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## Study Space I Evaluations of Human Habitats and Habits in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### Entering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Opportunities of Panama's Explosive Urban Growth

Please join us for the inaugural Study Space, in Panama City, Panama, and environs  
December 9-16, 2007

*The Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, University of Miami, is a co-sponsor of this Study Space.*

**Study Space** is a series of intensive workshops, held at diverse locations around the world, the goal of which will be to acquire a deeper understanding of the legal, policy and human challenges posed by the global growth of megacities. **Study Space** intends, at various times and in different places, to provide a vehicle for progressive scholars and graduate students from varied disciplines and backgrounds to study, learn and seek to understand experientially this trend in all of its implications – for identity and self-determination, for participatory democracy, for equality and social justice, for human health, for the environment, for livable cities and manageable land use, and so on.

Study Space I will be led by Dr. Daniel Suman. Dr. Suman is an oceanographer and environmental lawyer who teaches at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Miami. Dr. Suman, a native of Panama, is a world-renowned expert on coastal law and policy, who works extensively in the Americas and the Caribbean and is a key participant in developing coastal management policy for the Republic of Panama. Dr. Suman is an active researcher on environmental and land use issues in Panama.

*Entering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Opportunities of Panama's Explosive Urban Growth* will offer its participants the opportunity to study first hand the complex social and economic pressures on the capital city and principal urban center of this country wedged between two continents and dominated by both its Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Thus, the program will look at much more than coastal law and policy – it will consider the way in which environmental and land use issues are interwoven with social and economic justice concerns. The Study Space will focus on the explosive urban growth of Panama City and the challenges and opportunities that this growth presents to the sustainability of this urban environment.

The schedule for Study Space I will require participants to observe two daily commitments: (1) attend the morning field study experience and (2) attend the evening's study dinner. The field trips will feature speakers who live and work in the area.

### COST AND TRAVEL DETAILS

The total cost for this week, which includes accommodations (seven nights total), breakfast daily, events admissions, gratuities, speaker honoraria, airport ground transportation in Panama and all ground transport while in Panama is \$1,350.00 US. Airline tickets must be purchased separately.

### LANGUAGE

Spanish language ability is strongly encouraged. Where presentations are in Spanish, translation will not always be available.

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## POST-PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

In addition to the participation requirements outlined above, Study Space participants are expected to produce a short piece of writing (minimum 2,500 words), suitable for publication, within 30 days of the group's return from Panama, or January 15, 2008. The pieces produced will be collected together and sought to be published either in hard copy print (in a suitable law review for this subject) or published in electronic form on the websites of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Georgia State University College of Law, and/or that of Latino & Latina Critical Theory, Inc.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Scheduled events are as follows:

### Saturday, December 8

Participants arrive in Panama City. Optional group dinner.

### Sunday, December 9

9 a.m.: Opening breakfast to explore expectations of week and explain schedule/  
Walking tour around Panama City to orient participants to growth challenges.  
6:00 pm: group dinner

### Monday, December 10

8 a.m.: Visit to Miraflores Locks of the Panama Canal to view Canal operations  
6 p.m.: group dinner to reflect on field visit

### Tuesday, December 11

8 a.m.: Visit to Casco Viejo, colonial neighborhood at the heart of old Panama City to view efforts to renovate and restore Panama's cultural patrimony and this UNESCO World Heritage Site without destroying the social fabric  
6 p.m.: group dinner to reflect on field visit

### Wednesday, December 12

8 a.m.: Visit to Paitilla, San Francisco, and Costa del Este neighborhoods to view the rapidly developing urban neighborhoods that are undergoing extensive land use changes; consideration of traffic congestion and infrastructure limitations, waste water treatment plans, and unplanned conversion of neighborhoods of single-family homes to high-rise condominiums  
6 p.m.: group dinner to reflect on field visit

### Thursday, December 13

8 a.m.: Visit to Metropolitan Park to view the pressures that threaten to damage the integrity of this forested protected area adjacent to Panama City.  
6 p.m.: Group dinner to reflect on field visit

### Friday, December 14

8 a.m.: Visit around former Canal area (ex-Canal Zone) to view recent land use changes  
6 p.m.: Group dinner to reflect on field visit, on week and discuss publication ideas

### Saturday, December 15

8 a.m.: Group meeting over breakfast  
12 noon: Participants depart

## QUESTIONS?

Any questions about this Study Space should be directed to Professor Colin Crawford, Georgia State University College of Law, 404-651-2058, or [ccrawford@gsu.edu](mailto:ccrawford@gsu.edu).

**Please plan on joining us for Study Space II in March 2008  
at the Universidad de los Andes, in Bogotá, Colombia, to study  
*Multicultural Colombia:  
Urban & Rural Lands, Rights of Self-Governance and Cultural Difference***

# STUDY SPACE

## APPLICATION

If you wish to be considered as a participant, please fill out the application below and send it no later than Monday, September 10, 2007 to: Professor Colin Crawford, Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Georgia State University College of Law, PO Box 4037, Atlanta, GA 30303. You may also e-mail the application to him at [ccrawford@gsu.edu](mailto:ccrawford@gsu.edu).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone (Business): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Other): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please indicate in 250 words or less why you wish to participate in Study Space I -- *Entering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Opportunities of Panama's Explosive Urban Growth*.

Please attach it securely to this page.

In addition, in order to participate you must read and sign the release below.

I understand and agree that if I am selected to participate in Study Space, I will be required to attend (a) all morning field trips and (b) evening group meals, and that, upon return, I will write for anticipated publication a piece of at least 2,500 words that reflects some of the professional lessons and observations acquired during my Study Space week. I further agree to give permission to the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Georgia State University College of Law and/or Latina & Latino Critical Theory, Inc. full and unrestricted rights to publish my effort in any form whatsoever, providing that my authorship is appropriately acknowledged.

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