

PLANETARY URBANISM – Critique of the Present in the Medium of Information Design

International Competition Jury



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Gita Govan – one of South Africa's foremost sustainability thinkers. During the Apartheid era she became the second black woman graduating as an architect. Today, Gita is CEO of ARG Design and a founding partner of communiTgrow. She is Chairperson of the Sustainability Institute of Southern Africa; serves as a Board Member on the Cape Peninsula University of Technology and the advisory board of the Global GreenTag African National Advisory Committee which is a voluntary scientifically verified standard for green materials, products, and systems in the built environment.



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Benno Pilardeaux – earth scientist. He conducted field research in Pakistan and India on innovations in agriculture and rural development. Benno is head of Media and Public Relations of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) and contributes as a specialist in global development policy issues to the WBGU reports. He participated as an observer for the WBGU in various UN negotiations and conferences, e.g. Habitat II, World Food Summit, UNEP Governing Council or the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and represents the WBGU in the COPs of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.



Saskia Sassen – sociologist and economist. She is Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Chair of The Committee on Global Thought at the Columbia University. Author of numerous books, such as “The Global City” (1991, 2001), “Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages” (2006), and most recently “Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy” (2014). Her research focusses on cities, immigration and states in the world economy, with the three key variables inequality, gendering, and digitization. Many awards and honors and professorships in a large number of institutions.