

Rez de Ville / Urban Ground Floors 2023

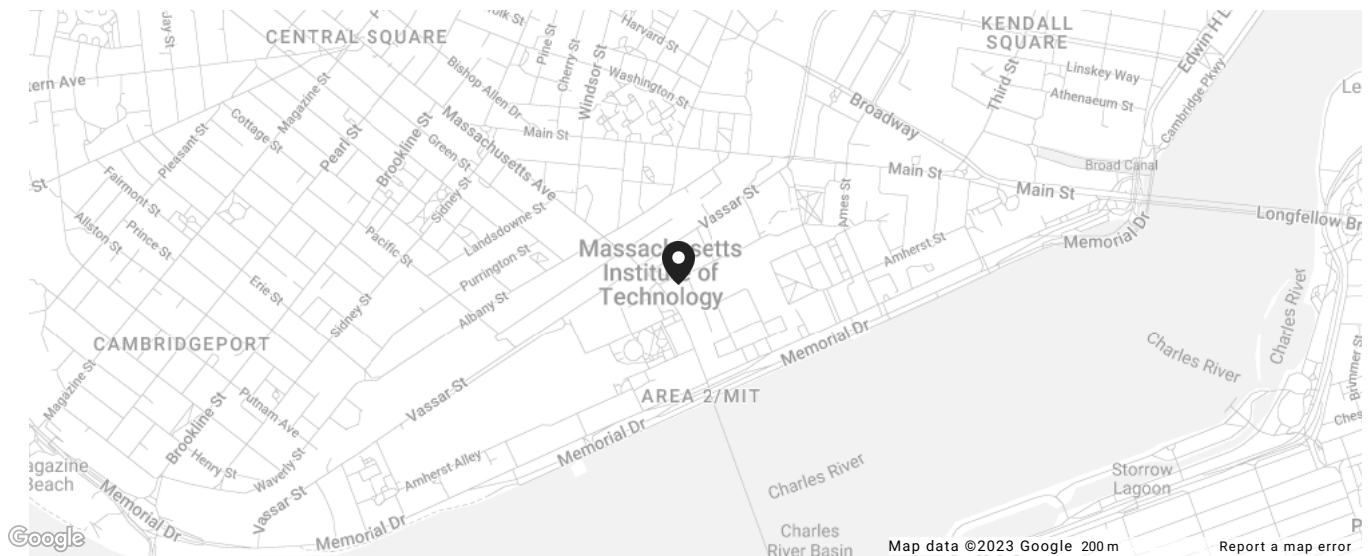
September 22-23, 2023
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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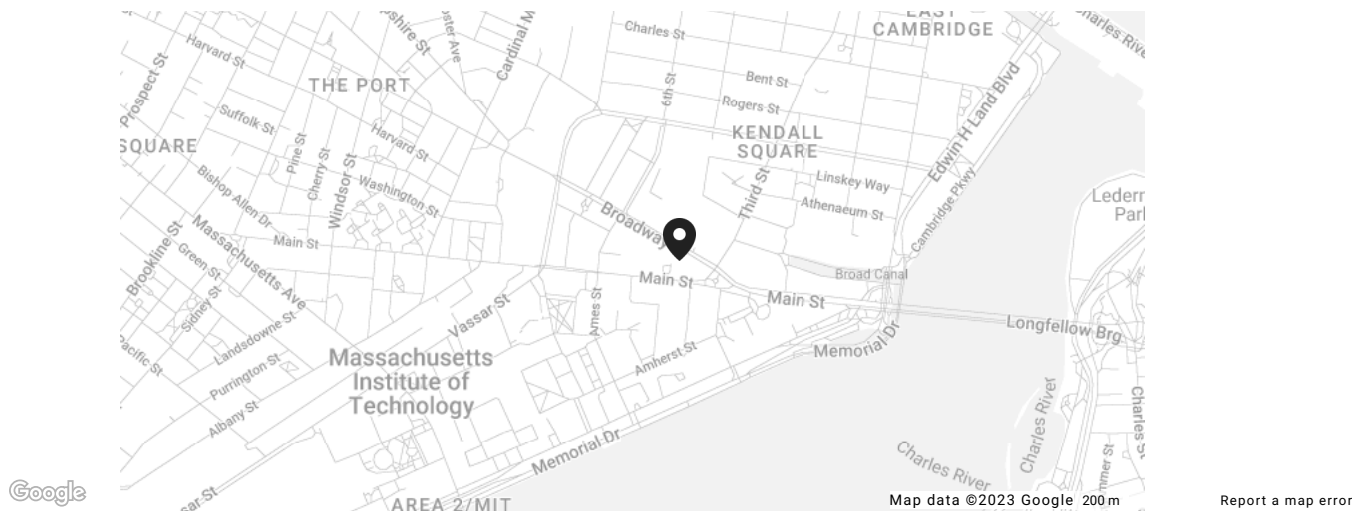
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The 2023 *Rez de Ville: In Transition* seminar will delve into the evolving dynamics of urban ground floors amidst modern societal, economic, environmental, and technological shifts and explore the implications of these changes on diverse urban populations.



