

Gentrification & Displacement

What
can we do
about It?

An International Dialogue

Thursday, October 26 - Saturday, October 28, 2023

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This global symposium is the first international conference on gentrification studies in over 20 years. The last one was held in 2002 in Glasgow, UK. Since then, academic publications on gentrification have taken off massively, case studies have become more global, and new types of gentrification have emerged. Anti-gentrification activism has also increased and gotten more sophisticated globally.

Yet, gentrification and its associated problems endure for marginalized peoples in urban and rural areas and both formal and informal settlements worldwide. Rapidly rising commercial and residential costs, direct and indirect displacement, racial/ethnic cleansing, socio-cultural exclusion, and discrimination are the result.

Bringing together academics, activists, and others, this conference seeks real solutions: What can we do about it?

This event is hosted by the Boston University [Initiative on Cities](#) and the [Department of Sociology](#), with support from the [National Science Foundation](#), [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#), and the Boston University College of Arts & Sciences, Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science & Engineering, Center for Innovation in Social Science, Center for the Humanities, the Sociology Chair's Fund and the Sociology Morris Fund, Initiative on Cities, African American & Black Diaspora Studies Program, American & New England Studies Program, and Departments of Political Science and Anthropology.

CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZERS



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8:00AM (CDS 1750)

Registration & Breakfast

8:40AM

CDS 1750
(Map: 2)**Opening Remarks****Loretta Lees**, Professor and Director, Boston University Initiative on Cities**Japonica Brown-Saracino**, Professor and Chair, Boston University Department of Sociology

9:00AM-10:30AM

MORNING PANEL SESSIONS**Panel 1:**HIL Bay State
(Map: 3)**Tech, Bio, and Ecological Gentrification****Chair:** Ingmar Pastak, University of Tartu**Discussant:** Johan Pries, Lund University**Panelists:**

- Manissa M Maharawal, American University:
The Death of Alejandro Nieto: Tech-Led Gentrification, Tech-Colonialism and Race in San Francisco
- Mieko Tarrius, Concordia University:
Tech-led Gentrification, Whiteness, and Futurity
- Tianyi Tang, University of Glasgow:
Gentrification through urban greening practices? A multi-case analysis in the context of ecological urban development in Shanghai, China

Panel 2:CDS 1101
(Map: 2)**Quantifying Gentrification and Displacement: Big Data and Other Data****Chair:** Ingrid Gould Ellen, New York University**Discussant:** Keren Horn, UMass Boston**Panelists:**

- Isabelle Anguelovski, Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability, University Autònoma de Barcelona:
Green Gentrification between borders: Scope, Magnitude, and Relation with Real Estate Development in Europe and North America
- Jiaqi Wang, University of Cambridge:
Transit-Induced Gentrification: Evidence from East London neighbourhoods affected by extensions of the London Overground and the Dockland Light Railway
- Kasey Zapatka, University of California, Berkeley:
Quantifying Gentrification's Spillover Effects on Neighborhood Housing Affordability
- Sara Martucci, John Jay College, CUNY:
Bridging the Quant/Qual Gap in Gentrification Research

Panel 3:

CDS 701
(Map: 2)

Anti-Gentrification Policymaking and Other Potential Solutions to Gentrification

Chair: Lisa Bates, Portland State University

Discussant:

- Dominic Moulden, Organizing Neighborhood Equity – ONE DC

Panelists:

- Emilia Oscilowicz, Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Institute of Environmental Sciences / University of Colorado Denver: *Grassroots mobilization for a just, green urban future: Building community infrastructure against green gentrification and displacement*
- Raul Marino-Zamudio, Faculty of International, Political and Urban Studies, Universidad del Rosario, Bogota: *Central Peripheries: Heritage, city and community in Belen, Santa Barbara and Lourdes neighborhoods in Bogota, Colombia*
- Safaa Monqid, Université Paris 3 Sorbonne Nouvelle: *Women, housing and mobilisations. The case study of the gentrification of the valley of the Bou Regreg River (Rabat, Morocco)*
- Jacob Boersema, New York University: *Echoes of History: Indigenous resistance against Dutch settlers from a 17th Century Colonial Genocide to 21st Century Urban Planning for Climate Change*

Panel 4:

CDS 950
(Map: 2)

Small Business/Commercial Displacement

Chair: Willow Lung-Amam, University of Maryland, College Park

Discussants:

- Pooja Paode, Cambridge Local First
- Mahesh Somashekhar, University of Illinois-Chicago

Panelists:

- Will Payne, Rutgers University: *What Makes a Business “Local”? Measuring the Changing Geographies of Urban Consumption*
- Karina Santellano, Arizona State University: *Beyond Racial Uplift and Blocking White Gentrification: Structural Drivers of Gentrification*
- Hesu Yoon, Stanford University: *Racialized Retail Proliferation and Displacement in Gentrifying Neighborhoods*
- Hakeem Bishi, Concordia University: *‘Modernization by displacement’: patterns and processes of urban market redevelopment in Lagos, Nigeria*

Panel 5:

CDS 1646
(Map: 2)

Is there a crystal ball for gentrification? Debating approaches to early warning systems

Chair/Discussant: George McCarthy, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Panelists:

- Reina Chano Murray, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: *Who Owns America? Leveraging Parcel Information and Analytics to Understand Ownership Patterns*
- Karen Chapple, University of Toronto: *Forewarned: The Use of Neighborhood Early Warning Systems for Gentrification and Displacement*
- Galia Shokry, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona / Kean University: *Urban Green Resilience Planning & Vulnerability to Future Climate Gentrification*

10:30AM (CDS 1750)

Break

10:50AM-11:50AM

PLENARY KEYNOTECDS 1750
(Map: 2)**Sylvie Tissot**, Professor of Political Science,
University of Paris-8; Activist and Documentary Filmmaker

12:00PM

LUNCH & BOOK EXHIBITSCILSE Lobby
(Map: 5)

Please feel free to browse our book exhibit table featuring works authored by conference attendees.

