

New Metropolis Lecture Series @ Virginia Tech

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1808/1908/2008: National Planning for America

Robert Fishman, University of Michigan

7 pm to 9 pm

Virginia Tech's Alexandria Center

1021 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Main Conference Room, 3rd floor

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Wine and cheese will be served.

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About the presentation:

Is national planning un-American? The bicentennial of the 1808 Gallatin Plan for a national system of roadways and canals and the centennial of the 1908 Roosevelt Conservation Plan is an appropriate occasion to re-think the assumption that national planning has been rarely attempted in the United States, never successful, and best left to the French. I will argue for a very different interpretation of national planning as crucial to the formation of the United States as we know it, and that national planning might be even more crucial for our future.

Robert Fishman, who is Emil Lorch Professor at the Taubman College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Michigan, received his Ph.D. in history from Harvard University in 1974. He is the author of *Urban Utopias in the Twentieth Century: Ebenezer Howard, Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier* and *Bourgeois Utopias: The Rise and Fall of Suburbia*, and editor of *The American Planning Tradition: Culture and Policy* and *Michigan Debates on Urbanism, vol. 2: The New Urbanism*. He is a past president of the Urban History Association, a past Public Policy Fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., and has been a visiting professor at Columbia, MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Paris (Nanterre).

**With this lecture we conclude this semester's New Metropolis Lecture Series.
We'll announce the fall series later this summer.**

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