Accommodations

We have arranged for a special discounted group rate of \$259/night (plus tax) at the [Marriott Cambridge](#), conveniently located a short walk away from the MIT venue. You can book your room at this special rate using this link: [Book for Rez de Ville Group Rate](#). Alternatively, you can call Marriott Central Reservations at 1-800-228-9290 to reserve your room or add additional nights to your stay. Please make your reservation by Friday, September 21st, 2023, at the latest.



Program

Friday, September 22, 2023

Coffee and breakfast

8.30–9.00

Introduction

9.00–9.30

- *Welcome*, **Hashim Sarkis** (Dean, School of Architecture and Planning, MIT)
- *The spatial and social importance of urban ground floor*, **Andres Sevtsuk** (Associate Professor of Urban Science and Planning, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT)
- *Levers for Urban ground floors conception and transformation*, **David Mangin** (Professor, EAVT Paris-Est; Architect, SEURA Architectes)

1. Urban structure, networks and routes: the mobility and interaction of people, goods and machines on urban ground floors

9.30–12.45

- *Building–street interface types and their related outdoor activity patterns: the case of Da-An District, Taipei*, **Stephen Marshall** (Professor of Urban Morphology and Urban Design, The Bartlett School of Planning, UCL) and **Feng-Shu Chang**
- *Life on the Ground Floor of North American Cities*, **Gary Hack** (Professor Emeritus of City & Regional Planning, Weitzman School of Design, UPenn)

Coffee break

- *Space for people, vehicles or devices*, **Peter Norton** (Associate Professor of History, Department of Engineering and Society, University of Virginia)
- *Work from home's impact on urban ground floor performance*, **Ellen Dunham Jones** (Professor; Director, Urban Design Program, School of Architecture, Georgia Tech)
- *Viewing the Urban Ground Floor through the Eyes of Inner-City Older Adults: A Story of Trepidation*, **Anastasia Loukaitou Sideris** (Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning; Interim Dean, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA)

Lunch break

12.15–13.30

2. Built typologies, uses and accessibility: linear, porous, deep, and multi-storey structures

13.30–17.00

- *Learning from Philadelphia: Benefits of a Flexible Lot and Block Structure*, **Brent Ryan** (Associate Provost and Professor of Urban Design and Public Policy, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT)

- *Building urban ground floor categories: frontage, porosity, depth*, **Soraya Boudjenane** (Architect, SEURA Architectes) and **David Mangin** (Professor, EAVT Paris-Est; Architect, SEURA Architectes)

Coffee break

- *The Brazilian ground floor as an “infinite span”*, **Valter Caldana** (Professor of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie) and
- **Guilherme Wisnik** (Associate Professor and Vice Director, FAUUSP)
- *Summary discussion*, **Carlos Llop Torné** (Professor of Urbanism, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya), **Ricardo Abuauad** (Decano Campus Creativo, Universidad Andrés Bello), and **Charlotte Malterre-Barthes** (Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Design, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)

Dinner

18.30–21.00

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Coffee and breakfast

8.30–9.00

3. Natural and social ecologies of urban ground floors

9.00–11.45

- *Embracing New Yorkness: regulating the social dynamism of the city's ground floors*. **Erick Gregory**, Chief Urban Designer, Director of Urban Design at NYC Department of City Planning.
- *Environmental risk and urban ground floors in Vietnam*, **Elizabeth Yarina** (PhD Candidate, MIT, Department of Urban Studies and Planning).
- *Un-common Ground: How Climate Changes the Urban Terrain*, **Kian Goh** (Associate Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs)

Coffee break

- *An Alternative Urban Ground Floor: the Mini-Mall*, **Margaret Crawford** (Director of Urban Design, Professor of Architecture and Urban Design, College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley)
- *Climate Adaptation of Ground Floors, Collective Ground Floor Imaginaries in the face of Future Flooding*, **Miho Mazereeuw** (Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urbanism, Department of Architecture, MIT) and **Angela Loescher-Montal** (Research Affiliate at the MIT Urban Risk Lab)

Lunch break

11.45–13.00

4. Analytic techniques and representation of urban ground floors

13.00–17.00

- *What can we learn about urban ground floors from Street View imagery?*, **Liu Liu** (PhD Student, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT) and **Maryam Hosseini** (Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT)
- *Pedestrian mobility and interaction in urban networks*, **Andres Sevtsuk** (Associate Professor of Urban Science and Planning, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT)
- *Another take on Nollí's plan for Rome*, **Marie Petit Ketoff**

Coffee break

- *Blown Earth: A study of the Parisian infrastructural relief*, **Pierre Alain Trevelo** (Professor and Chair of the Board, ENSA Paris Est. Principal, TVK Architects)
- *Socio-cultural mapping of urban ground floors*, **Rovy Pessoa Ferreira** (Architect, UNSA-Lyon)

- *Design Earth*, **El Hady Jazairy** (Director, Master of Urban Design, University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Principal, DESIGN EARTH)
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Dinner

19.00–21.00

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Walking tour of Boston

9.30–11.00AM