

JAMES STIRLING MEMORIAL LECTURES ON THE CITY

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THE ARCHITECTURE OF GOVERNANCE: THE STRUCTURE OF DEMOCRACY

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Professor Gerald Frug argues that the organization of democratic government, and in particular, the relationship between local and national governments, should be viewed as a structure. This structure has its own design, or architecture, and there are a number of alternative designs currently in vogue around the world. These designs can be analyzed and critiqued like any structural design. The lecture offers a new way of thinking about alternative structures and will propose ideas for improving the current way we organize democratic government.

Gerald Frug is the Louis D. Brandeis Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and winner of the James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City Competition.

The James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City is a competition established in 2003 to create a unique forum for the advancement of new critical perspectives on the role of urban design and urban architecture in the development of cities worldwide. It was conceived in homage to architect James Stirling, who believed that urban design is integral to the practice of architecture and a vital topic for public debate.

The Stirling Lectures competition is a collaboration between LSE Cities and the Canadian Centre for Architecture, where the first part of this lecture was presented in October, 2010.

LSE Cities, an international research centre at the London School of Economics, builds on the interdisciplinary work of the Urban Age, extending its partnership with Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society. Its core objective is to understand how the built environment has consequences on the shape of society in an increasingly urbanised world where over 50% of people live in cities.

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