borrow the apt term of the Vatican and others. They are as clear an example of a war crime as one could construct. In the past, acts of aggression, international terrorism, and violence have sometimes been cloaked in at least a pretense of legalism — increasingly ludicrous over the years, to be sure. In this case there was not even

a pretense. Rather, the US and its client simply informed the world that they are criminal states, and that the structure of binding international law and conventions that has been laboriously constructed over many years is now terminated. It is still available, of course, as a weapon against designated enemies, but apart from that it is without significance or value. True, that has been always been operative reality, but it has rarely been declared with such clarity and dramatic force.

As for the moral level, if the word can even be used, it is hard to improve on the



pronouncements of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Two years ago, when asked on national TV about her reaction to reports that the sanctions she administers have killed half a million Iraqi children in five years, she responded that it is “a very hard choice,” but “we think the price is worth it.” We know well enough on what page of history those sentiments belong. Today, suggesting a reversal of Washington’s policy since 1991 of seeking a military dictatorship to replace Saddam Hussein’s in name at least, she explains that “we have come to the determination that the Iraqi people would benefit if they had a government that really

represented them.” We need not tarry on the plausibility of this sudden conversion. The fact that the words can be articulated tells us more than enough.

The most ominous aspect of all of this is, perhaps, that the openly declared contempt for the law of nations and professed norms of civilized behavior proceeds without eliciting even a twitter of principled comment among the educated classes. Their position, with impressive uniformity, is that the criminal stance of the US and its client are so obviously valid as to be beyond discussion, even beyond thought. If such matters as international law or the opinions and wishes of the population of the region intrude at all, which is very rare, they are dismissed as a “technicality,” with no bearing on the decisions of the global ruler. Not only are the warrior states officially declaring (not for the first time, to be sure) that the foun-



dations of international order are an absurd irrelevance, but they are doing so with the virtually unanimous endorsement of the educated classes. The world should take notice, and it surely does, outside of narrow sectors of privilege and power. PN

APOCALYPSE NOW

by Edward W. Said

It would be a mistake, I think, to reduce what is happening between Iraq and the United States simply to an assertion of Arab will and sovereignty on the one hand versus American imperialism, which undoubtedly plays a central role in all this. However misguided, Saddam Hussein's cleverness is not that he is splitting America from its allies (which he has not really succeeded in doing for any practical purpose) but that he is exploiting the astonishing clumsiness and failures of US foreign policy. Very few people, least of all Saddam himself, can be fooled into believing him to be the innocent victim of American bullying; most of what is happening to his unfortunate people who are undergoing the most dreadful and unacknowledged suffering is due in considerable degree to his callous cynicism — first of all, his indefensible and ruinous invasion of Kuwait, his persecution of the Kurds, his cruel egoism and pompous self-regard which persists in aggrandizing himself and his regime at exorbitant and, in my opinion, totally unwarranted cost. It is impossible for him to plead the case for national security and sovereignty now given his abysmal disregard of it in the case of Kuwait and Iran.

Be that as it may, US vindictiveness, whose sources I shall look at in a moment, has exacerbated the situation by imposing a regime of sanctions which, as Sandy Berger, the American National Security adviser has just said proudly, is unprecedented for its severity in the whole of world history. 567,000 Iraqi civilians have died since the Gulf War, mostly as a result of disease, malnutrition, and deplorably poor medical care. Agriculture and industry are at a total standstill. This

is unconscionable of course, and for this the brazen inhumanity of American policy-makers is also very largely to blame. But we must not forget that Saddam is feeding that inhumanity quite deliberately in order to dramatize the opposition between the US and the rest of the Arab world; having provoked a crisis with the US (or the UN dominated by the US) he at first dramatised the unfairness of the sanctions. But by continuing it as he is now doing, the issue has changed and has become his non-compliance, and the terrible effects of the sanctions have been marginalised. Still the underlying causes of an Arab/US crisis remain.

A deep gulf separates Arab culture and civilization on the one hand, from the United States on the other, and in the absence of any collective Arab information and cultural policy, the notion of an Arab people with traditions, cultures, and identities of their own is simply inadmissible in the US. Arabs are dehumanized, they are seen as violent irrational terrorists always on the lookout for murder and bombing outrages. The only Arabs worth doing business with for the US are compliant leaders, businessmen, military people whose arms purchases (the highest per capita in the world) are helping the American economy keep afloat. Beyond that there is no feeling at all, for instance, for the dreadful suffering of the Iraqi people whose identity and existence have simply been lost sight of in the present situation.

