



## *The Evolution of Planning Thought*

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Friedmann has taught at the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil (1956-58), MIT (1961-65), the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (1966-69), and the University of California at Los Angeles (1969-96), where he founded the Urban Planning Department in 1969 under Dean Harvey S. Perloff. After his official retirement from UCLA, he has served in honorary positions at the University of Melbourne, the National University of Taiwan, and since 2001, has held an honorary appointment at the School of Community and Regional Planning, the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Throughout his life, he has been an advisor to governments in Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Mozambique, and in China, where he was appointed Honorary Foreign Advisor to the China Academy of Planning and Urban Design (2007). He is the author of 26 books, including 9 edited/co-edited collections, and about 200 articles on a wide range of topics, from regional planning to urbanization, social development, and planning theory. His writings have been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Farsi. He is best known for his early work on regional development planning with William Alonso, the core-periphery theory of regional development, the theory of transactive planning and social learning, and the world city hypothesis. His current research interests are focused on urbanization processes in China. His most recent books include *China's Urban Transition* (2004) and *Insurgencies: Essays in Planning Theory* (2011). Among the many honours he has received are a Guggenheim Fellowship and Honorary doctorates from the Pontifical Catholic University in Santiago, Chile (1969) and the University of Dortmund (1988). He was honoured by the Chilean Government in 1969 receiving the Bernardo O'Higgins Order (in rank of Commander); was the first person to receive the prestigious Distinguished Planning Educator Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning; and received the first UN-Habitat Lecture Award for lifetime achievement in the service of human settlements (2006).