

Welcome to the Second Edition of CSU NEWS!

Thanks to CSU correspondents and contributors, this special edition brings new experiences and ideas on how cities and communities are responding to COVID-19 challenges.

The Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization is committed to making urbanization sustainable. The principles and visions that architects, urban planners and design professionals have put in place, should more than ever, in light of the pandemic, be adopted to achieve the SDGs and implement the New Urban Agenda, and to revalue the development of the countryside considered now a safer haven and an opportunity to let up the ever increasing population in cities.

I am glad to invite you to read the message of CSU President, Mr. Lance Jay Brown, redefining the New Normal along the compelling articles, and to register to the [2020 High Level Political Forum Parallel Dialogue “Sustainable Cities and COVID-19: Plans for Action”](#) that CSU co-sponsors as well as our upcoming events in October 2020.

Take care and stay safe,
Ludivine Cornille
Director of Programs and Editor of CSU NEWS



Message from

Lance Jay Brown, FAIA

CSU President



THE NEW NORMAL?

It is beyond obvious that the familiar world we knew in 2019 will not be the world we return to in 2021. The Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU) has long focused on the challenges and opportunities of global urbanization and how it can achieve not only sustainability but resiliency as well.

We see great population growth and the move from the hinterlands and countrysides to cities that began during the industrial revolution as the origin of urbanization on planet Earth. In the early twentieth century the advent of the automobile, coupled with the later post WWII boom, led to decentralization from the city to the suburbs. That pattern is now morphing into a new and unknowable future. As change accelerates exponentially we are trying to figure out what exactly to do. This is the new normal, the *what to do normal*.

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Articles

COVID-19, Technology and the Rebirth of Cities - Special Feature



H.E. Dr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh, Emeritus Chair of CSU Advisory Board

COVID-19 has hit cities particularly hard. As big cities like New York, Paris, Madrid, Rome, Sao Paolo and many others around the world turned into hot spots of COVID-19, the well-heeled are reported to have left them in large numbers. And tragically, their...

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News from Mexico, Informally Facing COVID



Antonieta Castro-Cosío, PhD, CSU Board Member

At this point of 2020, no matter what city you live in, you have probably had to get used to life in lockdown, social distancing, and constant handwashing. You have probably also gotten used to holding work and social meetings at home via zoom, wearing a face mask when going outside..[\(read more\)](#)

Taking Action and Pivoting to Respond to the Growing Epicenter of COVID-19 in Rio de Janeiro's Favelas



*Theresa Williamson, CSU Advisory Board Member
and Chauncie Bigler, Guest Contributor*

Since COVID-19 reached Rio de Janeiro in March 2020, the city has seen a growth curve with no sign of letting up. The impact is particularly felt by favela residents... [\(read more\)](#)



The Transformation of the Cycling Culture in Warsaw



Roxana Zyman, PhD. CSU Correspondent

If you stand by a bike lane as an observer on a sunny summer day in Warsaw, you see cyclists going on bikes every minute. In recent years, riding a bike in Warsaw on properly built bike lanes has become a frequently seen sight, but it has not always been like this... [\(read more\)](#)

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Future of Sustainable Cities in the USA



An opinion piece by Alan Mallach, FAICP, Guest Contributor

First things first. Nobody knows how it's going to turn out. The uncertainty is multilevel. We don't know whether there will be one, or two or more waves of the coronavirus, we don't know if and when a vaccine will be available... [\(read more\)](#)

News

"Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industry Experiences from COVID-19," a weekly Lecture Series by Columbia CBIPS by Rick Bell, FAIA, CSU Board Member [\(read here\)](#)

Launch of "Sustainable Urbanization at the UN for Architects and other Design Professionals", a publication by Aliye Pekin Celik, Chair of CSU Board of Directors [\(read here\)](#)

The 5th cycle of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation [\(read here\)](#)

Upcoming Events

[2020 High Level Political Forum Parallel Dialogue "Sustainable Cities and COVID-19: Plans for Action", July 16, 2020, webinar](#)

[World Habitat Day Conference, October 5, 2020, UN Headquarters, New York City or Virtual Conference](#)

[CSU GALA 2020, October 6, New York City](#)

CSU Inaugural Talal Abu Ghazaleh Lecture by Claire Weisz, CSU Award winner, October 7, 2020, UN Headquarters, New York City or Virtual Conference

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