

# 60th International Making Cities Livable (IMCL)

*"Making Cities Livable: From Research Into Communication, and ACTION"*

*Bois Doré Estate \* Newport, Rhode Island USA \* April 26-28, 2024*

## DRAFT PROGRAM (As Of April 1)

**Friday**

**April 26th**

**2:00 PM OPTIONAL NEWPORT BIKE TOUR**

*(Offered by Bike Newport, consult website for details and tickets)*

**Friday**

**April 26th**

**5:00 PM EVENING RECEPTION**

*Wine, juice, hors d'oeuvres*

*Formal Welcome (Anne Fairfax and Richard Sammons)*

*Background (Michael Mehaffy, IMCL)*

*Goals, Outcomes (Ben Bolgar, The King's Foundation)*

**6:30 PM End**

**Saturday**

**April 27th**

**8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Coffee, snacks)**

**9:00 AM OPENING PLENARY**

**Research into Communication and ACTION:**

*Assessing Where We Are*

9:05 AM *Sharing Our Successes through Research*

*Jim Brainard, IMCL and City of Carmel*

9:15 AM *Driving Global Change through the Commonwealth*

*Ben Bolgar, The King's Foundation*

9:25 AM *Research Driving Reforms to Scale*

*Mallory Baches, Congress for the New Urbanism*

9:35 AM *The Original Green: Sustainability and Lovability*

*Steve Mouzon, The Urban Guild*

9:45 AM Panel

**10:15 AM PLENARY 2**

**Research Driving Change:**

***Opportunities and Limits***

*Housing Policy and Land-use Law - A Strained Marriage*

10:15 AM Rachelle Alterman, The Technion, IIT

*The Limits of Research in Driving Change*

10:25 AM David Brain, New College of Florida

*Why Public Space Matters: What the Research Says*

10:35 AM Setha Low, The Graduate School, CUNY

*Transportation Research: Driving Change, Too Slowly?*

10:45 AM Wes Marshall, University of Colorado

10:55 AM Panel

**11:30 AM BREAK (*Coffee, tea, snacks*)**

**12:00 PM PLENARY 3**

***Tools and Strategies, Part One***

12:00 PM Bari Freeman, Bike Newport

12:05 PM Fred Kent, PlacemakingX

12:10 PM Christy Milliken, The Seaside Institute

12:15 PM Krista Nightengale, Better Block

12:20 PM Madeleine Spencer, PlacemakingUS

12:25 PM Panel

**1:00 PM LUNCH (*Sandwiches, snacks, drinks provided*)**

***(Or walk to Thames Street)***

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 1 (Ballroom, Conference Format)**

***Reforming the "Operating System for Growth:" Critical, but Never Easy!***

*Strong Towns 101: Resilience Through Reform*

Chris Allen, Strong Towns

*A New Municipal Growth Framework for Canada: Towards Financial Sustainability*

Rory Nisan, City of Burlington ON

*Frontiers of Zoning Reform: NIMBY, YIMBY and "QUIMBY"*

Michael Mehaffy, Lennard Institute/IMCL (Moderator)

*The Ins and Outs of Zoning in the City Beautiful: What Can We Learn?*

Christine Storry, Utopia Architects

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 2 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

*The Existential Challenge of a Changing Climate*

*Just Urbanism: Reclamation + Repair = Renewal*

Edgar Adams and Brian Hendrickson, Roger Williams University

Ray "Two Hawks" Watson, MCP, JD, Founder, Providence Cultural Equity Initiative

*Climate of Hope: Cities Leading the Way*

John Hans Gilderbloom, University of Louisville

*NYC 2100: Resiliency, Housing and Equity for the City with Six Feet of Sea Level Rise*

William Kenworthy, HOK

*Using Urban Heat Health Score (HHS) to Compare the Heat Health of US Locations*

Veronica Westendorff, UNC Charlotte

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 3 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**

*Education for Livable Cities: Time for a New Paradigm?*

Bertram Barthel, Ruban Hanssen, Will McCollum, Ann Sussman, Marjo Uotila  
(Details to be announced soon)

**3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)**

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 4 (Ballroom, Conference Format)**

*Why Public Space Matters*

*Public Space and Civic Intentions*

David Brain, New College of Florida (Moderator)

*Scaling Up - Examples of Public Space Projects from HealthBridge*

Kristie Daniel, HealthBridge

*Creating Public Spaces that Center Equity and Wellbeing through New Tech*

Senchel Matthews, Full Frame Initiative  
*Designing Parks Together: Generative Placemaking Strategies*  
Lobna Mostafa, Menia University  
Moderated by Setha Low

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 5 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

***Design for a Living Planet: Natural Ecology and Human Settlement***

*Design for the 21st Century Sustainable Suburb*

William Batson, PVAMU

*Teaching the Ecology of Place in an Interdisciplinary Design Studio*

Sallie Hambright-Belue, Clemson University

*Bananas in Snow Country: A Case Full of Clues for Liveable Green Building*

Robert Knapp, The Evergreen State College

*Christopher Alexander's Ecology: Planet, People, Places*

Michael Mehaffy, Lennard Institute/IMCL (Moderator)

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 6 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**

***Placemaking Advancements: Frontier Tools and Strategies***

*A New Era of Downtown Opportunity: 5-minute Placemaking*

David Dixon, Stantec Urban Places

*Building a Global Placemaking Movement*

Ethan Kent, PlacemakingX (Moderator)

