

Application Deadline:
Friday, Feb. 23
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Study Space XIII Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

June 16-21, 2024

Creating Resilient Cities:

Disaster Preparedness, Climate Change
Adaptation and Public Health Responses

What is Study Space?

Study Space is a weeklong intensive workshop where scholars, government representatives and private sector professionals develop solutions to legal, social and policy challenges in urban areas.

The setting for **Study Space XIII** is Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The theme is **Creating Resilient Cities**. All lectures will be in English.

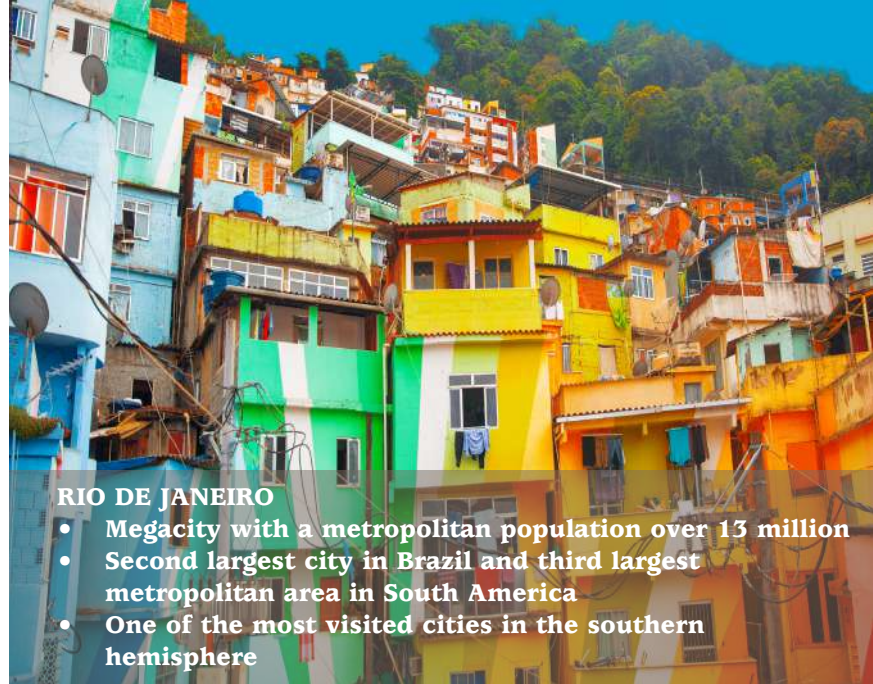
Study Space is unique because:

- Participation is limited to a small group of international scholars and professionals selected from a variety of disciplines
- The program examines and provides recommendations for a defined set of challenges facing the host city
- It promotes active learning and problem-solving through research, site visits and group discussions with local academics, nongovernment organizations and government officials
- Participants contribute scholarly articles for publication in an online journal with international reach

Questions?

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RIO DE JANEIRO

- **Megacity with a metropolitan population over 13 million**
- **Second largest city in Brazil and third largest metropolitan area in South America**
- **One of the most visited cities in the southern hemisphere**

Cost

The program fee is **\$975** and includes scheduled group meals, speaker honoraria and site visits. Hotel, airline tickets and airport ground transportation must be purchased separately. A **\$475** deposit is due by **Feb. 23** and the remaining **\$500** is due by **April 26**. No refunds will be issued after **May 1**.

Participants are responsible for booking their hotel rooms and will be provided with a suggested option upon application. The estimated cost of the hotel for Sunday through Friday nights is **\$850**.

Expectations

Participants will receive reading materials to review prior to the start of the program. Attendees are expected to participate fully, including daily lectures, site visits, group discussions and dinners. Participants contribute scholarly articles for publication in the online journal, *Journal of Comparative Urban Law & Policy*, a publication of Georgia State Law's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth.

Rio de Janeiro

Famous white sandy beaches such as Copacabana and Ipanema, carnivals, music and important tropical forests against a backdrop of mountains define this “Cidade Maravilhosa” or Marvelous City.

However, behind this marvelous city is a megacity, home to more than 13 million people, confronting a wide array of urban challenges – income inequality among the worst in the world, informal settlements lacking basic infrastructure housing 20% of the population, poor transit connectivity, environmental concerns and more.

Exacerbating these urban challenges are natural hazards such as droughts and storms with high wind and excess rainfall that caused devastating floods and landslides. Additionally, Rio de Janeiro experienced the second highest COVID-19 mortality rate among Brazilian states, with those living in informal settlements disproportionately affected.

Themes explored over the week include:

- Disaster preparedness and mitigation
- Housing and human rights
- Climate change, urban forests and biodiversity
- Land use law and urban revitalization
- Pandemic preparation and recovery



Schedule

Sunday, June 16

Evening Welcome Reception

Monday, June 17

Urban Forests and Biodiversity

- Site visit: Tijuca Forest and Corcovado Mountain
- Lunch included

Tuesday, June 18

Cities, Disasters and Human Rights

- Site visit: Discussion with community leaders in “Favela da Rochina”
- Lunch included

Wednesday, June 19

Participant Lectures

- Free afternoon for sightseeing or personal research

Thursday, June 20

Pandemic Preparation and Recovery

- Site visit: Dr. Bozza, innovative grassroots public health response
- Lunch included

Friday, June 21

Urban Revitalization Projects and Climate Change

- Site visit: Museum of Tomorrow, Rio de Janeiro Art Museum and City Tour
- Lunch and dinner included