

**Study Space**  
Evaluations of Human Habitats and Habits in the 21<sup>th</sup> Century  
a joint project of the  
Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth,  
Georgia State University College of Law  
and  
LatCrit, Inc.

**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.

**The Format:** Each **Study Space** will last exactly one week, including travel. It will take participants to a site chosen by the organizer of that **Study Space**. The organizer will, in turn, be responsible for the design and thematic focus of the **Study Space**. Recommended readings related to the **Study Space** will be identified for participants in advance. For at least five days of each week, **Study Space** participants will be required to attend a morning field visit of approximately three hours in duration related to that theme of that **Study Space**. Every evening, participants will be required to attend a group dinner at which each member will be asked to share his/her reflection on the most interesting, most puzzling or most provocative thing s/he heard on that morning's field visit. Afternoons will be free, as will evenings after the group dinner. The purpose of this format is to provide both structured learning experiences as well as reflective, unstructured opportunities for study, observation and conversation. The hope is that each **Study Space** schedule will be designed so that each day's field visit and roundtable discussion build upon one another day-by-day. Participants who do not read all advance materials, attend all field visits and dinners will not be asked to participate in future **Study Space** events.

**Participants:** To insure a high quality, in-depth *group* exchange, participation in each **Study Space** will be limited to 10 persons, including the organizer. Application will be by simple letter of interest outlining the reason for the applicant's interest in the given **Study Space**. Selection will be conducted by (1) the organizer, (2) a representative of The Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth ("Center") and (3) LatCrit, Inc. ("LatCrit").

**Follow Up:** Within thirty days of the conclusion of a **Study Space**, each participant will be required to submit an essay of at least 2,500 words about what s/he learned at the **Study Space**; these essays shall be suitable for publication. The organizer shall seek to combine these efforts into a group project suitable for publication, such as a book, symposium or mini-symposium. The Center and LatCrit will support the effort to secure publication, whether electronically, in print, or both.

**Cost:** Participants will pay the cost of their own travel, accommodation, meals and a nominal Program Fee. These costs will be kept as low as possible, and may include some meals, ground transportation costs and costs related to field trips (e.g. admissions, speaker fees.) Participants will receive detailed information of these costs in advance.

**Student scholarships:** The Center will provide one scholarship for each **Study Space** for a law student in good standing at Georgia State University College of Law, contingent upon that student writing an essay related to the theme and what s/he learns at the **Study Space**. The paper shall be written with the aim of eventual publication. **LatCrit** commits to offer comparable scholarships, when possible, through its Student Scholar Program.