12:30PM-1:30PM

**Lunch Panel sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy:
Latin American Gentrification without Displacement**CILSE Colloquium
Room (Map: 5)**Chair:** Enrique R. Silva, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**Panelists:**

- Francisco Sabatini, Bio-Bio University and Catholic University of Chile
- Juan Felipe Pinilla, Pinilla y Asociados, Bogota, Colombia
- Anaclaudia Rossbach, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

1:40PM-2:50PM

Gentrification: A Transdisciplinary ConversationCDS 1750
(Map: 2)**Chair:** Japonica Brown-Saracino, Boston University**Panelists:**

- Lisa Bates, Portland State University
- Shani Evans, Rice University
- Derek Hyra, American University
- Suleiman Osman, George Washington University
- Stefano Portelli, University of Leicester
- Tom Slater, Columbia University

3:00PM-4:30PM

AFTERNOON PANEL SESSIONS

Panel 1:

CDS 701
(Map: 2)

Partnerships, Collaboration, and Equity

Chair: Derek Hyra, American University**Discussant:** Dominic Moulden, Organizing Neighborhood Equity – ONE DC**Panelists:**

- Brian Doucet & Aleksandra Petrovic, University of Waterloo:
Lived experiences of displacement in Waterloo Region, Ontario: a partnership approach to moving beyond anecdotes
- Ryan Chao, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy:
Strategies to Preserve and Build Affordable Housing Near Green Amenities and Urban Trails
- Alessandro Busà, University of Leicester:
Untangling “Right to Return” in London Council Estates: Win-win, No-win, or a Mixed Bag?
- Joshua Silver, San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department & Jacqueline Bryant, A. Philip Randolph Institute — San Francisco:
Heeding the Calls of Residents: Equitable Development Plan at India Basin Waterfront Park

Panel 2:

CDS 950
(Map: 2)

Small City, Mid-sized City, Suburban, and Rural Gentrification

Chair: Martin Phillips, University of Leicester**Panelists:**

- Aseem Inam, Cardiff University:
Towards an equitable city: Confronting gentrification through design pedagogy in Cardiff
- Kristin L. Perkins, Georgetown University & Hyojung Lee, Virginia Tech / Seoul National University:
Gentrification in Suburban Enclaves: Differences by Racial and Ethnic Composition
- Demar Lewis IV, University of Maryland:
From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure: Illuminating Gentrification as a Threat to Safety Beyond Gentrifying Neighborhoods in a Mid-sized Chocolate City
- Kristen Ounanian, Aalborg University:
What does the coast cost? A research agenda

Panel 3:

CDS 1646
(Map: 2)

Gentrification: Race, Ethnicity, Indigeneity and Settler Colonialism

Chair: Rebekah Israel Cross, University of Chicago

Discussants:

- Jessica Parish, Centre for Urban Research on Austerity, De Montfort University
- Manissa M Maharawal, American University

Panelists:

- Carolina Sternberg, DePaul University:
Mapping Racial Capital: Gentrification, Race and Value in Three Chicago Neighborhoods
- Jiyoung Kim, Paris Nanterre University:
Retail gentrification and the coloniality of power: power relations of race and class in the Canal Saint-Martin neighbourhood in Paris
- Shannon Whittaker, Yale School of Public Health:
The impact of gentrification and displacement on the health of Black residents: A concept mapping study
- Nemoy Lewis, Toronto Metropolitan University:
Financialized Violence in Toronto's Rental Market: Acquisitions, Evictions, and Banishment of Black Renters

Panel 4:

CDS 1101
(Map: 2)

Gender, Sexualities, and Gentrification

Chair: Landon Lauder, Boston University

Discussant: Julie Podmore, Concordia University

Panelists:

- Amalia Calderón-Argelich, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona:
Use and disuse of public green and blue spaces: gendered experiences in gentrifying neighborhoods after COVID-19
- Ryan Centner, London School of Economics and Political Science / Portland State University:
Gentrification beyond home: Sex, sport & spaces that matter
- Reha Atakan Cetin, University of Florida:
Negotiating Identities and Resisting Displacement: Experiences of Queer Immigrants and Refugees in Gentrifying Istanbul
- Joe Gallegos, University of California, Irvine:
Whose streets? No really, whose streets? Queer social movement spatial reterritorialization in a gentrifying New York City

4:30PM (CDS 1750)

Break

4:50PM-5:50PM

CDS 1750
(Map: 2)

PLENARY KEYNOTE

Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Professor of Urban Policy and Health, The New School;
Co-Founder, Cities Research Group

6:00PM-8:00PM

Castle
(Map: 1)

OPENING RECEPTION

Network and mingle with other conference attendees over refreshments and drinks.

7:30AM-8:30AM

HIL Castle
(Map: 3)**Breakfast Networking Session**

A networking and mentoring session over breakfast for participants to engage with colleagues in their field, including around the topics of: Women gentrification scholars; First generation gentrification scholars; URM gentrification scholars; Scholars who wish to engage in activism; and Gentrification researchers preparing for the job market.

8:00AM (CDS 1750)

Registration & Breakfast

8:40AM

CDS 1750
(Map: 2)**Welcome Back Remarks**

Loretta Lees, Professor and Director, Boston University Initiative on Cities

Japonica Brown-Saracino, Professor and Chair, Boston University Department of Sociology

9:00AM-10:30AM

MORNING PANEL SESSIONS**Panel 1:**CDS 701
(Map: 2)**Financialization and the Economics of Gentrification**

Chair: Emily Barrett, Vanderbilt University

Discussants:

- Andrew Binet, University of British Columbia
- devin michelle bunten, MIT

Panelists:

- Holden Taylor, The City University of New York Graduate Center:
Worker-Tenancy and Tenant Unionism: Who are the Subjects of Housing Financialization and Gentrification
- Ayşegül Can, Istanbul Medeniyet University:
Consuming Istanbul: Galataport
- Andrew Crosby, University of Waterloo:
Financialized Gentrification and Tenant Resistance in Ottawa, Canada
- Jessi Quizar, University of Washington Tacoma:
Reinscribing Settler Land Value in Majority Black Detroit

Panel 2:

CDS 1646
(Map: 2)

Global and Comparative Gentrification

Chair: Stefano Pagin, University of Leicester

Discussants:

