

# Patrick Lamson-Hall

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## SUMMARY

Urban planning and international development expert with 10+ years of experience leading groundbreaking initiatives to support communities in addressing critical development issues including urban sprawl, housing affordability, needs of migrants and refugees, economic development, and climate change mitigation and adaptation in urban areas. Excels in multi-disciplinary team building and leadership; demonstrated expertise in strategic thinking, complex problem solving, and project implementation.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### New York University, New York, NY

**May 2011 – Present**

An institute within a global university promoting better urban management through research and action.

Research Scholar and Program Coordinator Marron Institute of Urban Management (2019 – Present)

Associate Research Scholar Marron Institute of Urban Management (2015 – 2019)

Junior Research Scholar NYU Stern Urbanization Project (2013 – 2015)

Research Assistant NYU Stern Urbanization Project (2011 – 2013)

-Led the implementation of the Ethiopia Urban Expansion Initiative with inputs from Nobel Laureate Dr. Paul Romer; this \$700,000 technical assistance program guided and trained leaders in 18 Ethiopian secondary cities in new strategies to address rapid urban population growth in advance of development; since 2013 more than 500km of arterial roads have been constructed and more than 50,000 new residents have been accommodated.

-Established and led the India Urban Expansion Observatory, a 30-person satellite imagery analysis facility that provides empirical input data for analyzing physical changes in cities around the world and, for the first time, provided global data on the prevalence of informality in 200 cities in all world regions.

-Led the Climate Smart Cities: Grenada program in the Small Island Developing State (SIDS) of Grenada, directing a team of ten consultants in implementing a \$1 million readiness project from the Green Climate Fund; via a collaborative and inclusive process, generated a bankable portfolio of infrastructure and development projects to make the urban areas of the main island more resilient to sea level rise, storm surge and hurricanes.

-Led the establishment of strategic partnerships with organizations focused on urbanization and resilience, including the Prince's Foundation for Building Community, the Commonwealth Association of Planners, 100 Resilient Cities, C40 Cities, World Resources Institute, the Joint Research Center of the European Commission, the Caribbean Development Bank, and the IDFC Institute.

-Co-wrote the Atlas of Urban Expansion, an open-source online reference text featuring maps, satellite images, and data on spatial changes in a stratified sample of 200 cities around the world; created in partnership with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and UN-Habitat as a flagship knowledge product.

-Represented New York University in UN Expert Group Meetings to design monitoring and implementation frameworks for the measurement of the urban and spatial Sustainable Development Goals.

-Frequently represented NYU at high-level political events hosted by organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the Green Climate Fund, and the Government of the UK.

-Secured and managed a \$100,000 grant from 100RC to develop urban growth analyses and projections for 20 cities and prepare and present a handbook 'Planning for Resilient Urban Growth' for application in 100RC cities.

-Designed and led over a dozen workshops on strategies for managing global urban expansion at the invitation of organizations ranging from UNICEF to the Colombia Association of Home Builders (CAMACOL).

- Collaborated on the *Anatomy of Density*, a research program to find new techniques to measure population density in cities to enable more effective densification and reduction of carbon emissions.
- Led an investigation with the Museum of the City of New York to map the population density of all of New York City's neighborhoods from 1640 to 2010; work is now part of the permanent exhibit at MCNY.
- Led the NYU presence at the 2020 World Urban Forum, showcasing new research on urban resilience and territorial management in developing countries with 200+ attendees at four events over two days.
- Work has been featured in publications including the Economist, the New York Times and National Geographic as well as academic publications such as Urban Studies.

### **IDFC Institute, Mumbai, India**

**Aug 2019 – Present**

A think tank dedicated to improving public policy at the municipal, state and national level in India.

-Visiting Fellow in the IDFC Institute's flagship urban practice leading a three-person research team investigating climate and urban development, sustainable transportation, the reform of the housing sector, and management of urban land markets to help India's cities better meet the challenges of COVID-19, rapid urban population growth, and economic restructuring.

### **Politas Consulting, New York, NY**

**Aug 2018 – Present**

An international consultancy providing services to new types of special economic zones and charter cities.