Pictures of four (or is it now five?) immense aircraft carriers steaming virtuously away punctuate breathless news bulletins about Saddam's defiance, and the impending crisis. The President

announces that he is thinking not about the Gulf but about the 21st century: how can we tolerate Iraq's threat to use biological warfare even though (this is unmentioned) it is clear from the UNSCOM reports that he neither has the missile capacity, nor the chemical arms, nor the nuclear arsenal, nor in fact the anthrax bombs that he is alleged to be brandishing? Forgotten in all this is that the US has all the terror weapons known to humankind, is the only country to have used a nuclear bomb on civilians, and as recently as seven years ago dropped 66,000 tons of bombs on Iraq. As the only country involved in this crisis that has never had to fight a war on its own soil, it is easy for the US and its mostly brainwashed citizens to speak in apocalyptic terms. A report out of Australia on Sunday, November 16 suggests that Israel and the US are thinking about a neutron bomb on Baghdad.

Unfortunately the dictates of raw power are very severe and, for a weak state like Iraq, overwhelming. Certainly US misuse of the sanctions to strip Iraq of everything, including any possibility for security is monstrously sadistic. The so-called UN 661 Committee created to oversee the sanctions is composed of fifteen member states (including the US) each of which has a veto. Every time Iraq passes this committee a request to sell oil for medicines, trucks, meat, etc., any member of the committee can block these requests by saying that a given item may have military purposes (tires, for example, or ambulances). In addition the US and its clients — eg., the unpleasant and racist Richard Butler, who says openly that Arabs have a different notion of truth than the rest of the world — have made it clear that even if Iraq is completely reduced militarily to the point where it is no longer a threat to its neighbors (which is now the case) the real goal of the sanctions is to topple Saddam Hussein's government. In other words, according to the

Americans, very little that Iraq can do short of Saddam's resignation or death will produce a lifting of sanctions. Finally, we should not for a moment forget that quite apart from its foreign policy interest, Iraq has now become a domestic American issue whose repercussions on issues unrelated to oil or the Gulf are very important.

The saddest aspect of the whole thing is that Iraqi civilians seem condemned to additional suffering and protracted agony. Neither their government nor that of the US is inclined to ease the daily pressure on them, and the probability that only they will pay for the crisis is extremely high. At least — and it isn't very much — there seems to be no enthusiasm among Arab governments for American military action, but beyond that there is no coordinated Arab position, not even on the extremely grave humanitarian question. It is unfortunate that, according to the news, there is rising popular support for Saddam in the Arab world, as if the old lessons of defiance without real power have still not been learned.

Undoubtedly the US has manipulated the UN to its own ends, a rather shameful exercise given at the same time that the Congress once again struck down a motion to pay a billion dollars in arrears to the world organization. The major priority for Arabs, Europeans, Muslims, and Americans is to push to the fore the issue of sanctions and the terrible suffering imposed on innocent Iraqi civilians. Taking the case to the International Court in the Hague strikes me as a perfectly viable possibility, but what is needed is a concerted will on behalf of Arabs who have suffered the US's egregious blows for too long without an adequate response.

Edward W. Said is Professor of Comparative Literature at Columbia University. This article originally appeared in longer form in the November 25th editions of Al-Hayat, London, and Al Ahram Weekly, Cairo.

IRAQ BOMBING

Another Lie

[Immediately after President Clinton announced the bombing of Iraq, Mother Jones <www.mojones.com> called Boston University historian Howard Zinn and asked for his take. After a few minutes, he sent this forceful accusation.]

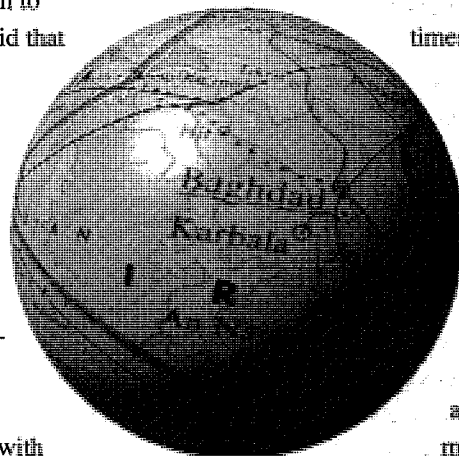
President Clinton has just told another lie, this time not about the relatively trivial matter of his sexual activities, but about matters of life and death. In explaining his decision to bomb Baghdad, he said that other nations besides Iraq have weapons of mass destruction, but Iraq alone has used them.

