

## Urban Design Now: A Discussion

This chapter compiles excerpts from a roundtable discussion at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design (GSD) in May 2006. Participants include Margaret Crawford, GSD professor of urban design and planning theory; Julia Czerniak, associate professor, Syracuse University School of Architecture, and principal, Clear, Syracuse; Paul Goldberger, architecture critic for *The New Yorker*, and former dean, Parsons School of Design; Alex Krieger, GSD professor in practice of urban design, and principal, Chan Krieger Sieniewicz, Architecture and Urban Design, Cambridge; Rodolfo Machado, GSD professor in practice of architecture and urban design, and principal, Machado and Silvetti Associates, Boston; Farshid Moussavi, GSD professor in practice of architecture, and principal, Foreign Office Architects, London; Dennis Pieprz, president, Sasaki, Watertown and San Francisco; William S. Saunders, editor of *Harvard Design Magazine*; Matthew Urbanski, principal, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc., Landscape Architects, P.C., New York and Cambridge.

**WILLIAM S. SAUNDERS:** The definition of urban design seems up for grabs. The question of how and where and even *if* urban design happens is a matter of debate.

So that we won't be too general, I'll begin by asking you to talk