

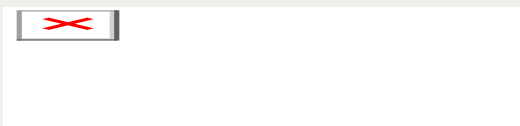
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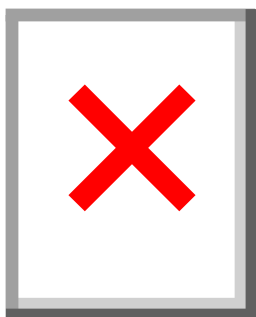
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NEWSLETTER



LESSONS FROM MAYORS

Cities Tackle Environmental Threats for Healthier Communities

Mayors from cities including Baltimore, Memphis, and Cleveland are finding new approaches to treating urgent health challenges brought on by heat, pollution, and lead exposure. The Community Data Health Initiative—a program of Data-Smart City Solutions, located at the Bloomberg Center for Cities—captures their insights and offers resources all cities can use to build local capacity for tackling poor health outcomes due to air pollution and extreme heat.

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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

DIANE DAVIS

Just Urban Design: The
Struggle for a Public
City.

MIT Press

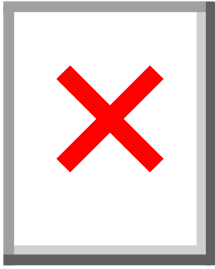
This chapter challenges city leaders and urbanists to rethink justice, inclusion, and belonging at the city scale—arguing that local governments and design professionals can build stronger, more equitable urban communities by learning from other cities.

ELIZABETH LINOS

Getting Your Foot in the
Door: The Impact of
Public Sector
Fellowships on Career
Trajectories

Public Administration Review

As governments struggle to attract and retain talent, this study explores whether public sector fellowship programs can serve as effective pathways into government and how they may reshape the future of the government workforce.



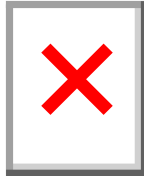
DATA-DRIVEN APPROACHES

Empowering Frontline Homelessness Response Teams

As homelessness is surging in many cities, response staff must decide how to allocate available resources across agencies. The Government Performance Lab at Harvard Kennedy School—led by Center faculty affiliate Jeffrey Liebman—explores in a new article how targeted data training can strengthen staff capacity, improve service delivery, and support more strategic, system-wide responses.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY AFFILIATES

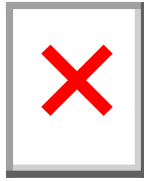


Matthew Lee

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Management |
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Research focus: social enterprises, impact investing, nonprofit organizations, and corporate social responsibility. Lee seeks to advance our understanding of issues relevant to hybrid organizations that simultaneously pursue multiple objectives, including organization design, external evaluation, and innovation.

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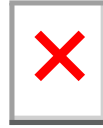
Rawi Abdelal

Herbert F. Johnson Professor of International Management | Harvard Business School; Emma Bloomberg Co-Chair, Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

Research focus: the politics of globalization and the political economy of Eurasia. Abdelal has developed expertise in how to strengthen cultures and build a more sustainable, equitable future, enabling mayors and other leaders to create powerful organizational transformations.

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CENTER NEWS



CITIES

Small Cities, Big Impact: Mayors Share Lessons in Resilience and Innovation

How can innovation help address the unique challenges facing smaller and rural communities? Three mayors discuss their experiences—skim an event recap or watch the video.

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FACULTY AND RESEARCH

What Helps and Hinders Cross-sector Collaboration in Cities?

New research from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, published in the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory and summarized for practitioners in the Stanford Social Innovation Review, examines how the ability to learn from setbacks can help cross-sector collaborations succeed.

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JOIN THE VIRTUAL EVENT

Rethinking Urban Governance for Climate Mobility

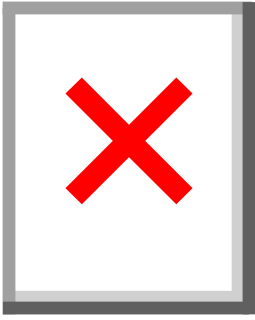
Friday, September 12 | 12:00 p.m. EST | Virtual and in-person (for Harvard ID holders)

Climate disruption is shifting how—and where—people live. Environmental

pressures will contribute to significant population movements, with cities becoming destinations for climate migration. Which populations face displacement, and what does this mean for the future of cities? Tune in live with a panel of expert practitioners to explore how urban areas can prepare for climate-related migration and environmental mobility by building resilient communities and designing more adaptive systems for all residents.

- **Diane Davis** (welcome), Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism, Harvard Graduate School of Design
- **Hannah Teicher** (moderator), Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Harvard Graduate School of Design
- **Keith James**, Mayor of West Palm Beach, Florida
- **Brigid Shea**, Commissioner of Travis County, Texas

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