He could only say this to a population deprived of history. The United States has supplied Turkey, Israel, and Indonesia with such weapons and they have used them against civilian populations. But the nation most guilty is our own. No nation in the world possesses greater weapons of mass destruction than we do, and none has used them more often, or with greater loss of civilian life. In Hiroshima hundreds of thousands died, in Korea and Vietnam millions died as a result of our use of such weapons.

Our economic sanctions are also weapons of mass destruction, having resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children. Saddam Hussein may well have weapons of mass destruction, he may indeed be inclined to use

them, but only the United States is actually using them, and at this very moment, people are dying in Iraq as a result.

However evil Saddam Hussein is, whatever potential danger he may represent, he is not, as the president said tonight (telling another lie) a "clear and present danger" to the peace of the world. We are. And, as the president said, if there is a clear and present danger we must act against it. It is a time for protest.



We are living in times of madness, when men in suits and ties, and yes, a woman secretary of state, can solemnly defend the use, in the present, of indiscriminate violence — they do not know what they are bombing! — against a tyrant who may use violence, in the

future. The phrase "clear and present danger" has therefore lost its meaning. The phrase "weapons of mass destruction" too has lost its meaning when a nation which possesses more such weapons, and has used them more often than any other, uses those words to justify the killing of civilians "to send a message." We who are offended by this should send our own message to our demented leaders. **PN**

Howard Zinn is professor emeritus of history at Boston University, and author of A People's History of the United States. This article was originally published by the MoJo Wire, Mother Jones magazine's online sister: <www.mojones.com>.

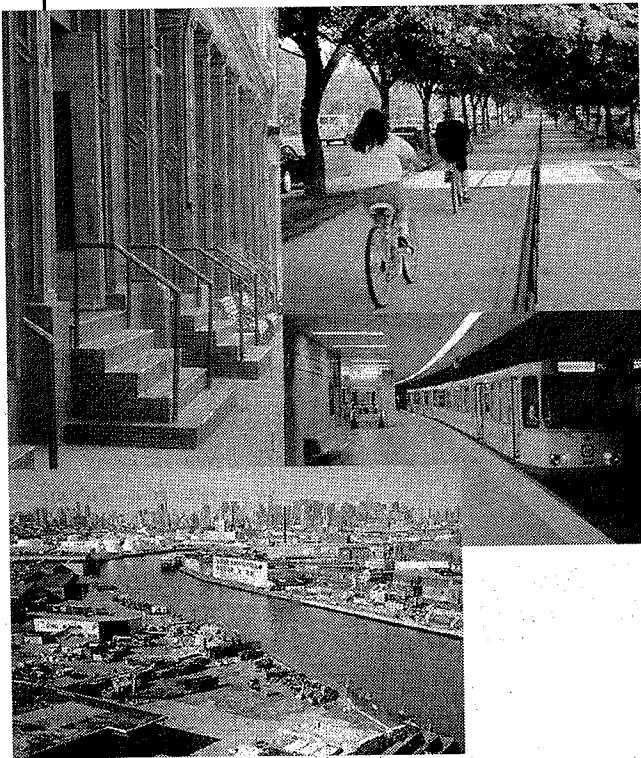
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Spring 1999 Network Forum

FEBRUARY 19, 1999

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

Career prospects facing progressive planners

Downsizing, outsourcing, privatization, government devolution — planners aren't exempt from the impacts of these trends. Students, young professionals, and veteran planners are invited to this special session on the issues affecting the career prospects and working lives of progressive planners. Speakers will provide insights on the practice of progressive planning within the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The panel session will be complemented by informal discussions and additional time for networking.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Tom Angotti, Professor, Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning and Environment.

PANELISTS: Dana Driskell, Planner, Bronx Department of City Planning; Brad Lander, Executive director, Fifth Avenue Committee; Margaret Seip, Community planning and development consultant; Mitch Silver, Associate, Abeles, Phillips, Preiss and Shapiro, and President, New York Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association.

