

World Town Planning Events at SAPL

Beyond bricks and mortar: the role of housing in our communities

Dr Sasha Tsenkova

On November 8, 2024, the Canadian Institute of Planners joins other planning organizations worldwide to celebrate the 75th annual World Town Planning Day. Planners come together with community builders and citizens to celebrate the contribution of planning across Canada to city building, to the design of our built environment, and to the creation of healthy and attractive communities. This year, World Town Planning Day is dedicated to one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century – the housing crisis. “**Homes Start with Planning**” acknowledges the opportunities for transformative change and action to address the affordable housing challenge locally and globally.



The objective of the transdisciplinary event is to collaborate, share ideas and identify ambitious solutions to address the housing crisis and achieve a more resilient and equitable system in Calgary. SAPL joins a global conversation held in over 30 countries on the role of planners in delivering housing that meets the needs of our communities and creates equitable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions for all. The event celebrates the innovative spirit of planning, the learning opportunities created for our students and the collaboration with professional communities to navigate change and respond with solutions.

The design exhibition showcases student work from thematic block week courses focusing on homelessness, affordable housing and missing middle housing typologies. The exhibition and panel discussions provide an engaging platform for conversation on what works and what doesn't, as well as capitalize on learning from international experts, planners, academics and design professionals.

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Moderator: Dr Sasha Tsenkova

Panelists:

Sarah Woodgate is the President and CEO of Calgary Housing.

Jeff Chase is currently the Chief Housing Officer for the City of Calgary.

Jaydan Tait is President and CEO of Attainable Homes Calgary.

Matthias Drilling is a Professor at University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Northwest Switzerland.

Dr John Brown, Dean, School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape.

