

**RUDC 2023 Symposium, Cities in Transition: Designing for a World in Flux**



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RUDC Symposium 2023  
October 19-20 | Washington, DC

# CITIES IN TRANSITION: DESIGNING FOR A WORLD IN FLUX

Explore the future of city design through lectures, panel discussions, and tours

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Join us for an in-person two-day Symposium on October 19 and 20 in Washington, DC. We will delve into emerging trends, theories, and technologies that are shaping the future of regional and urban design.

Day 1: Convening in Washington, DC, the symposium's first day will explore the future of city design through various fast-paced presentations and panel discussions.

Day 2: The conversation will continue the symposium's second day with a series of on-site project tours and workshops throughout the Washington, DC region.

We welcome all urban designers and thinkers, no matter your discipline or geography, to join us for this engaging and stimulating discussion. Prominent urbanists and urban designers from around the country will convene in the nation's capital to explore and discover our "Cities in Transition: Designing for a World in Flux."

**Sponsors and Partners:** This event is sponsored by the AIA Regional and Urban Design Committee (RUDC). Thanks to our sponsors, Gensler, HKS, Land Collective, and Gehl, and to our Partners AIA UD|DC, APA Design and Preservation Division, ASLA Potomac, and Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center at Virginia Tech.

Registration is open! Find out more and register now at [www.rudc-symposium.com](http://www.rudc-symposium.com).

## RUDC panels

RUDC continues our 2023 continuing education-eligible online panel series. Our first two are now available on-demand:

Regenerative Communities - <https://aiau.aia.org/courses/regenerative-communities>



***Sustainable Urbanism Panel | Regenerative Communities***

*PANELS* is the sixth series of AIA RUDC conversations on the Future of Urban Design Practice and Education. This series brings together practitioners, educators, and theorists to reflect on the dynamics of areas of need, mutually-beneficial regenerative practices, the impact of past harms, and resilient circular economies.

**May 3, 2023** (1:00pm-2:30pm Eastern)

Join the AIA Regional & Urban Design Committee for a series exploring sustainability practices at the intersections of natural and man-made systems. In a time with increasing global challenges perpetuated by environmental and socioeconomic inequities, cities are looking to implement more regenerative urban strategies that replenish resources faster than we are consuming them through circular economies. This panel seeks to discuss adaptable tools and strategies used across the globe that aim to strengthen our cities and restore communities long separated by harmful infrastructure.



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Designing Biophilic Cities - <https://aiau.aia.org/courses/designing-biophilic-cities>

***Sustainable Urbanism Panel | Designing Biophilic Cities***

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**Thursday, May 25, 2023** (1-2:30pm Eastern) **1 LU/HSW**

Join the AIA Regional & Urban Design Committee for a series exploring sustainability practices at the intersections of natural and man-made systems. The absence of green space in our cities has not only affected local and global ecosystems, but has also negatively impacted human health and wellness. Our connection with nature affects the way we think, live, work, and navigate the world we live in. Our future, more than ever, relies on how we continue to grow and adapt within nature. This panel seeks to analyze the philosophical and practical implementation of biophilic design within our cities and explore how it has and can continue to be used as a tool to positively impact the health of our communities.



**Cierra Higgins, AIA, NOMA**  
Designer & Health Fellow  
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**Dr. Nikos Salingaros**  
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Look forward to our upcoming panels: our third panel about redlining and re-districting in October, and our fourth panel about organizational diversity, equity, and inclusion in November 2023!

## State and Local RUDC Committees

We have connected with dozens of individuals representing state and local RUDC committees, but if you wish to be included in future communications and the RUDC Network, please respond to our rolling data collection via this [Google Form](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Scott Archer](#).

State and local RUDC-related committees:

- AIA Austin – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Baltimore – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- Boston Society of Architects – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA California – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Central Kentucky – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Cincinnati – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA DC – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Detroit – [Urban Priorities Committee](#)
- AIA East Bay – [Regional & Urban Design Forum](#)
- AIA Honolulu – [Regional and Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Houston – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Indianapolis – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Los Angeles – [Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Middle Tennessee – [Regional and Urban Design](#)
- AIA New York – [Planning & Urban Design Committee](#)
- AIA Oregon – [Urban Design Panel](#)
- AIA San Francisco – [Urban Design + Infrastructure Committee](#)
- AIA Seattle – [Urban Design Forum](#)
- AIA South Dakota – [Design: South Dakota](#)
- AIA Utah – [Urban Design Committee](#)

## Recent Regional and Urban Design News

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