*Placemaking with the Neighbors, Block by Block*

Krista Nightengale, Better Block

Placemaking in the USA

Madeleine Spencer, PlacemakingUS

**5:30 PM End**

**5:30 PM RECEPTION (Wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres)**

**6:00 PM EVENING PLENARY 4**

**Research into Communication and Action:**

***The Road From Here***

*A Roundtable on The Strategy for Going to Scale*

With Rachelle Alterman, Mallory Baches, Ben Bolgar, Kristie Daniel,

Setha Low, Andrew Rudd, and members of the audience

Moderated by Michael Mehaffy, IMCL

7:00 PM End

Sunday  
April 28th

8:00 AM REGISTRATION (*Coffee, snacks*)

9:00 AM PLENARY 5

**Human-Centered Design:  
*Toward a Research Agenda***

9:05 AM *Journey to the Center of the Brain*

Nir Buras, Classic Planning Institute

9:15 AM *Cognitive Architecture: A New Understanding*

Justin Hollander, Tufts University

9:25 AM *Eye-tracking and User Experience*

Ann Sussman, the HAPI

9:35 AM *The Architectural Rebellion: Places As If People Mattered*

Marjo Uotila, INTBAU

9:45 AM Panel

10:15 AM PLENARY 6

**Meeting the Challenges, Connecting the Dots:  
*Climate Change, Affordability, Justice, and More***

10:15 AM *Affordability and Land Speculation*

Patrick Condon, Univ. of British Columbia

10:25 AM *Scaling Up Public Spaces for All*

Kristie Daniel, HealthBridge

10:35 AM *Climate of Hope: Climate Change and Environmental Justice*

John Hans Gilderbloom, Univ. of Louisville

10:45 AM *Cities and Public Spaces for All: Toward a New Urban Agenda*

Andrew Rudd, UN-Habitat

10:55 AM Panel

11:30 AM BREAK (*Coffee, tea, snacks*)

12:00 PM PLENARY 7

**Tools and Strategies, Part Two**

12:00 PM Chris Allen, Strong Towns

12:05 PM Mary Gardill, Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

12:10 PM Ethan Kent, PlacemakingX  
12:15 PM Senchel Matthews, Full Frame Initiative  
12:20 PM Kent Watkins, American Academy of Housing and Communities  
12:25 PM (Additional speaker TBD)  
12:30 PM Panel

**1:00 PM LUNCH** (*Sandwiches, snacks, drinks provided*)  
(*Or walk to Thames Street*)

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 7** (*Ballroom, Conference Format*)  
*User Experience and Human-Centered Design*

*Typo-morphology as a Methodological Framework to Evaluate Urban Sustainability*  
Anirban Adhya, Lawrence Technical Univ.  
*Lessons from Neuroscience: A 100-Year Plan for Indiana Avenue, IN*  
Nir Buras, Classic Planning Institute  
*The Place of Beauty: Neuroscience, Health, and Sustainability*  
Daniel Morales, Morales Architects  
*How Eye Tracking Changes How We 'See' Architecture + Ourselves*  
Ann Sussman, the HAPI Institute (Moderator)

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 8** (*Dining Room, Symposium Format*)  
*Street and Transportation Reforms*

*The Rhode Island Streets Transformation Project (RISTP)*  
Bari Freeman, Bike Newport  
*IF THERE ISN'T A PARKING SPOT OUT FRONT, I'M...*  
Alex Krumdieck, Auburn University (Plus two students)  
*Breaking the Gridlock: Empowering Livable Cities Beyond Traffic Engineering Norms*  
Wes Marshall, University of Colorado (Moderator)  
*User Experience in Improved Non-motorised Transport Infrastructure in Nairobi*  
Akosa Wambalaba, US Int'l Univ - Africa

**2:30 PM BREAKOUT 9** (*Game Room, Workshop Format*)

*Beach Politics: Social, Racial, and Environmental Injustice on the Shoreline*  
*Accessibility to the Coastal Environment: Cross-National Comparative Analysis*  
Rachelle Alterman and Cygal Pellach The Technion / IIT  
*Racism and the Rockaways or Surfing the Cliff: A Success Story in Rhode Island*  
Bryce Dubois, College of the Holy Cross  
*Scaling up: Beach Activism and Different Ability Access in Kerala, India*

Kristie Daniel, HealthBridge

*Beach Appropriation and Exclusion Strategies: How do we Stop Them?*

Setha Low, City University of New York

**3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)**

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 10 (Ballroom, Conference Format)**

*Housing, Communities and Affordability*

*Unveiling the True Culprit in Soaring Housing Cost: The Land Value Capture Imperative*

Patrick Condon, UBC

*Building New Construction Townhouses and Pre-Approved Plans*

Alli Quinlan, Flintlock LAB

*Housing Affordability and Location Efficiency: Not Just What, But WHERE*

Kent Watkins, American Academy of Housing and Communities

*Delivering Not Just More, But Truly Livable, Housing for Generations to Come*

David Woltering, Woltering Community Planning (Moderator)

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 11 (Dining Room, Symposium Format)**

*Retrofitting Settlements: Tools, Strategies, and Lessons Learned*

*Waterfront Communities: Repurpose, Recreation, and Renaissance*

Mary Gardill, Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

*Making Cities Livable from Below? Repurposing the Geography of Apartheid*

Stefan Norgaard, Columbia University

*Turning Academic Aspirations into Community Action for Revitalized Downtowns*

Ryan Sandwick, CalPoly San Luis Obispo

**4:15 PM BREAKOUT 12 (Game Room, Workshop Format)**

*The Full Frame Initiative: Livable and Healthy Cities for ALL*

Senchel Matthews and colleagues, Full Frame Initiative

(Details to be announced soon)

**5:30 PM End**

**5:30 PM CLOSING PARTY (Wine, juice, hors d'oeuvres)**

**7:00 PM End**

**Monday 10:00 AM OPTIONAL DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE WALKING TOUR**  
**April 29th** *(Offered by Cornish Associates, Runyon Heritage Associates and  
Union Studio Architects, consult website for details and tickets)*