

School of Architecture + Planning Department of Urban Studies and Planning

50 years of doctoral education

50th Anniversary Event

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1960s - Dr. Langley Keyes, Ford Professor of City and Regional Planning, MIT

1970s - Dr. M. Christine Boyer, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Architecture, Princeton University

1980s - Dr. Harriett "Tee" Taggart, Senior Executive, Consultant

1990s - Dr. Eric Dolin, Author, Environmental Consultant

2000s - Dr. Yan Zhang, Urban Economist, World Bank



The MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning PhD program:

1958 Responding to a growing demand by educational and professional institutions for planners with more advanced training in research, the department established a doctoral program in City and Regional Planning. Based on the recommendation of the 1956 Burdell Committee report, the new doctoral program was aimed at integrating interdisciplinary research approaches to the study of the physical environment of cities and regions, the forces that shape them, and the interrelations between urbanization and society. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy in City and Regional Planning initially required students to have reading knowledge of two foreign languages, and to prepare for an examination in four fields, one of which had to be planning theory. Other fields included planning techniques; transportation and utilities planning; land-use economics and planning; plan implementation; regional planning; urban design; science, technology, and planning; physical planning problems of developing areas; and social and cultural aspects of planning. The current Ph.D. program is more tailored to the needs of individual students, each of whom works closely with a mentor in the Department. Still, Ph.D. students are expected to prepare for an examination in one of the following fields: city design and development, international economic development, urban information systems, public policy and politics, urban history, urban and regional economics, and urban sociology.

1962 the department's first Ph.D. degree was awarded. Since then, 351 Ph.D. degrees have been granted. 67 students are currently enrolled in the program.

Tidbits:

by 1981 100 PhD degrees awarded by 1991 200 PhD degrees awarded by 2004 300 PhD degrees awarded

Out of the 232 alumni we have information about:

105 (45%) are or were working in academia

74 (32%) are or were working in the public sector or various organizations

41 (18%) are or were working in the private sector (consultants etc.)

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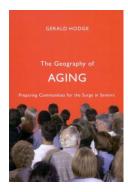
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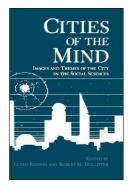
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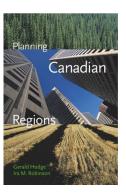
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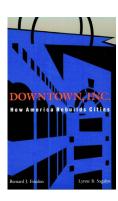
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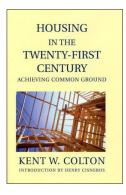
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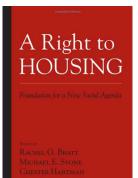
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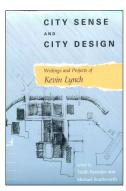
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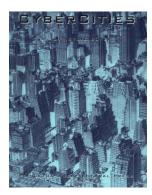
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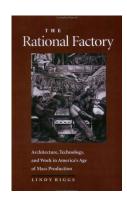
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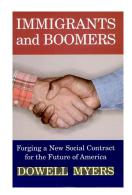
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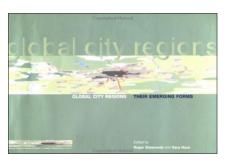
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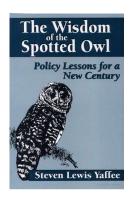
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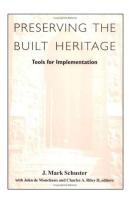
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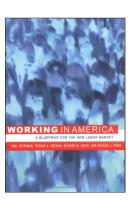
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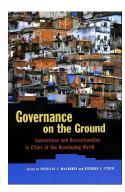
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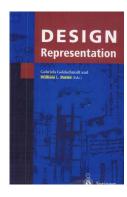
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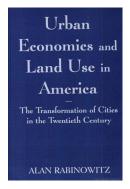
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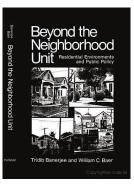
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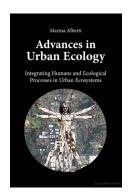
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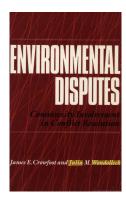
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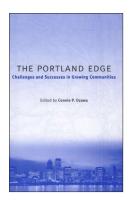
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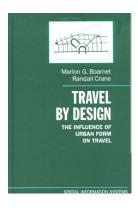
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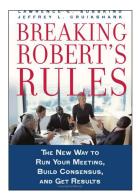
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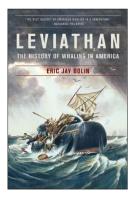
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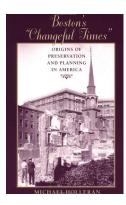
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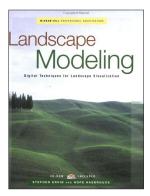
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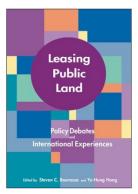
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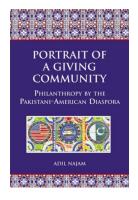
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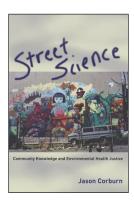
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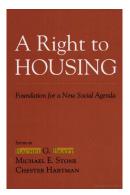
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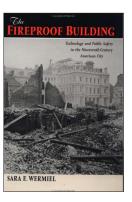
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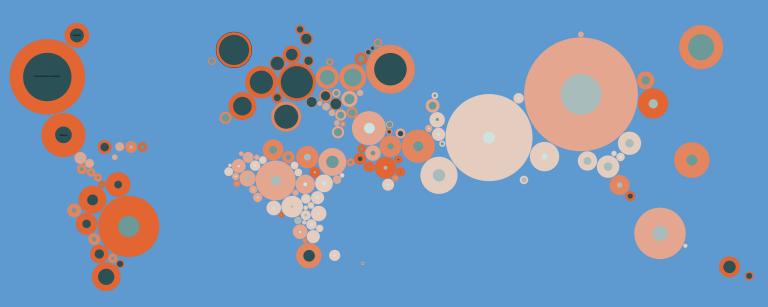
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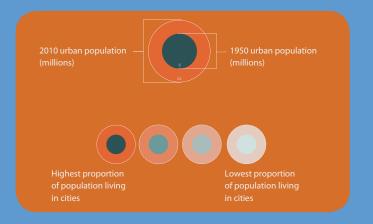












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