- Urban Economic Lead Consultant on a project basis, developing essential knowledge products to help clients including UN agencies, national governments, and leading global strategy firms to assess the feasibility of new special zone projects; this includes traditional SEZs, autonomous charter cities, and also zones specifically oriented to support refugees and migrants.
- Created and applied an innovative GIS methodology for comparing potential economic development zone sites in Libya, Ethiopia, and Bangladesh.
- Developed a new property land value tax framework to maximize profitability and fiscal stability for a large new charter city currently under development in Latin America.
- Drafted a simplified land management system, new export and trade rules, and an infrastructure investment framework for a new national special economic zone program in the island nation of Vanuatu.

### **Fitted Projects, New York, NY**

**Oct 2019 – Present**

A boutique urban design and architecture firm supporting charter city projects in unique environments.

- Principal and founder leading a small team of talented urban planners and architects in planning a new charter city now under construction in Honduras with innovative new low-income housing designs, street network layouts that maximize mobility across all modes, zoning that promotes flexibility of use and the incremental development of rich and integrated streetscapes, and simple and clear regulations.

## **EDUCATION**

### **New York University**

Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Doctor of Public Administration (PhD) candidate with a focus on international urban and rural development, expected completion July 2021.

### **New York University**

Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Master of Urban Planning (MUP) with international specialization, focused on transportation planning and urban economics, 2013.

### **Portland State University**

Bachelor of Arts (BA). Graduated Summa Cum Laude with studies in community development and

sustainability, 2011.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

‘Anatomy of Density: measureable factors that constitute urban density’ (2021). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall and Zeltia Gonzalez-Blanco. *Buildings and Cities* 2 (1).

‘Densify and Expand: A Global Analysis of Recent Urban Growth’ (2021). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Alejandro Blei, Sharhad Shingade, Suman Kumar. *Sustainability* 13 (7), 3835.

‘Prospectus of city growth: Rethinking planning in Amman’ (2021). Fuad Malkawi, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Sandra Hiari. *International Growth Centre Blog*, 14 June 2021.

‘Planning for Growth: How to Manage Rapid Urbanization’ (2021). Patrick Lamson-Hall. *Urbanet Editorial*, 18 February, 2021.

‘Mumbai’s Seroprevalence Results Point the Way on Urban Reform’ (Nov. 8, 2020). Patrick Lamson-Hall, Harshita Agarwal, and Kadambari Shaw. *Science: The Wire*. Web: <https://bit.ly/2Kxuri4>

‘In defence of density’ (2020). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Oliver Harmon, Shahrukh Wani. *International Growth Centre Blog*, 3 July 2020.

‘How can small islands survive the coming climate crisis? Plan for smaller aid budgets and more disasters’ (June 22, 2020). Patrick Lamson-Hall. *Medium*. Web: <https://bit.ly/3IVjnJq>

‘After the Lockdown Lifts, We Need to Make Cities Liveable for Migrants’ (2020). Patrick Lamson-Hall and Harshita Agrawal. *The Wire, India*.

‘Coronavirus and the Cities: Explaining Variations in the Onset of Infection and in the Number of Reported Cases and Deaths in US Metropolitan Areas as of 27 March 2020’ (March 31, 2020). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Maria Monica Salazar Tamayo. *Marron Institute Working Paper*.

‘A New Plan for African Cities: The Ethiopia Urban Expansion Initiative’ (2018). Patrick Lamson-Hall, Shlomo Angel, David DeGroot, Richard Martin, Tsigereda Tafesse. *Urban Studies* 56 (6), 1234-1249.

‘Our Not So Urban World’ (2018). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Bibiana Guerra, Yang Liu, Nicolas Galarza and Alejandro Blei. *Marron Institute Working Paper*.

‘Planning for Resilient Urban Growth: Tools for Proactively Managing Rapid Urban Growth’ (2018). Patrick Lamson-Hall, Mark Hildebrand, Shlomo Angel. *100 Resilient Cities Toolkit*.

‘Housing Affordability in a Global Perspective’ (2018). Achilles Kallergis, Shlomo Angel, Yang Liu, Alejandro Blei, Nicolas Galarza Sanchez, Patrick Lamson-Hall. *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*.

‘Atlas of Urban Expansion: 2016 Edition’ (2016). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Manuel Madrid, Alejandro M. Blei, and Jason Parent with Nicolas Galarza Sanchez and Kevin Thom. *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*.

‘The Rise and Fall of Manhattan’s Densities’ (2014). Shlomo Angel and Patrick Lamson-Hall. *Marron Institute of Urban Management Working Paper*.

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Spanish (working proficiency); ArcGIS (high proficiency); QGIS (moderate proficiency); STATA (moderate proficiency)