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Dear colleagues,

I hope this symposium on new visions on slums is of interest to some of you. Please find below the abstract of the symposium, and attached its program. The symposium will be webcasted.

If you have further interest in the event let me know; I have been part of the organizing committee and feel truly happy about of the selection of speakers and debates we have crafted. Latin American practitioners and scholars have become, in fact, very represented in it.

Sincerely,

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NEW VISIONS FOR AN ENDURING
GLOBAL PHENOMENON

Symposium:
September 20 - 22, 2018

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There are very few signs that slums will transition out of the urban landscape in the foreseeable future. Even after more than one and a half centuries of policy interventions, starting from efforts to address the effects of industrialization in Europe, slums persist in almost every geography on the planet. Slums are not only visible in the Global South, but are reappearing in old and new manifestations in the Global North. Their persistence can be linked to a number of political and economic failures to effectively address poverty and inequality, distorted land markets, and systemic social exclusion. These failures are, in turn, rooted in the very way policymakers, global media, and intellectuals conceptualize and represent how, why, and by whom slums are produced, maintained, and reproduced. Slums continue to be imagined as urban aberrations, something that falls outside of (or delinked from) urban ecologies.

[Slums: New Visions for an Enduring Global Phenomenon](#) is a symposium being held at **Harvard University** from **September 20-22, 2018** that will challenge participants to discuss the range of perceptions and systemic changes needed to re-imagine integrative urban and social landscapes, as well as the labor and land markets that most often underpin the formation of slums. Organized by the [Harvard Graduate School of Design Department of Urban Planning and Design](#), [Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies](#), and [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#), the symposium seeks to advance new policy, financial, design, and educational tools that can both improve existing slums and generate alternatives to future ones.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public ([registration required](#)), will be held at the Harvard Center for Government and International Studies ([1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA](#)). It starts on the evening of Thursday, September 20, with a keynote about the representation of slums in film and media, and continues on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, with full days of presentations and discussions.

FULL AGENDA

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