

don't identify as new urbanists, use tools developed by new urbanists as integral components of their work. Several cited the importance of new urbanism in bringing discussion of the built environment and the public realm to the table. Others criticized new urbanism as a continuance of design and planning that puts form and profit ahead of people and justice.

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Transitions in leadership and stability of funding sources continue to be the major factors affecting the strength of existing centers. Students expressed frustration at not being able to locate community design job opportunities.

Many commented on the difficulty of locating funding information and connecting to those developing policy.

All agreed that community design continues to produce exceptional quality work. Henry Sanoff, however, said that he felt the movement had lost its creative edge and challenged community designers to investigate and incorporate the work of community media and technology and industrial design.

The Future of Community Design?

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ment, funding and policy. Ron Shiffman suggested that a low profile may benefit the movement, since lack of national identity allows each design center to establish the most appropriate local role. Others argued that the lack of national and international recognition has also limited funding, engagement in policy conversations, exchange and participation.

During the concluding discussion of the symposium participants agreed that there is a need for collective initiatives to advance the field. Goals of this collaboration are to:

- Provide opportunities for all design students to study and participate in community and other civic practice;
- Strengthen networking in the field and externally;
- Document knowledge and build memory to inform future practice;
- Expand research in community design and topics relevant to community practice; and
- Tell the story of community design successes.

For more information on the Harvard conference mention in this article, visit <http://gsd.harvard.edu/communitydesign>

For more information on Community Design, visit <http://www.communitydesign.org>

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Palestinian Cities as Prisons

By Tom Angotti

The nation founded after the dismantling of Nazi prison camps is turning Palestinian towns and cities into giant prisons. Israel's military has them surrounded, controls all access, and can enter and destroy at will. The new Israeli settlements, exclusionary gated communities with heavy military protection, are off limits to Palestinians. This system of apartheid maintains and reinforces Israeli economic and political control of the West Bank and Gaza.

While the U.S., European Union, and United Nations stand by and issue declarations for peace and a Palestinian state, Israel has destroyed through war the real prospects for a Palestinian state and the hopes for peace. The West Bank and Gaza have become *de facto* Israeli property (and Israel mines the West Bank for its water supply). Israel has devastated the infrastructure of the Palestinian Authority. The Israeli notion of Palestinian independence is the creation of Bantustans in the West Bank and Gaza under the leadership of chiefs approved by Israel.

Israel is the largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid and gets \$2 billion a year in military aid alone whether or not illegal Israeli settlements are built and Palestinian houses are destroyed in the West Bank and Gaza.

All those who favor open, democratic cities should join the international campaigns for implementation of the UN resolutions calling for the complete withdrawal of Israel from the occupied Territories and dismantling of the illegal Israeli settlements.

From the Resolution Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1998, one of several hundred UN resolutions that Israel has ignored:

Reaffirms that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan are illegal and an obstacle to peace and economic and social development;

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