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Architecture Event Downtown in Miami

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Urban Planning expert Ricky Burdett will deliver a free public lecture at Dawntown 2007, an architecture event annually held in downtown Miami during [Art Basel Miami Beach](#) and [Design Miami](#). Burdett will discuss the future of cities on Friday, December 7, at 10am at [Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus's](#) Chapman Conference Center.

Burdett is the director of the Urban Age program at the London School of Economics and the chief architecture advisor for the London 2012 Olympics. In 2006, he was director of the Venice Architecture Biennale. In his topic, he will explore how the shape of the world's large cities affects the lives of the over three billion urban dwellers and our planet as a whole. He will also address the affect architecture has on democracy, public spaces as places of tolerance and integration, public transportation as a form of social and economic justice, and the relationships among density, urban design, good governance, and sustainability.

"Ricky Burdett's research on contemporary urban life has produced unique and important perspectives on how cities have changed and will continue to evolve throughout the 21st century," says Terry Riley, director of the Miami Art Museum. "Anyone interested in knowing how Miami fits into this global perspective will find Burdett's presentation compelling."

Burdett's lecture will be followed by responses from Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, dean of the University of Miami School of Architecture, architect Bernard Zyscovich, and Andres Viglucci, urban affairs writer for *The Miami Herald*. The panelists will discuss aspects of Burdett's speech that could be applied to help Miami plan for its future.

Dawntown was created to attract Art Basel Miami Beach attendees interested in architecture and urban planning. Dawntown 2007 is presented by the [Miami Art Museum](#), the [Miami Downtown Development Authority](#), and [Miami Dade College](#), and is sponsored by the Knight Foundation, the City of Miami, Complot Magazine, the Urban Land Institute, and Akerman Senterfitt.

To RSVP, contact Geraldine Guerra at 305-237-3222 or gguerra@mdc.edu.

Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus is located at 300 Northeast 2nd Avenue. The Chapman Conference Center is on the second Floor of Building 3.

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