AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME URBAN RESIDENTS: THE CASE OF BRAZIL
LEARNING FROM THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE U.S.

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This lecture presents the Brazilian experience in popular housing over the last thirty years, emphasizing the development of alternative programs with popular participation (self-management of housing projects, upgrading of favelas, and interventions in central areas) as opposed to conventional housing production projects, such as the federal government program “Minha Casa, Minha Vida” (“My House, My Life”). Based on his experience as a scholar and public policy manager in Brazil, Prof. Bonduki will discuss alternative approaches to the homeless problem in the United States drawn from the Brazilian experience.

Bonduki is a Full Professor at the University of São Paulo and currently a Fulbright Visiting Scholar in the College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley. In São Paulo, Bonduki was former superintendent of low-income housing (1989-92), former City Councilor (2001-04 and 2013-16), coordinator of the Strategic Master Plan of São Paulo City (2002 and 2014) and former Secretary of Culture (2015-16). In the federal government, Bonduki was the coordinator of Brazil’s National Housing Plan (2007-08) and acted as the Secretary of Urban Environment of the National Ministry of Environment (2011-12). He has worked as a consultant in planning and housing in several Brazilian cities and in countries such as Cape Verde and Mozambique. He is the author of 13 books, including "Origins of Social Housing in Brazil," "Pioneers of Social Housing" (three volumes), and "Urban Interventions in Historical Centers."

DISCUSSANT: JAN BREIDENBACH,
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Jan Breidenbach started her career as an organizer in the movements of the 1960s and 1970s, leading to 10 years as a union organizer for Service Employees International Union. Interested in community development, in the late 1980s, she worked with low-income women wanting to start micro-businesses. In 1991 she became the head of the So CA Association of NonProfit Housing, leading struggles to increase affordable housing. She continues her involvement in housing and community development as an instructor at Occidental College.

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