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## GLOBAL URBANISM

BIENNIAL THEME OPENING LECTURE

### WHAT NOT TO DO: NOTES FROM THE 20TH CENTURY URBANIZATION EXPERIENCE FOR 21ST CENTURY PLANNERS

Presentation by **Dr. Elliott D. Sclar**  
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**DR. ELLIOTT D. SCLAR** is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Urban Development at Columbia University's Earth Institute. He is a professor of urban planning in Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. An economist and urban planner, Professor Sclar's research interests include urban economic development planning, transportation and land use planning, and the economics and finance of public services and infrastructure.

Professor Sclar is a nationally recognized expert on the economics of privatization: his book, *You Don't Always Get What You Pay For: The Economics of Privatization* (Cornell UP, 2000), won two major academic prizes: the Louis Brownlow Award for the Best Book of 2000 from the National Academy of Public Administration and the 2001 Charles Levine Prize from the International Political Science Association and Governance magazine for a major contribution to public policy literature.

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

Alexander Library, Teleconference Lecture Hall  
169 College Avenue, 4th Floor  
New Brunswick, NJ  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Presentation Description

Standing at the midpoint of a period of global urbanization, it is important that we do not repeat planning approaches borne of the last century. But breaking old habits is difficult. In his lecture, Professor Sclar will discuss the challenges of contemporary urbanization and the ways in which they differ from those of the last century. If 21st century cities are to succeed as environmentally viable economic entities they will need to be grounded in new understandings of the social and physical context in which 21st century urban life is embedded.

This lecture is part of the GAIA Centers' 2015-2017 Biennial Theme **Global Urbanism**, which explores the historical roles of cities as complex social and natural environments and key nodes in a global ecology that extends across spaces and cultures.

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