APRIL 9, 1999

TRANSMIGRATION AND URBAN RESTRUCTURING

A panel discussion will focus on the economic, political, and social dynamics associated with global migratory processes and their effects on New York City's neighborhoods. Speakers will address dual nationality and its impact on community planning and local political agency, international migration and urban restructuring, and the 2000 Census.

For more information, contact Arturo Sanchez at (718) 426-7081 or <ais11@columbia.edu>, or check the Planners Network web site for updates at <<http://www.plannersnetwork.org>>.

FEBRUARY 26, 1999

THE STATE OF PROGRESSIVE PLANNING

An open meeting with the Planners Network National Steering Committee

What are the main political objectives of progressive planning today? What coalitions and organizations should Planners Network work with? How do we balance organizing at the local, regional, national, and international levels? Join the 14-member Planners Network National Steering Committee in an open and informal discussion on these questions and related issues.

A full-day meeting of the National Steering Committee will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn; call the Planners Network office at (718) 636-3461 for details.

MARCH 12, 1999

OFF THE MAP

Geographic information systems in perspective

By simplifying the production of visually impressive maps and the analysis of disparate data, geographic information systems (GIS) technology is being increasingly viewed as an essential tool in planning. This session looks beyond the technological nuts-and-bolts to demystify GIS without overselling it. Panelists will discuss GIS in the larger context of how maps can communicate or alienate; what GIS does aside from mapping; where and how relevant data can be acquired; and how effective collaborations on GIS projects can be developed.

PANELISTS: Ann Allen-Ryan, Health care, planning and management consultant; Anthony Borelli, Neighborhood planner, Columbia University; Steve Romalewski, Community mapping coordinator, New York Public Interest Research Group.

MODERATOR: Tina Chiu, Research associate, Empowerment Zone Monitoring and Assistance Project, Columbia University.

FOR OVER 17 YEARS, the Network Forum has addressed a progressive urban agenda in New York City. This spring, the New York Planners Network and the Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment will continue the 1998-99 series of discussions on major developments and policy dilemmas. Each network forum engages in-depth analysis among community activists, government officials, citizens, educators, and students.

NO RSVP REQUIRED!

All Network Forums take place in room 21 of the Puck Building, (Pratt's Manhattan Campus), corner of Lafayette & Houston Streets. Nearby subway stations are the B-D-F-Q Broadway/ Lafayette stop, the Bleecker Street stop on the #6 IRT, and the Prince Street stop on the N and R line. Doors open at 5:30; and refreshments are served. A suggested donation of \$3 for students and \$5 for all others is requested at the door to help support the Network Forum. For more information contact:

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RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

"The Case for a Right to Housing," is a 21-page article by PNER Chester Hartman which appears in Vol. 9, Issue 2 of *Housing Policy Debate* (the Fannie Mae foundation journal). It is available in reprint form free (along with comments by James Carr and Peter Salins) from the author at the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, 1711 Conn. Ave. NW, #207, Washington, DC 20009. Please enclose a large self-addressed envelope with 78 cents postage.

Corporations Are Gonna Get Your Mama: Globalization and the Downsizing of the American Dream, edited by Kevin Danaher, includes 23 chapters by Chomsky, Nader, Rifkin, Wallach, and others on corporate power, the global economy, corporate interest versus national interest, environmental costs, and strategies for organizing alternatives. Available from Global Exchange, 2017 Mission St. Rm. 303, San Francisco, CA 94110, (415) 255-7498, <www.globalexchange.org>.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's new report **Colleges and Communities: Partners in Urban Revitalization**, highlights partnerships, funded by HUD, between colleges and universities and community-based organizations. Grantees provided applied research and outreach services based on what local organizations needed in order to revitalize their neighborhoods. For copies call (800) 245-2691.

Sustainable European Cities: A Survey of Local Practice and Some Lessons for the U.S. by Timothy Beatley is a new working paper that presents the observations of a year-long study of innovative urban sustainability initiatives in more than 20 European cities in ten countries. Main themes of the paper are compact development patterns, greening the environment, eco-cycle balancing, ecological governance, and strategies for limiting auto use. Contact <tb6d@virginia.edu> or Lincoln Institute at (800) 526-3873.