- Hyun Bang Shin, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Dicle Kizildere, Gebze Technical University

Panelists:

- Brian Rosa, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona:
Temporary Residents at the Nexus of Global Gentrification, Tourism, and Migration: A View from Post-Covid Barcelona
- Daniela Perleche Ugás, Columbia University:
Shifting Landscapes: Unraveling Space Production Beyond Gentrification in Lima's Historical Center
- Sagar Sinha, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee: *Gentrification Dynamics in the Global South: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Bangalore's Changing Urban Landscape*
- Lewis Abedi Asante, Kumasi Technical University:
'More-than-human geographies': Wetland Gentrification in African Cities

Panel 3:

CDS 264
(Map: 2)

Homelessness, the Housing Crisis, and Gentrification

Chair: Katherine Levine Einstein, Boston University

Discussant: Molly Richard, Boston University

Panelists:

- Iris Zhang, Stanford University:
Political Consequences of Gentrification and Housing Unaffordability: Exploring the Right to the City for Low-Income Renters in Oakland, CA
- Diana Negron, University of Pennsylvania: *The Impact of Property Tax Assessment Methodology on Homeowners in Philadelphia: A Quantitative Analysis*
- H  l  ne B  langer, Universit   du Qu  bec    Montr  al: *Gentrification, Housing Crisis and the Socioterritorial Exclusion of Older Tenants in Montreal's Central Neighbourhoods*

Panel 4:

CDS 1101
(Map: 2)

Climate Gentrification

Chair: Isabelle Anguelovski, University Aut  noma de Barcelona, Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability

Discussant: Alessandro Bus  , University of Leicester

Panelists:

- Edyta Laszkiewicz, University of Lodz, Poland: *Towards green gentrification? Interplay between residential change, housing market, and green space proximity*
- Kelsea Best, The Ohio State University:
Climate change and housing justice: Implications for equitable adaptation
- Joe S  nchez, University of East London, Sustainability Research Institute: *Have redesigned wetland areas caused green-blue gentrification? A study of two wetland areas in London, UK and Census data*
- Amy Cotter, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy:
Toward win-win outcomes for community and climate

Panel 5:

CDS 950
(Map: 2)

Gentrification and Policing

Chair: Brenden Beck, Rutgers University

Discussant: Tanya Golash-Boza, University of California Washington Center

Panelists:

- Hadas Zur, Harvard University:
Policing Temporality: Police Officers Reflect on the Role of the Police in Gentrifying a High Crime Neighborhood
- James Rodriguez, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies:
Carceral Connections: The role of policing in the management of public housing in New York City
- Mirtha Lorena del Castillo Durand, Center for Latin American Research and Documentation:
Gentrifying the Coast: Fragmented Urban Governance and the Privatisation of Public Beaches in Lima, Peru
- Diego Taboada, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville:
Fixing Broken Windows or Racial Capitalism's Fixers? Policing, Displacement, and Gentrification in One of California's Last Black Enclaves

10:30AM (CDS 1750)

Break

10:50AM-11:50AM

CDS 1750
(Map: 2)

PLENARY KEYNOTE

Raquel Rolnik, Head of the Design and Planning Department and Professor, University of São Paulo; UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing (2008-2014)

12:00PM-12:30PM

CILSE 106B
(Map: 5)

POSTER SESSION

- Víctor Albert-Blanco, CRESPPA-GTM (Paris); ISOR-UAB (Barcelona):
(Re)Thinking the Place of Religious Pluralism in Gentrified Neighborhoods
- Anna Jonczyk & Emiliya Akhundova, Columbia University:
Protect Your Heights
- Giorgia Mascaro, University of Leicester:
Operationalizing comparative gentrification research: insights from China
- Mia Matteucci, Colorado College:
Rising Tides and Changing Neighborhoods: A Comparative Study of Climate Gentrification in New York City and Miami
- Johan Pries, Lund University & Miriam Negash, Uppsala University:
Filling in the gap between the city and the periphery: racialized spatial imaginaries of recent urban renewal in Malmö, Sweden
- Whitney Denary, Yale School of Public Health:
"The market was changing so rapidly... and they didn't want to take Section 8": Experiences of Leasing Up with Rental Assistance

12:30PM-1:30PM

LUNCH WITH ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

CILSE Colloquium
Room (Map: 5)

During lunch, please feel free to join roundtable discussions, featuring:

- Amanda De Lisio, York University: *Put a Urbanisms: Sex Work and the Sport Mega-Event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
- Krista E. Paulsen, Boise State University: *Neighborhood Life in an 'It' City*
- Johanna Bockman, George Mason University: *The Origins of the Concept "Gentrification" within Empire and Decolonization: A Reinterpretation of Ruth Glass (1964)*
- Stefan Chavez-Norgaard, Columbia University: *Repurposing the Geography of Apartheid: Incremental Vernacular Planning in a Former South African Bantustan*
- Erualdo Gonzalez, California State University: *Mapping and Storytelling: The Case of Commercial Gentrification in La Calle Cuatro-Downtown Santa Ana, CA*
- Judith R. Halasz, State University of New York at New Paltz: *Priced out and spilling over: the role of aspirational families in the gentrification of central Brooklyn neighborhoods*
- Anne Herndon, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México: *Displacement as dispossession in the San Antonio River Basin*
- JohnDre Jennings, Morgan State University: *A Case Study Exploring the Effects of Neighborhood Change within North City Elementary/Middle School*
- Paivi Kymalainen, Tampere University: *Spectacular or slow? Housing violence in the Nordic context*
- Levent Soysal, Kadir Has University-İstanbul: *Learning from Istanbul: Gentrification and Beyond*
- Ryan van den Nouwelant, University of New South Wales: *Housing pressures and gentrification in small towns*
- Iwona Sagan, University of Gdansk & Maja Grabkowska, University of Gdansk: *Participation and deliberation versus gentrification. Are they always in contradiction?*
- Stefano Pagin, University of Leicester: *Comparing same city gentrifications: Global pressures, metropolitan development, and hyper-local particularities*
- Aleksandra Petrovic, Social Development Centre Waterloo Region: *Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Waterloo Region — Centering Lived Expertise... finally*
- Stefano Portelli, University of Leicester: *Impacts of Gentrification & Displacement on Religion and Ritual*
- Mahesh Somashekhar, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Race, Class, and the Displacement of White Residents from Gentrifying Neighborhoods*
- Will Payne, Rutgers University: *Using Administrative Data to Better Understand the State of Affordable Rental Housing*
- John Laueremann, Pratt Institute: *National Gentrification Intensity Map & Data Dashboard*
- Mieko Tarrius, Concordia University: *Imagining the tech city: Tech futurity, whiteness, and tech-led gentrification in Parc Extension (Montreal, Quebec, Canada) and University City (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)*
- Ilgi Toprak, Independent Researcher: *Tracing Gentrification via Redlining Patterns in US Cities*
- Catalina Neculai, Coventry University: *Documentary Cultures of Anti-gentrification Resistance in New York City*
- Ruoqing Wang, Redtown Investment LLC: *Making Red Town Culture and Art Community*
- Joyce M. Doyle, University of the District of Columbia: *Unveiling the Archetype Analysis (ATana) of a Black Gentrifier in Congress Heights: Exploring the Hidden Minority*

