

# Tomorrow's City Today

Pacific Cities Sustainability Initiative  
Annual Forum

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For more information about the Pacific Cities Sustainability Initiative, please visit [AsiaSociety.org/PCSI](http://AsiaSociety.org/PCSI)

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## Conference Overview

Cities across the Pacific Rim are facing growing competition to create more livable cities to attract top talent and business investment while protecting the environment. Maintaining and improving quality of life in tomorrow's cities is central to urban sustainability. How can we create green, sustainable, healthy, and livable cities for all?

PCSI's first international forum, entitled "Tomorrow's City Today," brings together a small, select group of city leaders, architects, planners, policymakers, and other experts who are working to create tomorrow's livable city. The Forum addresses pressing topics like urban transportation, community networks, green building, and how the process of urbanization will shape Asian cities and the global marketplace for decades to come. By examining how we build, live in, and understand our cities we can set the agenda for creating a new generation of sustainable urban spaces.



Through speaker sessions, keynotes, panel discussions, a public program, and mobile workshops, the key objectives for the 2013 PCSI Forum are to:

- Strengthen the Asia-Pacific bridge by developing valuable new cross-sector professional connections;
- Provide a platform for partnerships between stakeholders and networks; and
- Identify strategic next steps to advance knowledge creation by stakeholder networks.

Thank you for joining us and helping us to create a brighter future for urban sustainability on both sides of the Pacific.

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Afternoon

### MOBILE WORKSHOPS

Tower Design in Hong Kong: Meet the Architects of Hysan Place

Revitalizing Old Wanchai: The Evolution of Public Space in Hong Kong

Jewel in the City: The Asia Society Hong Kong Center

6:30 pm

### PUBLIC PROGRAM AT ASIA SOCIETY HONG KONG CENTER

*Venue: Miller Theater (cocktails and networking in Courtyard)*

“The Sky is the Limit: High-Rise Sustainability in Hong Kong”

*Introductions:*

**Bruce Pickering**, Vice President of Global Programs, Asia Society

**Uwe Brandes**, Senior Vice President, Initiatives, Urban Land Institute

*Moderator:*

**Roger Platt**, Senior Vice President, Global Policy & Law, U.S. Green Building Council

*Keynote Speaker:*

**Christine Loh**, Under Secretary for the Environment, Hong Kong SAR Government

8:00 pm

### PUBLIC PROGRAM ENDS

*Dinner will not be provided. Forum participants make own dinner arrangements.*

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 am

### REGISTRATION

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall (breakfast and networking)*

9:00 am

### WELCOMING REMARKS

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

**Ronnie Chan**, Chairman, Hang Lung Group Ltd; Co-Chair, Asia Society

**Raymond Chow**, Executive Director, Hongkong Land Ltd; Trustee and Chairman, Urban Land Institute North Asia



## INSIDE THE HOST CITY

### 9:15 am HONG KONG'S NEXT WAVE OF SUSTAINABILITY DECISIONS

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

*Moderator:*

**John Fitzgerald**, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific

*Special Presentations:*

**Nicholas Brooke**, Chairman, Hong Kong Harbourfront Commission

**Sujata Govada**, Managing Director, Urban Design and Planning Consultants, Ltd.

**Simon Ng**, Head of Transport & Sustainability Research, Civic Exchange

*Respondents:*

**James von Klemperer**, Design Partner, Kohn Pederson Fox Associates

**James Law**, Founder & CEO, James Law Cyberecture

## BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CITIES

### 10:45 am THE CITY OF GROWTH: BALANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

Cities are magnets for economic opportunity. How is development driving migration and housing markets? How are cities growing more resilient, sustainable, and competitive in the context of the global economy?

*Moderator:*

**Jon Lovell**, Director of Sustainability - Deloitte Real Estate

*Special Presentation:*

**Guanghua Wan**, Principal Economist, Asian Development Bank

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Brandon Sedloff**, Managing Director, Urban Land Institute Asia

**Sean Chiao**, Executive Vice President, Asia Pacific, AECOM

**Jonathan Thorpe**, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, Gale International

### 12:00 pm NETWORKING LUNCH

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

### 12:30 pm SPECIAL KEYNOTE

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

“Urban Life, Societal Change and Patterns of Consumption”

*Keynote Speaker:*

**Chandran Nair**, Founder and CEO, Global Institute for Tomorrow

1:30 pm

## GETTING AROUND: TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

Effective public transit systems and well-designed streetscapes can boost a city's competitive advantage, enhance livability, and serve as models for sustainable mobility. With personal automobiles serving as a primary mode of transportation in many Asian cities, traffic congestion, pollution, and other side effects having increasingly negative impacts. How are cities designing transportation networks and infrastructure for the future? How can transit planning, streetscapes, and design facilitate mobility, walkability, and more sustainable transportation?