A new report on **Street Safety and Street Width** by Swift Associates suggests that narrower streets may be safer than wide streets, especially in residential areas. The study, completed for the City of Larchmont, CO, is available on the internet at <members.aol.com/Phswi/Swift-street.html>. Or call (303) 772-7052 for more information.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition's annual edition of **Out of Reach** is available at their website. This analysis of the private rental housing market in the U.S. includes maps and tables and highlights the least affordable states, metro areas, and counties in the country. A spreadsheet of tables can be downloaded. <www.nlihc.org/oor98>.

The Center for Community Change has published **Getting to Work: An Organizer's Guide to Transportation Equity**. This 105 page guidebook is for community leaders and organizers who want to get an equitable share of the federal government's Transportation Equity Act money. Free to community-based organizations plus \$3 shipping. Order from CCC Publication, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007 or on the internet at <www.communitychange.org/order.htm>.

The Left Guide lists over 3,000 organizations that cover the entire spectrum of the progressive movement. This is the second edition and is over 650 pages and includes 1,300 in-depth profiles. Available from Economics America, 612 Church Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or (800) 878-6141.

Asphalt Nation: How the Automobile Took Over America and How We Can Take It Back, by Jane Holtz Kay, architecture and planning critic for *The Nation*, is now in paperback. The illustrated 418-page book is a critical study of car culture and its history in America. University of California Press, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, (800) 999-1958.

EVENTS

February 10-11, 1999: The Training Institute of the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing Development (CNHD) is holding a conference on Creative Financing Strategies in Chevy Chase, MD. For more info contact CNHD at 5 Thomas Circle NW, Suite 209, Washington, DC 20005 or (202) 745-0902.

February 10-11, 1999: International Council for Caring Communities, Inc. has announced the rescheduled dates for the International Conference in support of the 1999 International Year of Older Persons entitled "Caring Communities for the 21st Century: Villages and Cities for All Generations." The conference will be held at United Nations Headquarters. Contact Nancy Lewis at ICCG, (212) 688-4321, Fax: (212) 759-5893, <iccg@undp.org>, or <www.un.org/events/agingcf/htm>.

February 9-13, 1999: McGill University, University of Montreal, Université du Québec à Montréal, and Concordia University are hosting the 24th edition of the Canadian Association of Planning Students National Conference in Montreal. The title of this year's conference is "International City, a New Planning Reality?" Students from Canada and the U.S. are invited. For more info CAPS-ACEAU '99 Conference, McGill University School of Urban Planning, Macdonald-Harrington Building, 4th Floor, 815 Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal, QC, Canada H3A 2K6, (514) 398-4075, <www.mcgill.ca/caps99>.

February 20-28, 1999: Sustainable Agriculture in Cuba. Co-sponsored by Food First and Cuba Reality Tours. Cuba is making a comprehensive conversion from chemical to organic agriculture. Meet farmers, professors, and other experts and discuss the progress made and challenges ahead. Visit urban gardens, farmers markets, and agriculture cooperatives in Havana and Pinar del Rio. For more info call Luis at (800) 497-1994.

February 26-28, 1999: Jobs with Justice Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY. For more info contact (202) 434-1106 or <www.jwj.org>.

February 27-28, 1999: Community-based Environmental Justice Research: Workshops from the Field will take place at the Rutgers Law School in Newark, NJ. The conference will address how communities mobilize information in the struggle for environmental justice, and effective models for gathering information to reduce environmental contamination in people of color and low-income communities. For info (973) 353-1852, Fax: (973) 353-5907, <cucrej@andromeda.rutgers.edu>, <www.cucrej.rutgers.edu>.

March 25-28, 1999: The Second Cultural Environment Movement Convention will be held at Ohio University in Athens, OH. CEM is a nonprofit international grassroots coalition of over 250 organizations and 6,300 individuals working for gender equity and general diversity in mass media ownership, employment, and representation. CEM helps produce and distribute the Media Violence Index and the Television Diversity Index. For more info contact (215) 204-6434, <cem@libertynet.org>, or <www.cemnet.org>.

April 3-9, 1999: Urban Planning and Environmental Management is having its third International Symposium in Pretoria, South Africa. The theme is "A Better Environment for Future Generations." The workshop will revolve around the twin issues of meeting development needs and enhancing environmental quality. Program includes paper presentations, keynote speeches, exhibitions, competitions, technical tours, tours, and more. Details and online registration available at <www.upe3.up.ac.za>; (27) 12) 337-4167 or 4172, <hneethl@gpmc.org.za> or <mvermaak@gpmc.ac.za>.

