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# Pre - Launch of the Quito Papers and the New Urban Agenda

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**THE QUITO PAPERS AND THE NEW URBAN AGENDA**  
UN-HABITAT  
RICHARD SENNETT  
WITH RICKY BURDETT AND SASKIA SASSEN  
IN DIALOGUE WITH JOAN CLOS

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## Pre - launch of The Quito Papers and the New Urban Agenda

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM  
ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters.

UN-Habitat, Richard Sennett, Ricky Burdett, Saskia Sassen and other leading urbanists around the world have produced a critical new 'anti-manifesto manifesto' titled The Quito Papers and the New Urban Agenda, soon to be published by Routledge.

The book has already garnered critical acclaim as ‘a masterclass in how to provoke, animate and curate persuasive arguments to dismantle moronic urban templates.’ Underlying many such templates--and guiding the growth of many 20th century cities--was the 1933 Charter of Athens, which prescribed use-segregated buildings set on large blocks isolated from one another by car infrastructure.

Urban designer David Lewis said that ‘the future project of suburban renewal would likely make our vast 20th-century urban renewal efforts look like a walk in the park.’ He was right. However, as this suburban growth tapers off and an urban renaissance leads to a reimagining of these places, the Charter of Athens is alive and well where growth is accelerating—the developing world. Trendlines show urban densities declining the physical extent of cities doubling—in the next 15 years. Unless we change course, we will soon be on terra incognita.

The Quito Papers suggests how governments, planners and citizens alike can learn from the mistakes of the past and create a more open city of the future. A screening of a short film about the making of this book will be followed by a conversation between Michael Kimmelman, the architectural critic of the New York Times, contributing authors Richard Sennett and Saskia Sassen and urbanist Eugénie Birch.

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