*Moderator:*

**Ashok Raiji**, Principal, ARUP

*Special Presentation:*

**Lenny Shen**, General Manager—Cities Center of Competence, Asia; General Manager—Strategy Department, Infrastructure & Cities Sector; Siemens Ltd., China

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Tian Feng**, District Architect, Bay Area Rapid Transit

**James Maguire**, Regional Managing Director, Construction, Power & Infrastructure, Aon Risk Solutions

**Karl Fjellstrom**, Regional Director, East & Southeast Asia, Institute for Transportation & Development Policy

2:45 pm

## COFFEE BREAK

3:00 pm

## SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

How are cities across Asia advancing new sustainable building technologies and how is this different from their counterparts in North America? How are Asian cities planning their built environment to address the challenge of reducing carbon emissions? How are new technologies being integrated into buildings to shape urban design decisions? How is access and affordability being addressed?

*Moderator:*

**Jake Laves**, Head of Sustainability & Clean Tech, Asia-Pacific, Autodesk

*Special Presentation:*

**Peter Graham**, Executive Director, Global Buildings Performance Network

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Jiang Lin**, Senior Vice President; Director of China Sustainable Energy Program, Energy Foundation

**Jane Henley**, President, World Green Building Council

**Ronald Weidner**, Founder and CEO, PLB Capital

## RESEARCHING THE CITY

4:15 pm

## CITIES IN TRANSFORMATION: RESEARCHING URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

What information about the cities and sustainability is out there and what do we need to learn? Leading thinkers provide an overview of the state of urban sustainability research and innovation in

the context of Asia's cities. How is research and data on sustainable cities being structured? Where is consensus being built? Where do debates lead us to ask new questions?

*Moderator:*

**Robert Spich**, Faculty, University of California-Los Angeles School of Management; Program Director, Center for International Business Education and Research

*Special Presentation:*

**Caspar Herzberg**, Managing Director, Emerging Solutions Advisory Practice, Cisco Systems

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Limin Hee**, Associate Director, Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore

**Laurie Kerr**, Director, City Energy Project, Natural Resources Defense Council

**In-Keun Lee**, Visiting Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Seoul

**5:30 pm** Adjourn Day One

**6:30 pm** **FORUM RECEPTION AND DINNER**  
*Venue: Jockey Club Hall*

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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**8:00 am** **BREAKFAST**  
*Venue: Lee Quo Wei Room (breakfast and networking)*

**9:00 am** **OPENING REMARKS**  
*Venue: Miller Theater*

**Bruce Pickering**, Vice President of Global Programs, Asia Society

**Uwe Brandes**, Senior Vice President, Initiatives, Urban Land Institute

**9:15 am** **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**  
*Venue: Miller Theater*

“Creating Liveable Cities in Asia”

*Moderator:*

**Richard Drobnick**, Director, Center for International Business, Education & Research, University of Southern California Marshall School of Business

*Keynote:*

**Thai Ker Liu**, Director, RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (PTE Ltd)

## LIVING IN THE SUSTAINABLE CITY

**10:00 am** **COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND LIVABILITY**  
*Venue: Miller Theater*

People come to cities and create networks that drive economy, culture, and civic participation.

How are community and identity being shaped in the urban context? How are urban communities bridging cultural diversity? How are cultural values shaping people's sustainable market preferences?

What role do cultural institutions play in shaping local debates and outcomes?

*Moderator:*

**S. Alice Mong**, Executive Director, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

*Special Presentation:*

**Daniel Abramson**, Associate Professor of Urban Design & Planning, University of Washington

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Patrick Condon**, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia

**Yan-yan Yip**, Chief Executive Officer, Civic Exchange

**Oren Tatcher**, Principal, OTC Limited

**11:15 am**

## **GOVERNANCE, BUSINESS MODELS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

*Venue: Miller Theater*

The active leadership and collaboration of both government and private sector are essential for creating and maintaining a livable city, yet achieving this is more difficult than ever in an era of limited budgets, political discord, and international tensions. What examples of successful and innovative partnerships and collaborations can be used as models? What are examples of successful public-private partnerships in the pursuit of the livable city from around Asia?

