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Greetings, and we hope that you are hanging in there despite the toxic national political environment in which we live. Amid the barrage of racist and xenophobic executive actions, we hope that everyone at The New School stands in solidarity against the politics of white supremacist rage. Here at the Lab, we remain committed to our research and to principles of free inquiry. In this spirit, we would like to tell you what we've been up to...

Recent posts on Labnotes -- We're now up to 30 essays!

Essays by **Lynn Ayoub**, **Carole Alazki**, and **Radhya Kareem** round out the latest posts on [Labnotes](#). We welcome contributions from all faculty and students. To contribute, please contact Joseph Heathcott <joseph@newschool.edu>.



Lynn Ayoub
4 days ago

“The Tripoli Airport Welcomes You”
مطار ” طرابلس يرحب بكم



Carole Alazki
Dec 22, 2024

Sacred Commons: Spatial Justice as Theological Praxis



Radhya Kareem
Dec 5, 2024

Karachi's Pocket Mosques

The streets of Kharadar are

Dr. Esra Sert to join Lab as visiting scholar from Istanbul



[Dr. Esra Sert](#), Assistant Professor of Architecture at the MEF University in Istanbul, will be joining the Lab for the academic year 2025-2026. Dr. Sert holds a BA in Architecture from Yildiz University, a Master of Landscape Architecture from Istanbul Tech, and a Ph.D. in Architecture from the Middle East Technical University. Her research explores urban metabolism, social and natural entanglements, and the design of landscapes.

Carlos Celis to present Lab project at ISA 25 in Rabat



For the past two years, **Carlos Celis** and **Oscar Sosa López** have been heading a research project for the Lab titled "COVID-19 and the Changing Geographies of Care in Immigrant Queens." The project has been generously funded by the [Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility](#) and the Provost's Office. They presented the project's scope and methods at the Urban Affairs Association conference in April 2024. Celis will present findings from the study at the International Sociological Association, held in Rabat, Morocco from July 6-11, 2025.

Lab Alumni Krasnaya and Gramble defend diss proposals

Two alumna of the Lab recently defended their dissertation proposals. In Fall 2024, **Sofya Krasnaya** proposed her project on Nature Based Solutions in postindustrial urban waterfront regeneration, looking at New York City as a case study. In Winter 2025, **Isis Gamble** proposed a dissertation to examine public debates and

policies surrounding transgressive acts in the New York City subway system, which she argues reflect contested meanings about urban citizenship and belonging.

The Lab is always excited to see students and alumni reaching their benchmarks, blazing trails, and excelling in their work!

