Retrofitting Suburbia: Pragmatic ideas for a resilient built environment

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Based on a vision that saw people living in the country while working in the city, the modern suburb was conceived in the UK, but reached maturity in the US and Australia. As the car became the preferred mode of transport the imagined ‘garden suburbs’ turned into sprawling ‘suburbia’. Today, with populations growing, technology changing and economies shifting, suburbia is being redesigned and redeveloped.

Professor Ellen Dunham-Jones will examine how existing suburbs in the US are being reshaped and what lessons we can learn from America’s experience. Drawing insight from her research, Professor Dunham-Jones will discuss the ways American suburbs have absorbed new growth, enhanced the sustainability of transport and the built environment, and evolved to respond to changed demographic, technological, and economic conditions.

Ellen Dunham-Jones is Professor of Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology and a leading authority on suburban redevelopment. She teaches and researches contemporary architectural and urban design and has a particular interest in urban sprawl and sustainable urban design.

Event details
Date: Tuesday 16 August 2011
Time: 6–7 pm
Registration and refreshments from 5.15 pm

Prize winning students in transport programs will receive awards in a short ceremony starting at 6 pm

Venue: Village Roadshow Theatrette
State Library of Victoria
Corner of Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne
(Entrance 3, La Trobe Street)

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