*Moderator:*

**Barbara Finamore**, Senior Attorney and Asia Director, Natural Resources Defense Council

*Special Presentation:*

**David Wood**, Director, Initiative for Responsible Investment, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Kurosh Massoud-Ansari**, Environment, Science, Technology and Health Officer for the U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau

**Kerina Wang**, Management Associate, Sustainable & Livable Cities Initiative, World Resources Institute

**Thomas Tang**, Corporate Sustainability Director–Asia, AECOM

**12:30 pm**

## **FORUM CLOSING LUNCH**

*Venue: Courtyard*

**1:15 pm**

## **PCSI STAKEHOLDER PLANNING SESSION** (by invitation only)

*Venue: Lee Quo Wei Room*

*Moderators:*

**Richard Drobnick**, Director, Center for International Business, Education & Research, University of Southern California Marshall School of Business

**Bruce Pickering**, Vice President of Global Programs, Asia Society

**Uwe Brandes**, Senior Vice President, Initiatives, Urban Land Institute

*Discussion Leaders:*

**Jim Falk**, Professorial Fellow, Melbourne School of Land and Environment, University of Melbourne

**Roger Platt**, Senior Vice President, Global Policy & Law, U.S. Green Building Council

**Orville Schell**, Arthur Ross Director, Center on U.S.-China Relations, Asia Society

**Heather Thompson**, President, Principal HT Strategy



# Selected Profiles



**Daniel B. Abramson** is an Associate Professor of Urban Design and Planning; Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture and Landscape Architecture; and a member of the China Studies Faculty at the University of Washington. From 2005 to 2009, he was a founding board member of the International Association for China Planning. His projects in Fujian, China, include community-based neighborhood preservation and research on property rights, housing and land policies. Since 2008 he has collaborated with Sichuan University on post-earthquake reconstruction projects.



**Uwe S. Brandes** is Vice President, Initiatives at the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in Washington, D.C. where he leads ULI's Climate Change, Land Use, and Energy initiative and The City in 2050 initiative. Previously, Mr. Brandes was Vice President at the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation and Associate Director of the D.C. Office of Planning, where he managed the award winning Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, an unprecedented inter-governmental partnership to redevelop the shores of the Anacostia River in the nation's capital.



**Nicholas Brooke** is Chairman of the Hong Kong Harbourfront Commission and Chairman of Professional Property Services Limited in Hong Kong. Mr. Brooke has over 45 years of experience within the property industry, of which the last 30 years has been in the Asia Pacific region. He is a recognized market commentator, particularly in respect to property markets in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Vietnam. He is an authority on land administration, land use planning and housing policy matters.



**Ronnie C. Chan** is Chairman of Hang Lung Group Limited and its subsidiary, Hang Lung Properties Limited. Both are publicly listed companies in Hong Kong, dealing in real estate investment, development, and management. Mr. Chan also co-founded the privately held Morningside Group which, in the past two decades, has owned and managed businesses in numerous sectors. In addition, he is actively involved with many non-profits, philanthropic endeavors, and educational organizations, including serving as the Co-Chair of the Asia Society.



**Kurosh Massoud-Ansari** is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department. Currently on his second tour, he serves as the Environment, Science, Technology, and Health officer within the Economic/Political division. In his first tour he acted as Embassy Ankara's Immigrant Visa Chief and Fraud Prevention Manager, primarily focusing on Iranian Affairs. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Ansari worked as a network administrator for Craftmark Homes in McLean, Virginia.



**Sean C.S. Chiao** is Executive Vice President of Asia Pacific for AECOM. As a member of Asia Pacific's Executive Board, he also oversees the region's operational performance and strategic growth. Mr. Chiao has spearheaded the construction of a number of high-profile developments, urban regeneration, and major public open spaces all across Asia. He is currently leading the "Harvard Graduate School of Design—AECOM China's Studio," a 3-year academic program that examines the urbanism issues emerging in China today.



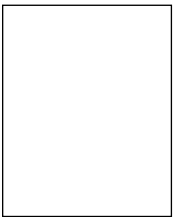
**Raymond Chow** is Executive Director of Hongkong Land Limited, a position he has held since 2000. Mr. Chow is responsible for the company's commercial activities throughout Asia, including all of its premier office and retail portfolio and new investments, and has over 20 years of real estate experience in Asia. He is also a Global Board of Directors, Trustee, and North Asia Chairman of the Urban Land Institute and a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.



