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Kinder Institute Forum
2020–2021 Series

Richard J. Jackson
September 9, 2020
Program

Wednesday, September 9, 2020
12:15 PM

Welcome
Bill Fulton, Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research

Keynote
The Post-Pandemic Future of Urban Design and Public Health
Richard J. Jackson, Professor Emeritus at the Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles

Question & Answer

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UCLA Professor Richard J. Jackson is a leading voice in the call for better urban design for the improvement of public health. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, he will discuss how cities can rethink their use of public space and public infrastructure to better plan around the needs of people.

About the Kinder Institute for Urban Research

The Kinder Institute for Urban Research is a multidisciplinary think-and-do tank housed at Rice University in central Houston, focusing on urban issues in Houston, the American Sun Belt and around the world. Through informed research, data and policy analysis, the Kinder Institute hopes to engage civic and political leaders to implement solutions to critical urban issues.

About the Kinder Institute Forum Lecture Series

The Kinder Institute Forum lecture series brings thought leaders from around the world to Houston to share ideas about the most pressing urban issues facing us today. Previous KI Forum speakers have included Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond, global urbanist Richard Florida, Kresge Foundation senior fellow Carol Coletta, Detroit city planner Maurice Cox, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros, and sociologist Eric Klinenberg.

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Richard J. Jackson

Richard Joseph Jackson is professor emeritus at the Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles. A pediatrician, he has served in many leadership positions with the California Health Department, including the highest as the state health officer.

For nine years he was director of the CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health and received the Presidential Distinguished Service award. In October 2011 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Jackson was instrumental in establishing the California Birth Defects Monitoring Program and in the creation of state and national laws to reduce risks from pesticides, especially to farm workers and to children. While at CDC he established major environmental public health programs and instituted the federal effort to “biomonitor” chemical levels in the U.S. population. He has received the Hero Award from the Breast Cancer Fund, Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Public Health Law Association and the New Partners for Smart Growth, the John Heinz Award for national leadership in the Environment, and the Sedgwick Medal, the highest award of the American Public Health Association. In 2015 he received the Henry Hope Reed Award for his contributions to the field of architecture.

Jackson lectures and speaks on many issues, particularly those related to built environment and health. He has co-authored the books: “Urban Sprawl and Public Health,” “Making Healthy Places” and “Designing Healthy Communities,” for which he hosted a four-hour PBS series. He has served on many environmental and health boards, as well as the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects. He is an elected honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects as well as the American Institute of Architects.
Upcoming Webinars

October 15, 2020 | 9:00 AM
Workshop: 2020 State of Housing in Harris County and Houston
The institute is hosting a workshop with residents, housers, public officials and other stakeholders to solicit input about how to refine the State of Housing report for the 2021 version.

October 29, 2020 | 12:15 PM
Urban Reads: Rucker C. Johnson

November 11, 2020 | 12:15 PM
Kinder Institute Forum: Tamika L. Butler
A national expert and speaker on issues related to the built environment and equity, Tamika L. Butler will discuss institutional oppression and the importance of inclusive urban design.

All of our 2020 programs will be presented virtually and, as a public service to the community, are FREE with registration.

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