April 7-8, 1999: The Development Society of Southern Africa (DSSA) announces a call for paper proposals for its forthcoming bi-annual conference from 7-8 April 1999 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The theme of the conference is "The Southern African Development Scenario: Challenges for the New Millennium." All correspondence and paper proposals should be addressed to: The Chairperson, Development Society of Southern Africa (DSSA), PO Box 11607, 0121 Queenswood, South Africa. Fax: (+27) (12) 329-0031; <rvdk@fireball.smartnet.co.za>. Conference info contact: Adene Pringle, Conference and Seminar Planning, PO Box 2163, 2125 Randburg, South Africa. (+27) (11) 787-8690; Fax: (+27) (11) 789-5021, <adene@icon.co.za>.

April 24-28, 1999: American Planning Association National Planning Conference, in Seattle, WA. For more info <rkaiser@planning.org> or <www.planning.org>.

May 2-5, 1999: President's Council for Sustainable Development has announced a National Town Meeting for a Sustainable America to be held in Detroit, MI and events held at points across the country. If you or your organization would like to link up and become part of this event contact (202) 408-5296 or <www.sustainableamerica.org>.

May 11-16, 1999: The Hague Appeal for Peace. Venue: The Hague, The Netherlands. Enquiries: Anil Naidoo, Community Law Centre. (+27) (31) 261-8258, <anil-clc@csurf.co.za> or <hap99@igc.apc.org>.

June 3-4, 1999: First European Social Investment Fair at Roubaix (near Lille), Nord-Pas Calais, France. The conference title is "Creating Jobs through Upscaling Social Investment." For info contact Françoise Dubruielle, INAISE, rue d'Arlon 40, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium, 32-2-234-5797, Fax: 32-2-234-5798, <fdubruielle@inaise.org>.

June 3-6, 1999: Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society will hold a joint annual meeting at Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto, Ontario. For info and submissions contact: Jo Marie Powers, Hotel and Food Administration, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada. (519) 822-3086, <jpowers@uoguelph.ca>, <www.ryerson.ca/~foodsec/index.html>.

June 6-10, 1999: 23rd Annual Conference of the International Urban Development Association. The theme is "The Inclusive City: Cities for the World, Cities for the People." The location is Lyon, France. For more info contact Irene Mitchell, International Urban Development Association, <intainfo@inta-aivn.org>, <www.inta-aivn.org>.

June 15-18, 1999: The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy is holding a conference/summer study on Industry and Innovation in the 21st Century in Sarasota Springs, New York. For more info (202) 429-8873, <www.aceee.org>.

June 17-20, 1999: Planners Network Conference at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. The main theme is "Working for a Decent Living: Bridging the Gap Between Labor and Community." Papers/workshops/activities on this theme and others are welcome. Activities include tours, charettes, meetings with local groups, community events, etc. For more info contact Marie Kennedy at (617) 287-7262 and <marie.kennedy@umb.edu>, or Chris Tilly at (978) 934-2796 and <chris_tilly@uml.edu>.

June 23-26, 1999: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Second International Trails and Greenways Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Approximately 1,000 trail and greenway experts and advocates will come together to share ideas, reach new constituencies and build new partnerships. You are also invited to submit

a proposal for presentation. Contact Susan Doherty (202) 974-5151, <rtcconf@transact.org>.

June 24-26, 1999: The Microcredit Summit's Meeting of Councils is in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire. This conference is designed to be a working meeting of lead institutions in the global campaign to ensure that 100 million of the world's poorest families, especially women, are receiving credit for self-employment and other financial and business services. For more info <www.microcreditsummit.org>.

August 16-30, 1999: Women, Community & Development in India. Reality Tours is providing a hands-on, interactive opportunity to explore some of the crucial issues facing women in India. Visit grassroots organizations, women's groups, activists, ashrams, villages, and palaces in both rural and urban settings. For more info contact Susan at (800) 497-1994.

September 17-20, 1999: International Society of City and Regional Planners, 35th Congress in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. "The Future of Industrial Regions — Regional strategies and local action towards sustainability." For more info (31) 70-346-2654, Fax: (31) 70-361-79-09, <isocarp@bart.nl>, <www.soc.titech.ac.jp/isocarp>.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Learning On Line University (LOLU), hosted by Znet (Z Magazine), offers a series of courses sponsored by progressive organizations such as FAIR, Multinational Monitor, URPE, Project South, etc. Courses are 10 weekly sessions and on such topics as "Movement History, Movement Building, & The Role of Popular Education," "Spooking the Public: Racial Profiling & The Politics of Media Blackface," and "Media Analysis: Challenging Routine Propaganda." For more info <www.lolu.org> or (301) 320-4034.