**Patrick Condon** is a Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of British Columbia. With over 30 years' experience in sustainable urban design, first as a professional city planner and then as a professor, he has worked to advance sustainable urban design both in Canada and abroad. He recently collaborated with North Vancouver to produce a plan to make the city a zero carbon community. Prof. Condon has received awards from the Planning Institute of Canada and the American Society of Landscape Architects.



**Richard Drobnick** is the Founding Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research at the USC Marshall School of Business (1990). From 1997 to 2002 he also served as the inaugural Secretary General of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). Presently, he serves as APRU's Senior Strategic Advisor on its "Sustainability and Climate Change" and "Global Public Health" activities. Dr. Drobnick specializes in Pacific Rim trade policies and is the author of numerous publications on international economics and business.



**Jim Falk**



**Tian Feng** is the District Architect of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). At BART, Mr. Feng has broad responsibilities for transit infrastructure, including formulating policy and implementation strategies for sustainability. He is also the Founder and Chief Editor of the *Compendium of Sustainable Transit Practices*. Mr. Feng has received recognition for his work from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and both branches of the U.S. Congress.



**Barbara A. Finamore** is a Senior Attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). Ms. Finamore founded NRDC's China Program, which promotes energy policy development and market transformation in China. She is currently NRDC's Asia Director and has two decades of experience in Chinese environmental law and policy. She has also worked for the U.S. Departments of Justice and Interior, the UNDP, and the Center for International Environmental Law. Ms. Finamore is also the co-Founder and President of the China-U.S. Energy Efficiency Alliance.



**John P. Fitzgerald** is Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Asia Pacific office. Since opening ULI Asia Pacific in 2007, Mr. Fitzgerald has been responsible for ULI's activities in the region. He and his team have focused on engaging public and private sector leaders on issues of land use and its impact on sustainability, mobility, infrastructure, and affordability. Previously, he directed ULI's Study Tour program, organizing international delegations of senior executives and public officials to exchange best practices on land use issues.



**Sujata S. Govada** is Founding and Managing Director at Urban Design and Planning Consultants Ltd. An award winning urban designer and planner, Dr. Govada has over 28 years of experience managing projects around the globe. She is currently working on strategic, master planning, and sustainable development in Hong Kong and the region. Additionally, Dr. Govada teaches Urban Design at the University of Hong Kong and collaborates on international non-profit initiatives such as ULI's 10 Principles for a Sustainable Approach to New Development.



**Peter Graham** is Executive Director of the Global Buildings Performance Network, the new ClimateWorks Best Practices Network addressing mitigation of building sector greenhouse gas emissions. Previously, Dr. Graham was the Technical Advisor and Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme's Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative and Head of Discipline for Architecture and Design at the University of New South Wales. In these roles Dr. Graham worked with the public, civil, and private sectors to assist the transition to a sustainable building industry.



**Limin Hee** is Associate Director at the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), a Singapore-based knowledge centre with a mission to distil, create, and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities. Prior to joining the CLC, she taught at the Department of Architecture at the National University of Singapore. Her research is focused on sustainability and its agenda for architecture and future cities. Ms. Hee has published widely on architecture and urbanism, including her new book, *Future Asian Space*.



**Jane Henley** is Chief Executive Officer of the World Green Building Council, the world's largest business organization influencing the green building marketplace. As leader of the 25,000-member organization, her role is to drive collaboration between 90 national green building councils and advocate for green buildings as a mechanism to deliver environmental, economic, and social benefits. Ms. Henley's background in business development sets a positive entrepreneurial agenda for transforming the building sector towards sustainability.



**Caspar Herzberg** is Managing Director of the Emerging Solutions Advisory (ESA) Practice at Cisco Systems. He leads ESA's efforts to design and implement ICT Master Plans for real estate developers, city governments, developers, and service providers. Mr. Herzberg and his team have designed many of the world's largest new economic city projects including Songdo, Korea; Chongqing and Chengdu, China; and the new economic cities in Saudi Arabia. Previously, he worked for Accenture and served as an Officer in the German Army's Special Operations Division.



**Laurie Kerr** is Director of the City Energy Project (CEP) at the Natural Resources Defense Council. A joint venture with the Institute for Market Transformation, CEP assists large U.S. cities in designing and implementing large-scale energy efficiency policies. Until this fall, she was the Deputy Director for Energy Efficiency in the New York City Mayor's Office, where she was instrumental in crafting PlaNYC, New York's plan for sustainable growth through 2030, and in developing the city's green building and energy efficiency policies.