1:40PM-2:50PM

CDS 1750
(Map: 2)**Gentrification: A Planetary Conversation****Chair:** Loretta Lees, Boston University**Panelists:**

- Lewis Abedi Asante, Kumasi Technical University
- Matthias Bernt, Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space
- Prerona Das, Singapore Management University
- Maria Mercedes Di Virgilio, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Bahar Sakizlioglu, IHS Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Hyun Bang Shin, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Melissa Valle, Rutgers University

3:00PM-4:30PM

AFTERNOON PANEL SESSIONS**Panel 1:**CDS 701
(Map: 2)**Gentrification through Media: Representations in News Media, Novels, and Film****Chair:** Catalina Neculai, Coventry University**Discussant:** Kenton Card, Boston University**Panelists:**

- Sanjukta Sattar, University of Mumbai:
The Disappearing Chawls and Gentrification of Mumbai: Exploring the transformation through the Bollywood lens
- Marie-Pierre Vincent, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne:
Representations of anti-gentrification resistance in British national newspapers from the 2010s to the present
- Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana, SUNY, Albany:
The Hidden Meaning of "Gentrification" in Public Discourse
- Catalina Neculai, Coventry University:
Documenting expansions of state-led gentrification: Displacing Brooklyn

Panel 2:HIL Bay State
(Map: 3)**Universities/Schools/Families, and Gentrification****Chair:** Agustina Laurito, University of Illinois Chicago**Discussant:** J Coley, Syracuse University**Panelists:**

- Ariel H. Bierbaum, University of Maryland:
Educational Displacements amidst Gentrification in Philadelphia: The Case of Bok High School
- Robert Vief, Humboldt University:
The entanglement of gentrification, housing affordability and school segregation in limited school choice settings
- Agustina Laurito, University of Illinois Chicago:
The Early Childhood Care and Education Landscape in Gentrifying Neighborhoods
- Darren Smith, Loughborough University:
Super-studentification in gentrified London: findings from the 2021 census

Panel 3:

CDS 1646
(Map: 2)

Histories of Gentrification

Chair: John Laueremann, Pratt Institute

Discussants:

- Suleiman Osman, George Washington University
- Johanna Bockman, George Mason University

Panelists:

- J. Revel Sims, University of Wisconsin-Madison:
The Predictability and Temporality of Gentrification and Displacement in the “Fourth Wave”
- Tanya Golash-Boza, University of California Washington Center:
Two Trajectories towards Gentrification: From disinvestment to carceral investment to racialized reinvestment in historically Black DC
- Richard Martin, University of Georgia:
Racial Dynamics in Gentrifying Neighborhoods
- Christie Batson, University of Nevada Las Vegas:
City of Sins: Urban Trauma, the Pandemic, and Gentrification in Las Vegas

Panel 4:

CDS 1101
(Map: 2)

Alternatives to Gentrification

Chair: Andrew Ward, Boston University

Discussant: Suzanne Lee, Chinatown Community Land Trust

Panelists:

- Aaron Passell, Barnard College, Columbia University:
The Frustrations of Pursuing Designation: Crown Heights South and Landmarking as an Alternative to Gentrification
- Jordan Packer, Parsons School of Design, The New School:
Navigating the Sea of Generica: Towards Abolitionist Land Use Activism
- Anthony Guidotti, Harvard University:
Community Wealth Building as a Solution for Gentrification: Property-Owning Democracy and Distributism in Practice
- Jeffrey Nathaniel Parker, University of New Orleans:
Gentrification as a Rhetorical Object

Panel 5:

CDS 950
(Map: 2)

Solutions to Gentrification through Activism (Virtual)

Chair: Stefano Portelli, University of Leicester

Panelists:

- Jess Nguyen & Amanda Luo, Viet Place Collective (Falls Church, VA, USA)
- Rita Silva, University of Coimbra & Eduardo Ascensao, University of Lisbon (Lisbon, Portugal)
- Elisa Sutanudajaja, Rujak Center for Urban Studies (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- Daniel Manyasi, Single Mother’s Association of Kenya (Nairobi, Kenya)
- Mara Cossu and ETICity (Rome, Italy)
- Renato Cymbalista, University of Sao Paulo & Fundofica (Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- Isaac Rose & Richard Goulding, Greater Manchester Tenants Union (Manchester, UK)

4:30PM (CDS 1750)

Break

4:50PM-5:50PM

CDS 1750
(Map: 2)**PLENARY PANEL WITH BOSTON ORGANIZERS,
PRACTITIONERS, & POLICYMAKERS****Chair:** Japonica Brown-Saracino, Boston University**Discussant:** Tiziana Dearing, Host of WBUR's Radio Boston**Panelists:**

- Kathy Brown, Executive Director, Boston Tenant Coalition
- Taylor Cain, Chief of Staff, Boston Housing Authority
- Lydia Lowe, Director, Chinatown Community Land Trust
- Mike Leyba, Co-Executive Director, City Life / Vida Urbana
- Tenant Leader, City Life / Vida Urbana

8:45AM - 12:00PM

BOSTON AREA SITE VISITS*Meet in front of CDS building (Map: 2) for shuttle bus pick-up by 8:45am***Option 1:****Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) —
CLTs as an Alternative to Gentrification**

DSNI's mission is to empower Dudley residents to organize, plan for, create, and control a vibrant, diverse, high-quality neighborhood in collaboration with community partners. DSNI was formed by Dudley residents seeking to reclaim a neighborhood that had been ravaged by disinvestment, arson fires, and dumping. DSNI organized neighbors to create a comprehensive plan and a shared vision for a new, vibrant urban village. To secure development without displacement, DSNI gained eminent domain authority, purchased vacant land, and protected affordability. This process led to family stability and the creation of a community land trust.

