

SPEAKER BIO:

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Dr Linda Lees is director and founder of Creative Cities International, LLC (CCI) that brings together world class talent to problem-solve about cities, with a focus on culture, creativity, and economic sustainability. Since 2002, she has led CCI to partner with architects, developers, and urban specialists in assessing the vitality of cities. She has organized international conferences and public forums on cities and regeneration that include the topics of Ground Zero and Lower Manhattan, Cities of Destiny, Rebuilding Baghdad, and Brooklyn renewal. Her substantial experience in culture and the arts includes founding a theatre in Washington, DC, heading a humanities department at NYU, and leading the cultural affairs office of the British Council in New York City. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She is currently writing a book titled, "Seeing' the City."