**James Law** is Founder of design firm James Law Cybertecture. He has designed award winning iconic architectural projects in cities throughout Asia, including the Pad building in Dubai and the Cybertecture Egg in Mumbai. Mr. Law is also a visiting Adjunct Professor at KAIST, Korea and is an occasional TED Talk speaker. He is a World Economic Forum (WEF) Young Global Leader, a Council Member of the WEF Global Agenda Council on Design & Innovation, and a Board Member of the Hong Kong Design Center.



**Jake Layes** is head of Sustainability and Clean Tech for Asia Pacific at Autodesk, a leading provider of design innovation software for architects, engineers, and designers. He is responsible for sustainability initiatives and managing Autodesk's Clean Tech Partner Program in Asia, which supports the efforts, innovations, and environmental advancements of clean technology partners across the region. Previously, he held roles in marketing, business development, consulting, and product development. Mr. Layes is frequent speaker at prominent design and innovation conferences.



**In-Keun Lee** is Visiting Professor at the University of Seoul's Department of Civil Engineering. Prior to teaching, Dr. Lee spent 32 years serving the Seoul Metropolitan Government in various departments on infrastructure-related projects. His major positions include Director for Subway Planning and Design, Director for Urban Planning, and Director-General for Cheong Gye Cheon Restoration Project. Promoted to Assistant Mayor level in January 2009, Dr. Lee was in charge of infrastructure of the metropolitan area until the end of 2011.



**Jiang Lin** is Senior Vice President and Director of the China Sustainable Energy Program at the Energy Foundation (EF). He leads EF's support in clean energy policy development in China. Previously, Dr. Lin was a Staff Scientist with the China Energy Group at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory where he led research on China's energy efficiency and renewable energy policies. His research covers energy efficiency standards, low-carbon development scenarios, energy efficiency investment, and energy policy analysis.



**Thai-Ker Liu** is the Director of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte.) Ltd. Dr. Liu is the Founding Chairman of Centre for Liveable Cities serves as an Adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. He is a member of several governmental bodies in Singapore and is a planning advisor to over 20 cities in China. Previously, Dr. Liu managed the completion of over half a million dwelling units and spearheaded the major revision of the Singapore Concept Plan.



**Christine Loh** is Under Secretary for the Environment for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, a position she has held since September 2012. Previously, Dr. Loh was Chief Executive Officer of Civic Exchange, which she founded in 2000. Prior to that she spent nearly a decade in Hong Kong's Legislative Council (1992-1997; 1998-2000) and held senior regional positions in commodities trading and project negotiation. She has founded or served on boards of a wide range of NGOs related to environmental protection, urban planning, and design.



**Jon Lovell** is a Director of Deloitte Real Estate and is responsible for the international delivery of its sustainability services. He also serves on the global leadership team of Deloitte Sustainability, leading its Community of Practice on sustainability and the built environment. Mr. Lovell recently joined United Business Media's global panel of thought-leaders on Future Cities. He has led a number of ground-breaking initiatives including low carbon transition strategies, commercial and community development projects, and real estate investment.



**James A. Maguire** is Regional Managing Director, Asia, Construction, Power & Infrastructure Specialty for Aon Risk Solutions. He leads Aon's risk advisory and insurance syndication services to infrastructure clients, with a geographic remit from Japan to India and Pakistan. Mr. Maguire speaks regularly on climate change, the insurance industry, and renewable energy projects. Previously, he held professional designations to advise on insurance in both New York and Hong Kong.





**S. Alice Mong** is Executive Director of Asia Society's Hong Kong Center (ASHK). Prior to taking this position in 2012, she worked in New York in the role of Consultant to ASHK. Ms. Mong has also served as the Director of the Museum of Chinese in America and guided the organization to become the leading national museum dedicated to preserving the culture of Chinese people and Chinese-Americans. She also served as the Executive Director for the Committee of 100 in the U.S.



**Chandran Nair** is Founder and CEO of the Global Institute For Tomorrow, a social venture think tank dedicated to advancing an understanding of the impacts of globalization. He is also the Chairman of Avantage Ventures and, until 2004, was Chairman of Environmental Resources Management in Asia Pacific. For over a decade he has advocated a more sustainable approach to development in Asia, advising both governments and corporations. He is the author of *Consumptionomics: Asia's Role in Reshaping Capitalism and Saving the Planet*.