The Community Information Exchange is gathering information as part of an ongoing process to improve and promote Community Development Online, a new electronic information service designed to provide practical information about affordable housing, economic development, and community revitalization programs. We'd like to hear about your use of online resources. Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey. You'll be helping us improve this valuable tool, and you could win a one month subscription to Community Development Online. <www.comminfoexch.org/survey.html>. You can see a demo of Community Development Online at <www.comminfoexch.org/CIEDemo/index2.html>.

Latitude, is a new study center in rural southwest France (Lot), that opens its doors this June & will offer 4-week, intensive courses and opportunities to explore the dramatic landscapes and caves at Pech-Merle, medieval (planned) villages & *bastides* nearby. For more info <www.latitude.org>.

New Village Journal is a new semi-annual publication sponsored by Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility. The journal documents inspiring solutions and strategies for sustainable community planning, development and renewal. The premier issue topic is Community Revitalization and includes articles by several PNers. The cost per issue is \$8, a year's subscription is \$15. For more info contact: Lynne Elizabeth, New Village Journal, 2721 Stuart Street, Berkeley, CA 94705. (510) 845-2481, <info@newvillage.net>.

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The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union (HERE), a progressive union committed to organizing the unorganized in the hotel, restaurant, and casino industries, is expanding its organizing campaigns and research department. HERE locals in Oakland and Los Angeles are seeking **Community Organizers**. On West Coast apply to Pat Lamborn, HERE Recruitment, 548 20th St. Oakland, CA 94612, Fax: 510-893-5362. On East Coast apply to Ellen Thomson, HERE Recruitment, PO Box 322, Granby, CT 06035, Fax: (860) 251-6049.

The HERE Research Department has openings for **Researchers** in various locations including San Francisco area, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Las Vegas, and Boston. Salary based on experience (starting at \$21,000). Apply to Recruitment, HERE Research Dept., 1219 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20007-3389, Fax: (202) 333-6049.

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Eden I&R is seeking a **Program Director**. Oversee all aspects of multifaceted operation of the Community Housing and Information Network. Bachelor's degree and two years social services supervisory, program management experience. Salary \$38,000 to \$45,000. Send letter and résumé to Personnel, Eden I&R, 570 B Street Hayward, CA 94541 or Fax: (510) 537-0986.

Oakland Sharing the Vision, a strategic and urban planning nonprofit, is seeking a full-time **Administrative Assistant**. Excellent communication skills, PC/Mac skills, manage office, databases and website. Salary \$26-30,000. Mail résumé to: Oakland Sharing the Vision, 1212 Preservation Park Way, Oakland, CA 92612, Fax: (510) 238-6712.

Director of Land Management for Peninsula Open Space Trust. Responsibilities include oversight of conservation easements on agriculture and forest land, management of 12,000 acres of land held in fee, enforcement obligation, coordination with government agencies, and management of land related volunteer programs. Experience in conservation protection techniques, land use laws & regulations, public speaking and the ability to motivate others, relevant college degree, & a background in natural resources. Résumé with cover letter to: Walter Moore, Director of Land Conservation, Peninsula Open Space Trust, 3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135, Menlo Park, CA 94025, Fax: (650) 854-7703, <www.openspacetrust.org>, <wmoore@openspacetrust.org>.

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The Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University in Toronto invites applications for a tenure stream position in the area of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Planning. The appointment, effective July 1, 1999, will be at the **Assistant Professor** level. PhD degree or equivalent academic or professional experience. Submit letter, names of three references, sample of work, and CV to: The Search Committee, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M3J 1P3, Fax: (416) 736-5679, <eshires@yorku.ca>, <www.yorku.ca/faculty/fes>.

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ILLINOIS

The Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO) is seeking an **Executive Director** (ED). AEO is an association of organizations committed to microenterprise development. The ED may be based at the national office in Washington DC. Salary commensurate with commitment and experience. Mail cover letter and résumé, salary history/requirements, and references to: AEO, Attn: Executive Director Search, 70 East Lake Street Suite 1120, Chicago, Illinois 60601-5907, (312) 357-0177, Fax: (312) 357-0180.