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are a robust alternative to gentrification. Whether the goal is affordability when real estate prices are high or community control over development when land is cheap, the community land trust has shown itself to be a potent tool. Across the globe communities are using this form of ownership to make collective decisions about a common good: land. In a way, the CLT is a return to more traditional and indigenous ideas about land as commons — that it cannot be owned solely for individual benefit.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit and learn about how DSNI was created, and how it has protected the community from gentrification. Following the presentation, participants will take a walking tour of the Dudley neighborhood.

Option 2:**Boston's South End — Reflections on Gentrification**

The South End, once described as Boston's Skid Row, is now considered by many to be "fully gentrified." The streets are lined with trees and housing is in good condition. Still, some 40% of its residents are of low and moderate income, the result of 50 years of hard work. Today, the "success" of the neighborhood, reflected in higher rents and sky-rocketing property taxes, threatens to displace many long-term residents. Is there a solution?

This will be a street-level view guided by South Enders who have participated in the evolution of the neighborhood for well over 50 years. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with residents, many life-long, who will share their own experiences.

Option 3:**East Boston Community Development Corporation (EBCDC) — Strategies for Protecting East Boston from Gentrification**

The EBCDC's mission is to relieve unemployment, underemployment, and economic depression through the creation and expansion of job opportunities in East Boston, and to provide housing and otherwise to initiate or assist housing development activities for low- and moderate-income families and seniors. Recently, the EBCDC worked in partnership with local investors to convert a portfolio of 36 multi-family buildings comprising 114 housing units to the state's first ever Mixed Income Neighborhood Trust (MINT). The MINT model places governance and control of the portfolio in the hands of a local purpose trust, while financial investors hold the economic interest in the portfolio. In addition to a City deed restriction which will ensure that the units are income restricted in perpetuity, this new model empowers the local community to address displacement by placing governance, ownership, and management in the hands of a community trust.

This site visit will begin at EBCDC's office, where there will be a short presentation on this longtime working class and immigrant neighborhood, and the pressures of gentrification that it is facing. Following the presentation, participants will take a bus tour of 'Eastie' (as it is known by residents), which will showcase and explain the anti-gentrification work that has been, and is being, done.

10:00AM - 12:00PM

IOC (Map: 4)

FILM SCREENING OF RABBLE ROUSERS

Join us for a screening of "Rabble Rousers: Frances Goldin and the Fight for Cooper Square," a new documentary about the Cooper Square Community Land Trust that shows a successful 50-year struggle to achieve a permanently affordable neighborhood in the heart of one of the most gentrified neighborhoods in the world: New York's Lower East Side. Following the screening, Ryan Joseph (Producer/Director) will join attendees for a discussion and Q&A.

In 1959, New York City announced a "slum clearance plan" by Robert Moses that would displace 2,400 working class and immigrant families, and dozens of businesses, from the Cooper Square section of Manhattan's Lower East Side. Guided by the belief that urban renewal should benefit — not displace — residents, a working mother named Frances Goldin and her neighbors formed the Cooper Square Committee (CSC) and launched a campaign to save the neighborhood. Over five decades they fought politicians, developers, white flight, government abandonment, blight, violence, arson, drugs, and gentrification — cyclical forces that have destroyed so many working class neighborhoods across the US. Through tenacious organizing and hundreds of community meetings, they not only held their ground but also developed a vision of community control. Fifty three years later, they established the state's first community land trust — a diverse, permanently affordable neighborhood in the heart of the "real estate capital of the world."



Raquel Rolnik

Head of the Design and Planning Department and Professor, University of São Paulo, Brazil; UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing (2008-2014)

Raquel Rolnik is a professor, architect, and urban planner whose career has focused on a combination of scholarship and activism. She has tangible experience in planning, urban land policy, and housing. She is currently a professor at the University of São Paulo, leads LabCidade an action/research center and is the mayor of the University Campus. She previously held a myriad of government positions, including Director of the Planning Department in São Paulo (1989-1992) and National Secretary for Urban Programs of the Brazilian Ministry of Cities (2003-2007). Outside of government, she has worked at NGOs such as the Polis Institute and was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing from 2008-2014. Her current research is on housing justice, including mapping evictions taking place in São Paulo and working with organizations to make an impact on this issue. As an academic, she has authored several books, including *Urban Warfare: Housing and Cities in the Age of Finance* (Verso 2018), *A Cidade e a Lei* (studio Nobel), and *São Paulo: O planejamento da desigualdade* (Fosforo 2022).



Mindy Thompson Fullilove

Professor of Urban Policy and Health, The New School; Co-Founder, Cities Research Group

Mindy Thompson Fullilove is a writer and social psychiatrist who studies urban spaces and issues of displacement, mental health, and collective consciousness. With a background in family therapy, Dr. Fullilove has a deep understanding of social systems and studies how these systems affect mental health. Her major achievements include the early identification of the intersection of the crack and AIDS epidemics; the documentation of the high levels of trauma among women in recovery from crack addiction and proposals to address that form of co-morbidity; the description of “root shock” in the aftermath of mass upheaval caused by urban renewal; the description of “serial forced displacement;” and the identification of nine elements of urban restoration. She has published hundreds of scientific papers, authored eight books and been awarded numerous honors, including two honorary degrees.



