

## Call for Proposals

This year, DUSP will inaugurate a single departmental speaker series, replacing individual group lunches and forums. The idea is to bring us together as a department, to celebrate who we are and our many approaches to urbanism and planning. Our theme: **Planning Transformations** highlights the different ways DUSP is making a difference in urban places.

The idea behind the Speaker Series is to focus primarily on our own faculty and students, working individually and collaboratively, to explore avenues of theory, research, and practice in cities and regions. The aim is to highlight and debate new ideas and approaches that are emerging out of our department.

To make this work, we need your involvement. Each 3-4 weeks, the DUSP Speaker Series will feature a different topic. **We are seeking proposals from across DUSP for potential topics and speakers.** Please respond to Ezra Glenn with a one-page description of your idea and some proposed participants (form attached).

A committee including faculty and students is being established to select and coordinate programs and topics. To kick off the Speaker Series, Amy Glasmeier is organizing the first topic, ***DUSP in Context: Planning Boston and the State***, which will start on September 16. All sessions will take place on Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00 in room 9-450.

The committee is looking for engaging topics that (a) illustrate the theme of **Planning Transformations**, (b) represent cutting edge ideas, issues and work in the department, and (c) link interests across DUSP highlighting opportunities for collaborative work.

Some samples:

**DUSP's Engagement with Boston  
Theory Through Practice  
Planning Without Planning  
Growing a New Kind of City: Urban Agriculture  
Designing the Cultural Landscape  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure: The Big Difference  
Large Scale Urban Development: Back Again  
Retrofitting Buildings, Towns, Cities, Institutions  
The Problem With Property Rights  
Resilient Regions  
Energy Efficient Neighborhoods  
You name It ...**

## Proposal for Sessions or Series

1. **Title:**
2. **One-paragraph description:**
3. **Format of sessions** (individual speakers, panel discussion, interactive exercise, etc., 2-4 sessions):
4. **List of potential speakers and topics** (drawn largely from the DUSP or SAP/MIT community, although a special outside guest to conclude the series module might be considered):
5. **Preferred dates for the module (Oct-Dec; Feb-May):**
6. **Resources requested** (an RA will be available to help invite speakers and coordinate promotion and logistics):
7. **Organizer(s) name(s) and contact information:**

Please e-mail your proposal in the above format (not to exceed 2 pages!) to Ezra Glenn at [eglenn@mit.edu](mailto:eglenn@mit.edu). The Speaker Series Committee will begin reviewing proposals and providing suggestions starting on September 15.

For more information, please contact Ezra at the address above.