CHAC, Inc. is seeking a **Contract Administrator**. Bachelors degree and 3 years experience in public or business administration, community development, or housing subsidy administration. Salary \$30-40,000. **Life Skills Team Leader** for Mobility Counseling Program. Bachelors degree and 6 years management experience in human services, community development, housing counseling, or educational programs. Salary \$30-40,000. **Manager** for the Mobility Counseling Program. Bachelors degree in public or business administration, behavioral science or a related field and 10 years management experience. Develop strategies to implement program to expand housing options for Section 8 housing participants. Salary \$40-50,000. CHAC, Inc. Dept of Human Resources, 1000 South Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605 or Fax: (312) 294-0153.

The East St. Louis Action Research Project (ESLARP), through the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), is seeking two full-time, twelve-month academic professional positions at the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center (NTAC). NTAC is ESLARP's off campus office that provides day-to-day technical assistance on community organizing, home and neighborhood improvements, and long range planning. The **Project Coordinator** acts as the director of NTAC; salary \$36,000 minimum. Graduate degree and minimum two years of experience. The **Project Associate** at NTAC assists the Project Coordinator; salary \$32,000 minimum. Send letter and résumé to: Robert I. Selby, AIA, Chair, NTAC Search Committee, c/o School of Architecture, UIUC, 117 Buell Hall, 611 Taft Drive, Champaign, IL 61820-6921, (217) 244-6514, Fax: (217) 244-2900, <r-selby@uiuc.edu>.

KANSAS

MARC, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Kansas City region has an opening for a **Transportation Planner** in its Transportation Department. Assist in preparing the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Kansas City Metropolitan Region. Competence in technical transportation planning and analysis methods, computer skills, and familiarity with ISTE/TEA 21 and the CAAA. Masters degree and experience with spreadsheet, database, and GIS software is required. Salary \$26,157 to \$38,237. Cover letter and résumé to: Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, 300 Rivergate Center, Kansas City, MO 64105-1554, Attn: Transportation Director.

MARYLAND

The South East Education Task Force is seeking an **Education Organizer**. Will work with diverse constituency of education proponents, including parents, educators, task force members, and the public. Bachelors degree with strong verbal and writing skills, and community organizing experience (preferably education-focused). Some night and weekend work; own transportation required. Salary \$30,000. Résumé and writing samples to Mary Roby, SECO, 30 S. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21231. Mail only.

MISSOURI

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Pratt Area Community Council, a 35-year-old Brooklyn-based housing, organizing, and community development organization, is seeking candidates for several positions: **Property Manager, Project Coordinator, Organizer, and Director of Housing Development**. PACC, 201 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. <PACCSiu@aol.com>, Fax: (718) 522-2604.



The Cooper Square Committee is seeking a **Development Director** for housing and community organizing, fundraising, maintenance of website, and to help prepare newsletter. College degree and 3 years experience; knowledge of mutual housing a plus. Salary \$25-30,000. Fax résumé and cover letter to Executive Director, (212) 473-2837.

The Tompkins County Dept. of Planning, in Ithaca, NY, has openings for two positions: **Environmental Planner**, MS and one year experience or BS and 3 years; and the **Circuit Rider Planner**, MS and one year experience or BS and 3 years experience. Salary for both positions is \$30,922. Applications: Tompkins County Personnel Dept., 125 E. Court St., Ithaca, NY 14850, (607) 274-5526. Complete job descriptions on the web at: <www.co.tompkins.ny.us/personnel/vacancy/vacancy.html>.

New York Public Interest Research Group is seeking a part-time **Intern** for a Community Mapping Assistance Project that provides mapping services to

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Training Institute for Careers in Organizing (TICO) is seeking **Community Organizers**. Apprenticeships available for January-March 1999 and June-August 1999, working at one of three grassroots community organizations (ACORN, Mothers on the Move, or the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition). Spanish-speaking helpful. During 12-week training, \$920/month stipend. Apprentices completing training receive full-time, permanent positions @ \$17-24,000. Résumés and cover letter to: TICO, 103 E. 196th Street, Bronx, NY 10468, Fax: (718) 733-6922. Or contact Peter Colavito at (718) 584-0515, <tico@ticol.org> or <www.ticol.org>.

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