Sylvie Tissot

Professor of Political Science, University of Paris-8, France; Activist and Documentary Filmmaker

Sylvie Tissot is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Paris-8. Her research focuses on the intersection of class analysis and urban studies. Her *Good Neighbors: Gentrifying Diversity in Boston's South End* (Verso, 2015) reveals the way that upper-middle-class newcomers have positioned themselves as champions of diversity, and how their mobilization around this key concept has reordered class divisions rather than abolished them. Tissot has conducted another field-based research project on so-called ‘gay-friendly’ heterosexuals in France and the United States (*Gayfriendly*, Polity, 2023). She is also a founder of the collective Les Mots Sont Importants and engages in debates on feminism, race, and religion.



Lisa Bates

Lisa K. Bates is the Portland Professor in Innovative Housing Policy in the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University. Her scholarship focuses on housing and community development policy and planning. Dr. Bates’ research and practice includes deep engagement with community-based organizations working towards racial justice and housing rights, including Portland’s anti-displacement coalition. Dr. Bates leads the Evicted in Oregon team, which tracks eviction cases, evaluates public policy, and uses community-based methods to develop insights and ideas about housing justice. She also collaborates with Dr. Amie Thurber to evaluate Portland’s ground-breaking policy to support housing opportunities for families displaced over multiple generations of urban renewal.



Shani Evans

Shani Evans is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Rice University. Evans’ research and teaching focuses on race & racism, space & place, urban education, and qualitative research methods. Her forthcoming book considers how Black long-term residents experience and respond to gentrification in a historically Black neighborhood in Portland, Oregon. She has also published work about school choice and the reproduction of inequality in urban school districts. Her research has been supported by the Spencer Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program.



Derek Hyra

Derek Hyra is a Professor of Public Administration and Policy at American University and the Founding Director of the Metropolitan Policy Center. His research focuses on processes of neighborhood change, with an emphasis on housing, urban politics, and race. He is the author of a number of books, including *Race, Class, and Politics in the Cappuccino City* (2017, University of Chicago Press), and is currently working on his fourth manuscript, *Roots of the Revolts*. Hyra’s work has been highlighted in high-profile academic journals and he has received several important grants to conduct research. As a former Planning Commissioner in Alexandria and 2014 Congressional candidate, Hyra has a strong belief in public service which is reflected in his work. He was awarded the 2023 Publicly Engaged Scholar Award from the Community and Urban Sociology section of the American Sociological Association.



Stefano Portelli

Stefano Portelli is a researcher, primarily interested in the social effects of urban displacement. He is affiliated with the Department of Geography at the University of Leicester, where he undertook his postdoctoral research project in partnership with Harvard’s Department of Anthropology, and worked on the cultural impacts of gentrification on gnawa subculture in Casablanca, Morocco. He was one of the organizers of Repensar Bonpastor, a collaborative experiment to resist evictions in a Barcelona neighborhood, and of Harvard’s 2019 Urban Activism Conference. He co-founded the working groups Perifèries Urbanes and Observatori d’Antropologia del Conflictu urbà in Barcelona, and wrote *La ciudad horizontal* (Bellaterra, 2015), an ethnography on the demolition of a Barcelona working class neighborhood. He currently works with Istituto di Studi Politici S.Pio V and collaborates with a Rome-based network of housing activists in preventing the eviction of vulnerable tenants through UN human rights protections.



Tom Slater

Tom Slater is a Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. He is trained as an urban geographer and works in the style of institutional political economy on a range of urban issues, particularly gentrification and displacement, urban marginality, territorial stigmatization, critical urban theory, and housing justice movements. Professor Slater is the author/co-author of six books and over 75 scholarly articles, and over the last decade, he has delivered keynote and public lectures in 20 different countries. He has held Professorial Fellowships at the University of Trento, Italy; the University of Cape Town, South Africa; and the University of Chile-Santiago. He sits on numerous editorial boards and is a former Editor of the *Journal of Urban Affairs* and *The Sociological Review*.



Suleiman Osman

Suleiman Osman is an Associate Professor of American Studies at George Washington University. His first book, *The Invention of Brownstone Brooklyn* (2011, OUP), was awarded the Hornblower Prize from the New York Society Library. He has received grants and fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and the Graham Foundation. His articles and criticism have appeared in the *Journal of Urban History*, the *Journal of Planning History*, *Society and Space*, and *City & Community*. In 2023-2024, he is a fellow at the New York Public Library's Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers where he is working on a history of gentrification in the United States from the late nineteenth century to the present.



Lewis Abedi Asante

Lewis Abedi Asante is a Senior Lecturer in Housing and Urban Development in the Department of Estate Management at Kumasi Technical University, Ghana. He holds a PhD in Geography from the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and a MSc in Urbanisation and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research interests include urban regeneration, market redevelopment, urban governance, housing, and gentrification. He has been a co-investigator on research projects funded by the German Research Foundation, Cambridge Africa, and UK Research and Innovation.



Matthias Bernt

Matthias Bernt is a sociologist and political scientist with a strong research interest in the governance of urban development. He is acting head of the research focus “Politics and Planning” at the Leibniz-Institute for Research on Society and Space in Erkner (near Berlin), Germany and holds a position as an adjunct lecturer at the Institute for Social Sciences at the Humboldt University in Berlin. In 2021, Bernt habilitated in sociology with an international comparative study on the connections between gentrification and public policies. He served as Book Review Editor for the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* from 2014 to 2021, as well as a member of the board of the Research Committee 21 on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association.



Hyun Bang Shin

Hyun Bang Shin is a Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, Chair of the Department of Geography and Environment, and former Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research centers on critical analysis of the political economy of urbanisation, displacement, gentrification, and comparative urbanism with particular attention to Asian cities. His most recent projects include the urban agency of global China and the circulations of Asian urbanism. His books include *Planetary Gentrification* (2016, Polity Press, co-authored with Loretta Lees and Ernesto López-Morales), *Neoliberal Urbanism, Contested Cities and Housing in Asia* (2019, Palgrave Macmillan, co-edited with Yi-Ling Chen), *Exporting Urban Korea? Reconsidering the Korean Urban Development Experience* (2020, Routledge, co-edited with Se Hoon Park and Hyun Soo Kang), among others. Professor Shin is an editor of the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* and a trustee and treasurer of the Urban Studies Foundation. He also co-organises the Urban Salon: an interdisciplinary London forum for architecture, cities, and international urbanism.



