

OURTOPIAS

Ideal cities and the roles of design in remaking urban space

THE DX NATIONAL DESIGN CONFERENCE

June 14-16, 2007

OURTOPIAS: The DX National Design Conference will examine the vital roles that cities play in the economic, social and cultural lives of societies, June 14-16 at the Design Exchange (DX), Toronto.

Original ideas, recent research and what's new, related to the many facets of urban life, will be explored in seven major topics: Mass Media, Sustainability, Transportation and Movement, Technology, Infrastructure, Policy and Social Responsibility.

OURTOPIAS will examine the architectural and design culture of cities, densification, urban renewal, zoning, adaptive re-use, gentrification, social responsibility and historic preservation. Related relevant topics, such as green space in cities, infrastructure, technology, environmentalism, sustainability, brown-site rehabilitation, exurban growth, public transportation, universal design, street furnishings, climate change and disaster preparedness will also be addressed by more than 30 speakers.

The opening night keynote presentation will be made by **Bruce Kuwabara** from **KPMB Architects**. Mr. Kuwabara will discuss strategies and emerging models of urbanization and sustainability that are transforming Toronto into a civil society. Bruce Kuwabara's opening night lecture takes place **Thursday, June 14** at the Design Exchange.

Man and Whose Worlds? Transnationalism and the Architecture of Expo 67 is the focus of **Anmarie Adams** Buchanan Memorial Lecture on **Friday, June 15**. Anmarie Adams, professor at the McGill University School of Architecture, will present a stunning illustrated lecture that explores the architecture of Expo 67 in Montreal as a transnational moment in the history of design. Adams examines "Americanness" at the Universal and International Exhibition of 1967, and how it was actually made in Canada. The lecture takes place over dinner at the DX. Tickets to this lecture are included with Premium Conference Registration or can be purchased separately at \$125.00.

David Hughes, President & CEO of **Habitat for Humanity**, will be the Saturday morning keynote speaker. Mr. Hughes will present the need for affordable housing in urban environments as part of city infrastructure.

Glenn Murray, chair of the **National Roundtable on The Environment and the Economy**, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Murray is best known for his vision of building culturally dynamic urban centres.

OURTOPIAS: The DX National Design Conference will host informative and inspiring presentations by more than 30 speakers from all over the world. The complete lineup and schedule will be announced and available online at www.dx.org in April.

OURTOPIAS: The DX National Design Conference Early Bird rate is available until May 1 2007. Premium Registration is \$382.50 for the complete conference or \$247.50 per day. Starting May 2, Registration is \$425.00 for the full conference or \$275.00 per day. There are special group rates and reduced rates are available for students and Design Exchange members. An adjunct conference about graduate design research and education takes place June 13-14 at York University. Combined conference rates are also available.

OURTOPIAS takes place at the Design Exchange, 234 Bay Street (at King & Bay), in the heart of downtown Toronto. Information and registration is available by phone or online, by calling 416-216-2160, or visiting the Design Exchange web site at www.dx.org.

The Design Exchange (DX) is Canada's national design centre, with a mission to engage and educate Canadians about the value of design. It recognizes Canadian design and innovation as key elements in the cultural and economic fabric of our lives.

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