Beyond Zuccotti Park: Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public Space

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New Book Takes Hard Look at Public Space Freedoms in the Wake of Occupy

New York, NY – September 4, 2012 – Beyond Zuccotti Park: Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public Space launches September 10 at the Center for Architecture, New York. This illustrated book examines the importance of public space as an open community forum for citizen expression. Actions against Occupy Wall Street demonstrations have spotlighted US Constitutional rights to freedom of assembly, putting issues of democracy and civic engagement into the center of built environment dialogue. Forty contributing authors examine where and how people can congregate publicly today, whose voices are heard, and the factors that limit the participation of people of color. They also give fresh attention to the planning, design, and programming of public space.

Beyond Zuccotti Park was conceived in response to the forced clearance of Occupy activities from public plazas throughout the country. Its distinguished editors are advocates of participatory civic process: Ron Shiffman, FAICP, Hon. AIA, Director Emeritus, Pratt Center for Community Development and Professor, Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment; Rick Bell, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects, New York; Lance Jay Brown, FAIA, ACSA Distinguished Professor, School of Architecture, City College of New York, CUNY; Lynne Elizabeth, Director, New Village Press; Anastassia Fisyak, Urban Planning Fellow, Pratt Center for Community Development; and Anusha Venkataraman, Assistant Director, El Puente Green Light District. Beyond Zuccotti Park’s foreword was penned by Michael Kimmelman, chief architecture critic of the New York Times and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

The AIANY Center for Architecture will hold multiple events in celebration of Beyond Zuccotti Park:
- Exhibition – September 10 thru 22 – Beyond Zuccotti Park
- Book Launch – September 10 – presenters: Peter Marcuse, professor emeritus of Urban Planning at Columbia University, and Nikki Stern, political, social, and cultural commentator

“This book, like Zuccotti [Park] itself, is a site of vigorous conversation, hard thinking, and bold proposals.”
—Mike Wallace, coauthor of Pulitzer Prize-winning Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898