Prerona Das

Prerona Das is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Singapore Management University. She graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2022 with a PhD in Geography. Das was awarded a writing-up grant by the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (IJURR) Foundation in the final year of her PhD. As a postdoctoral fellow she is currently conducting research on the politics of smart city knowledge transfer in Southeast Asia. Her other research interests include politics of infrastructure, gentrification, and frontier urbanism.



Maria Mercedes Di Virgilio

Maria Mercedes Di Virgilio is a senior CONICET researcher at the Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her research interests include housing and urban policies in Latin American cities, spatial mobility practices (residential, daily, migration, and tourism), urban change, and gentrification. At the University of Buenos Aires, Di Virgilio served as Assistant Vice President for research from 2018 to 2019 and Associate Dean for research and graduate studies at the College of Social Sciences from 2014 to 2018. In addition, she has been a visiting professor at various universities in Latin America and abroad, including Universidade Federal da Bahia, Universidad Autónoma de México, Université de Poitiers, Institut des Hautes Études de l'Amérique latine, and University of Texas at Austin. While at Princeton, she worked on a research project that analyzed the construction of the field of urban studies in Latin America since the 1970s. Currently, Di Virgilio directs a project on spatial mobility practices of low-income and middle-income families in Argentine cities.



Bahar Sakizlioglu

Bahar Sakizlioglu is an urban sociologist who completed her PhD titled "A Comparative Look at Residents' Displacement Experiences: The Cases of Amsterdam and Istanbul" at the Urban and Regional Research Center, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, in 2014. Following her doctoral studies, she worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Geography, Leicester University, UK, where she conducted a comparative research project on Gendered Geographies of Gentrification, in Istanbul and Amsterdam, exploring the intersection of gender, gentrification, and urban spaces, funded by a H2020 Marie Curie Individual Research Fellowship. Her commitment to interdisciplinary studies has led her to develop a diverse set of research interests, including gentrification, displacement, housing, feminist urban studies, social reproduction, and comparative urbanism. She has published on the politics of gentrification and displacement experiences of disadvantaged groups in gentrifying neighborhoods, the gender-gentrification nexus, and social reproduction theory.



Melissa Valle

Melissa M. Valle is the Mellon Assistant Professor in Global Racial Justice in both the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Africana Studies at Rutgers University-Newark. She is also a core faculty member of the Global Urban Studies/Urban Systems PhD program. She is currently a Princeton-Mellon/Princeton School of Public and International Affairs Fellow through the Princeton-Mellon Initiative in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities. Her current book project, *Battling for Worth: Race, Recognition, and Urban Change on Colombia's Caribbean Coast*, is under contract with Oxford University Press. It demonstrates how race becomes encoded in the value of urban space by exploring the criteria people use to determine what and who has worth, at different spatial scales, in the context of urban spatial and economic change in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Valle is the recipient of a Fulbright award to Colombia and has also completed research on Afro-descendants living in Santiago, Chile, exploring the mechanisms that lead to reduced life chances for marginalized groups and how such groups negotiate stigma perspectives that suggest their identities have been devalued.



Tiziana Dearing

Tiziana Dearing is the host of *Radio Boston* on WBUR. She has been a commentator and contributor to WBUR for more than a decade, and has contributed to a number of other regional and national news outlets. Prior to joining the *Radio Boston* team, Tiziana was a professor at Boston College in the School of Social Work, where she taught social innovation and leadership. A longtime anti-poverty advocate, Tiziana also ran Boston Rising, a startup antipoverty fund to end generational poverty in Boston, and was the first woman president of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston.



Kathy Brown

Kathy Brown is the Executive Director of the Boston Tenant Coalition, a coalition of grassroots tenant neighborhood groups, community development corporations, homeless and advocacy organizations that promotes affordable housing in Boston. Kathy is a long-time leader in the housing justice movement in Boston and serves on the Boards of the Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust and the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation.



Taylor Cain

Taylor Cain is the Chief of Staff at the Boston Housing Authority, the largest housing provider in the City of Boston. She is the former Director of Boston's Housing Innovation Lab, where she led citywide efforts to pioneer innovative housing models and systems, and accelerate the pace of innovation in the housing sector that promotes inclusion and equity across Boston neighborhoods. Taylor has also worked with local nonprofit organizations and institutions on evaluation and research projects that focus on a range of issues, including economic development, racial equity, and displacement. She received her PhD in Sociology from Boston University.



Lydia Lowe

Lydia Lowe is the Director of the Chinatown Community Land Trust, which works to stabilize Boston Chinatown through community control of land, development without displacement, permanently affordable housing, and shared neighborhood spaces. Her four decades of community activism include co-launching the first immigrant worker center in the region, helping tenants preserve more than a thousand units of affordable housing, securing bilingual ballots for Chinese and Vietnamese voters in Boston, and leading the Chinese Progressive Association for 30 years.



Enrique Silva

Enrique R. Silva is the Chief Program Officer at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy where he leads the development of the Institute's overall strategic program by overseeing and coordinating workplans and strategies from across the Institute's Pathway to Impact goal areas and global areas of work. He also leads a portfolio of projects and initiatives in Africa, co-directs the Institute's Masters in Land Policy and Sustainable Development with Spain's National University of Distance Education, and assists in the development and management of projects on land policy and urbanization in Latin America. He collaborates on the development and management of initiatives that focus on a range of themes from land-based fiscal instruments to the fiscal and land policy dimensions of large-scale urban projects to planning regimes and climate change adaptation.



Francisco Sabatini

Francisco Sabatini is a sociologist and urban planner, and Professor at the Universidad del Bío-Bío and the Catholic University of Chile. His subjects of study are residential segregation, gentrification and land markets, and local environmental conflicts. Sabatini was an advisor to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning of the Chilean government after the return to democracy in 1990, as well as a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Environment. Sabatini is a longtime collaborator of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy as a course developer, teacher, and program researcher in Latin America and the Caribbean.



