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## **GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN URBAN DESIGN**

*Inaugurating the new graduate programme in Urban Design,  
Bezalel announces the **guests** for the 2009-10 session.*

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12 May 2010 - 9.00-12.00

Professor Nobuko Inaba

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### **Urban conservation or Japanese cultural tradition in urban renewal – the Machi-nami Charter and Machinami-Hozon or bottom-up neighborhood tradition**

Urban conservation in Japan was developed based on the bottom-up neighbourhood residents' efforts. This may be different from those countries where strong land-use and landscape control planning regulations are implemented, as in some European countries. However, this approach has fostered a quite unique approach to urban development control and to neighbourhood cooperation schemes.

We call this approach *machi-zukuri* in Japanese. We often use this Japanese wording just as it is, due to the difficulty of translating this meaning into other languages. The Japanese word *Machi* means streets, districts, towns, neighborhoods or communities and *zukuri* is a noun that comes from a verb which means to make, produce or foster. The word *Machi-zukuri* combining these two words can be translated directly as "town-making", but this may lose some of the important nuances of meaning -- especially the residents own efforts to join the community development.

The lecture covers the history of *machi-zukuri* traditions in Japan developed from the 1960s to the new stage of development after the input from government decentralization political schemes in recent years as well as the influences from the world-wide phenomena of cultural landscape / sustainable development movements.

9 June 2010 - 9.00-12.00

Dr Laura (Liora) Vaughan

*Senior Lecturer in Urban and Suburban Settlement Patterns*

*The Bartlett School of Graduate Studies, University College London*

### **Space Syntax: a configurational approach to understanding the structure and functioning of cities**

Space syntax is a theory of space and a set of analytical, quantitative and descriptive tools for analysing the layout of space in buildings and cities. This session will start with a general presentation on the 'generic city', demonstrating how space syntax analysis works, then showing how it can be used to build a theory of the city. The second part will show how space syntax can be applied to understanding particular problems in the city, going into work on the syntax of social exclusion, covering topics such as poverty and minority settlement patterns.

<p><b>The 2010 urban design graduate workshop - 11-12 November 2010</b> UNESCO International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures <b>The cross-cultural city: urban context and cultural diversity</b></p>
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