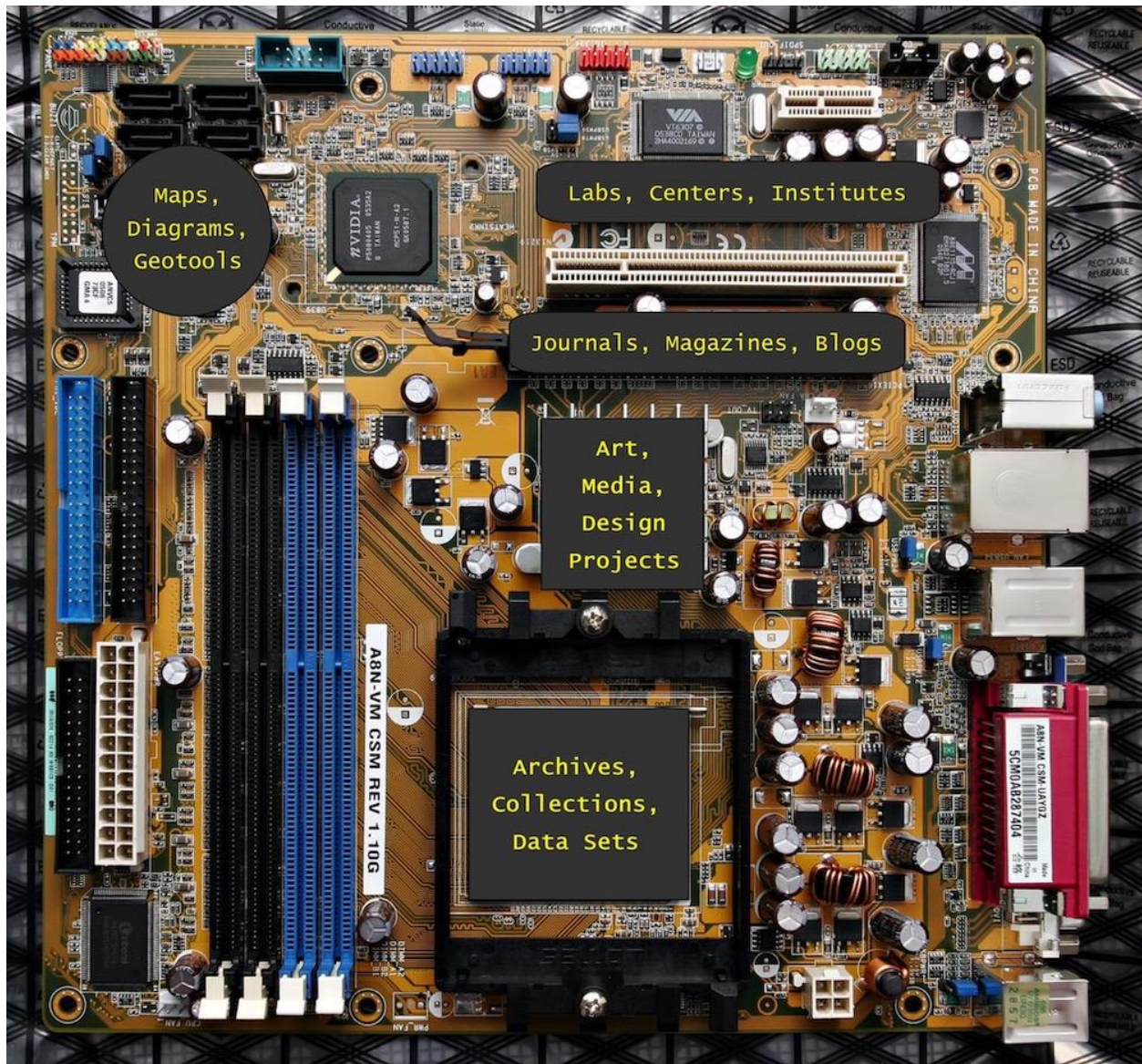
SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW -- David López Garcia

The Lab caught up with Milano alum David López Garcia (Ph.D. 2021) about his research, and the publication of his book *Worker Mobility and Urban Policy in Latin America* Policy Interactions and Urban Outcomes in Mexico City, published by Routledge Press in 2023. David is now an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Policy at the University of Illinois, Chicago. [Read the full interview here.](#)



META URBANA -- see our resources, documents, links

The [Meta section of the Lab website](#) offers many resources for students. There are links to bibliographies, maps and geotools, archival and data resources, relevant journals, as well as allied labs, centers, and institutions. We have also started a growing list of art and design projects that make use of space and landscape. If you find something to share, please contact us!



OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR ENTRIES

*Send us your
creative work!*

The Lab will showcase the creative work of Public and Urban Policy students. Students in the Ph.D. and M.S. programs are eligible, as are students currently enrolled in Public and Urban Policy courses. We will select 10-12 works to exhibit on the 6th Floor of 72 Fifth Ave. [To enter your work, please use this form.](#) Please note we are only accepting 2D works at this time. The deadline for submissions is **April 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact us at ayoul620@newschool.edu.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

*Urban Modes
Seminar Series*

We invite all Ph.D. students at The New School to propose a presentation of work in progress for the Urban Modes Seminar Series. Projects may be in any stage of development, from early theorizing to midstream reporting to nearing completion. For more information about the series and to apply, [please see the full call here](#). The deadline for presenting in the academic year 2025-2026 is **May 15th**.



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