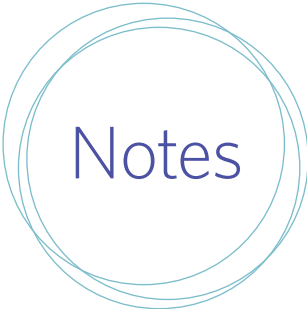
Juan Felipe Pinilla

Juan Felipe Pinilla is an attorney with more than 20 years of experience on urban law issues. He has been a consultant in the structuring of land management instruments for urban projects for various public and private organizations and entities, such as: the Universidad de los Andes, the National University of Colombia, the World Bank, the District Planning Secretariat of Bogotá, the Bogotá Urban Renewal Company, Metrovivienda, the Ministry of Housing, City and Territory, among others. He currently works as researcher and consultant on land policies, property and urban law and collaborates in dissemination and training activities of the Latin American program of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.



Anacláudia Rossbach

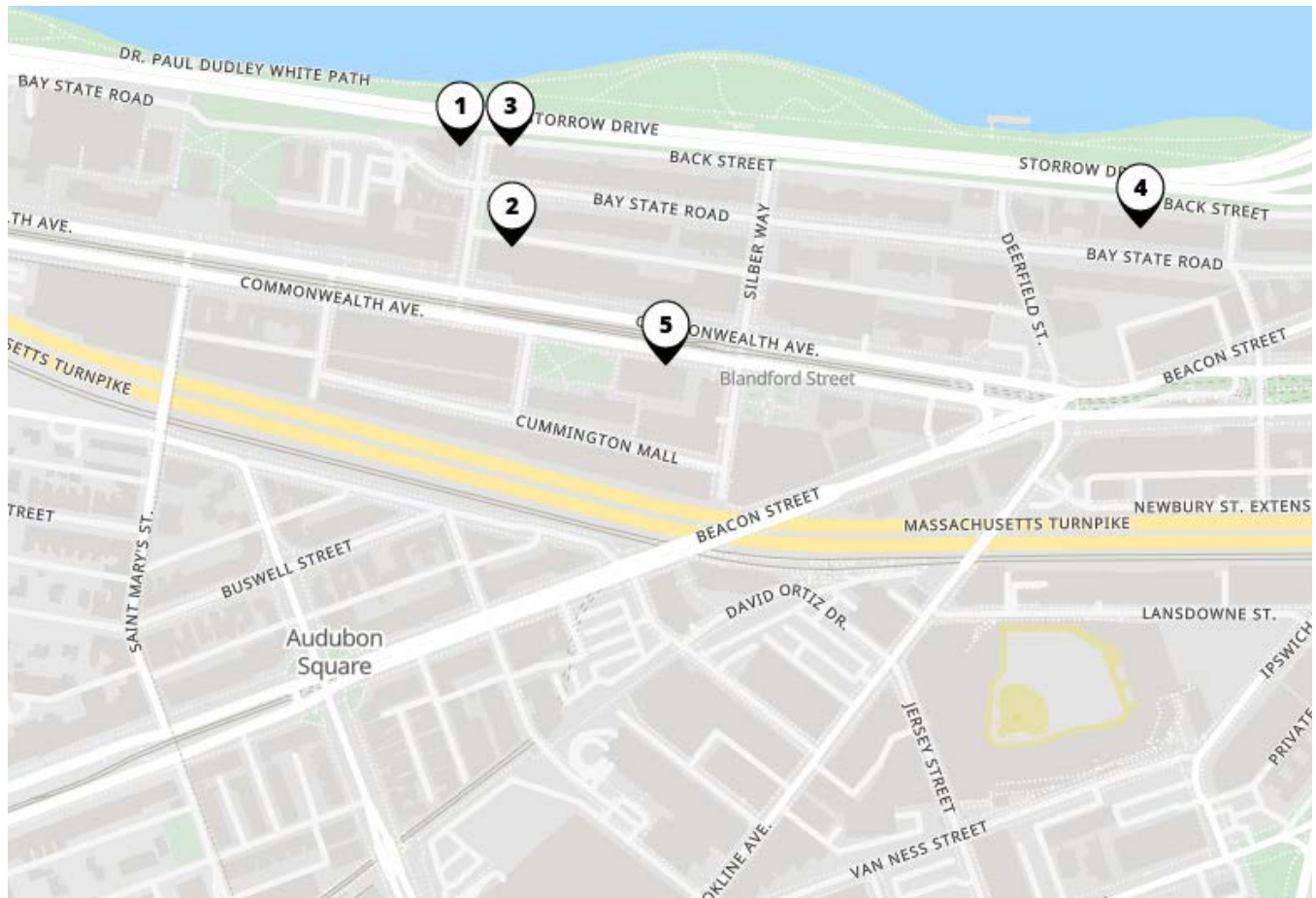
Anacláudia Rossbach is the Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. She is an economist with more than 20 years of experience working on issues such as precarious settlements, informality, social housing, and land and urban policy. She was the founding director of an NGO that developed high-impact projects in informal communities in the state of São Paulo and the city of Recife, Brazil. Later, she served as a senior housing specialist for the World Bank in Brazil and internationally. In that role, she served as a high-level consultant and provided technical assistance to develop and implement Brazilian housing and slum-upgrading policies, including the Growth Acceleration Program for Favelas and the housing subsidies program Minha Casa, Minha Vida ("My House, My Life").



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Boston University Conference Map



Conference Room Locations

- ① **Castle:** BU Dahod Family Alumni Center at the Castle, 225 Bay State Road
- ② **CDS:** BU Computing & Data Sciences, 665 Commonwealth Ave
(Meeting Rooms: CDS 1750; CDS 1646; CDS 1101; CDS 950; CDS 701; CDS 265; CDS 264 / Floors 2-17)
- ③ **HIL:** BU Hillel, 213 Bay State Road
(Meeting Rooms: Bay State & Castle / 4th floor)
- ④ **IOC:** BU Initiative on Cities, 75 Bay State Road (1st floor)
- ⑤ **CILSE:** BU Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering, 610 Commonwealth Avenue
(Meeting Rooms: Colloquium Room & Lobby; Conference Rooms 106A-D / 1st floor)

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