**Simon K. W. Ng** is Head of Transport and Sustainability Research at Civic Exchange, an independent public policy think tank based in Hong Kong. Previously, he was a Visiting Scholar of the Institute for the Environment, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and a Lecturer of the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management of the University of Hong Kong. His major research interests include sustainable transportation, livable cities, air quality management, and local community planning.



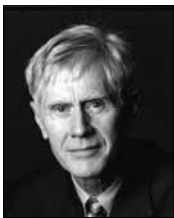
**N. Bruce Pickering** is Vice President of Global Programs at Asia Society and Executive Director of Asia Society's Northern California Center. Previously, he was Director of Public Affairs and Development at the Graduate School of Journalism and Special Assistant to the Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at UC Berkeley. Dr. Pickering also served as Program Director of the World Affairs Council, was Executive Director of the U.S.-Japan 21st Century Project, and served as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer for more than decade.



**Roger Platt** is Senior Vice President of Global Policy and Law at the U.S. Green Building Council. Mr. Platt is responsible for overseeing the policy aspects of the increasingly global adoption of green building and urban development practices. His role includes managing an international portfolio of non-partisan policy development relationships, including the World Green Building Council, the United Nations Environment Program, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. He helped found and chaired the ULI Sustainable Development Council from 2001 to 2004.



**Ashok Raiji** is a Principal in Arup's New York office. He also serves as Arup's Property Market Leader in the Americas and leads its global residential business. Mr. Raiji has led many high performance building and city-scale planning projects in the U.S. and Asia including Master Plans for New Songdo City in Korea. Mr. Raiji lectures frequently on sustainable design and urban planning and has served as Sustainability Technical Advisor to the National Building Museum and the Museum of the City of New York.



**Orville Schell** is the Arthur Ross Director of the Center on U.S.-China Relations at Asia Society in New York. He is a former professor and Dean at the University of California, Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism. Dr. Schell has worked for the Ford Foundation in Indonesia, covered the war in Indochina as a journalist, and has traveled widely in China since the mid-70s. He has written fourteen books, nine of them about China, and is a contributor to numerous edited volumes.





**Brandon Sedloff** is Managing Director of the Asia Pacific at the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and is responsible for ULI's various initiatives across the Asia Pacific Region. Prior to joining ULI, Mr. Sedloff was Vice President/Asia Practice Area Head at Gerson Lehrman Group, where was the founder and head of its Asia Real Estate. He is the founder of the ULI Young Leaders Group in Asia and was a member of the ULI North Asia Executive Committee from 2007-2012.



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**Robert Spich** is a Senior Lecturer at UCLA Anderson School of Management where he is a faculty member in the Global Economics and Management area. His teaching specialty covers international management, emerging markets, negotiations and cross cultural issues in global business. Additionally, Dr. Spich has been named as Faculty Program Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research at UCLA Anderson, and is a member of the GAP Entrepreneurship faculty, working to develop business plans for new companies in six countries.



**Thomas Sek Khuen Tang** is Corporate Sustainability Director for AECOM in Asia. He oversees the pan-Asian region and involves directing sustainability projects in support of regional businesses and providing internal corporate services as the Head of the Office for Corporate Sustainability. Dr. Tang has authored a number of reports on sustainability policy and has spoken at international forums including the Conference Board and C40 roundtable. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Sustainability and Environment Committee at the HK General Chamber of Commerce.



**Oren Tatcher** is Principal of OTC Limited, a Hong Kong-based planning and design firm specializing in transportation facilities and transport-oriented urban master plans. He previously worked with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and in 2007 started his own practice in Hong Kong. His firm's work has included planning of airports, railway stations, marine transport terminals, and intermodal stations throughout Asia. He has worked with numerous organizations to promote best practice in sustainable transport development, primarily in developing countries.



**Heather Thompson** is a Principal at HT Strategy. Previously, she served as co-Founder of ClimateWorks, a network of 13 regional foundations and expert teams working to promote policies to reduce the threat of climate change. Now working independently, Ms. Thompson is focused on accelerating the strategies of ClimateWorks' Best Practice Networks. As founder, she also serves as Board Chair of the Global Buildings Performance Network and previously led the California Environmental Associates work in philanthropic strategy covering land conservation, energy, and climate change.



**Jonathan Thorpe** is Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer at Gale International. He is responsible for international and domestic project financing, investments, business planning, strategy, and operating matters. Having worked on the Songdo International Business District (IBD) project since 2002, Mr. Thorpe has been involved in structuring and closing all major equity and debt financing transactions for Songdo IBD. He has been affiliated with Gale International since 1985, previously managing the company's portfolios in New York and California.



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