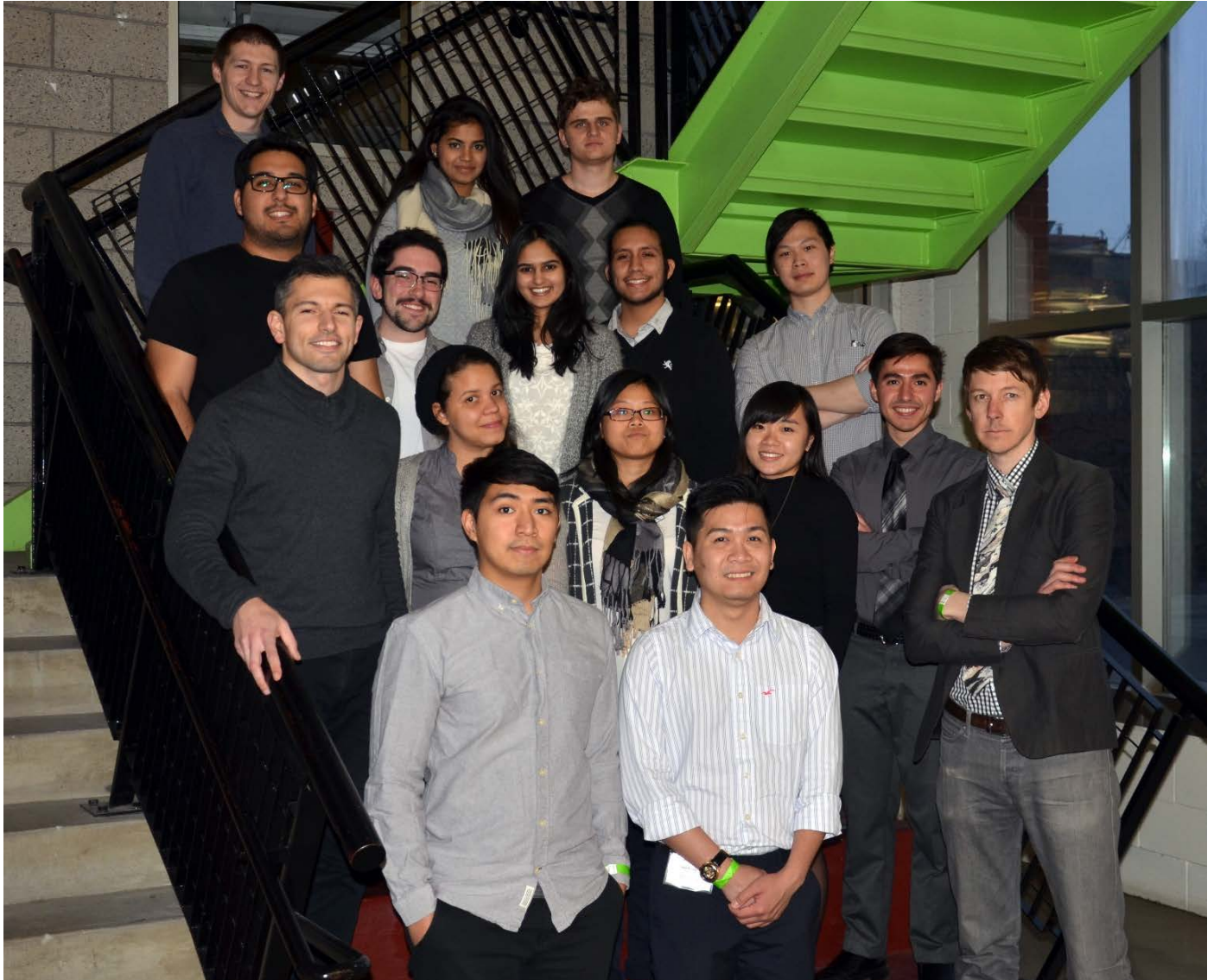




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Local Students Head to Brazil for Schindler Global Award

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) team is a finalist in prestigious urban mobility design award



(Pictured: Bottom row (left to right): Christopher Santos; Vinh Phung; Jesse LeCavalier; Second row (left to right): Thomas Does; Liliana Torres; Chau Tran; Chit Yee Ng; Pier Paolo Pala; Third row (left to right): Elliott Perez; Brian Mourato; Kanisha Patel; Alexis Luna; Guan Yi Chuah; Fourth row (left to right): Brandon Muir; Spoorthi Bhatta; Roman Schorniy)

Overview:

The team from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) College of Architecture & Design is comprised of students from the Fall 2016 Master of Infrastructure Planning (MIP) Studio. The interdisciplinary Infrastructure Planning program trains emerging professionals to plan and design contemporary cities in a rapidly urbanizing world. The NJIT team, with Professor Jesse LeCavalier, has been selected as one of only two North American finalist teams for their innovative submission for the [Schindler Global Award](#), titled Armature Urbanismo.

Student Roster:

Spoorthi Bhatta
Guan Yi Chuah
Thomas Dores
Alexis Luna
Brian Mourato
Brandon Muir
Chit Yee Ng
Pier Paolo Pala
Kanisha Patel
Elliott Perez
Vinh Phung
Liliana Torres
Chau Tran
Christopher Santos
Roman Schorniy

Notable Student Quotes:

“The competition gave me the opportunity to put into practice all the knowledge I have learned in the classroom and triggered my interest in the social and environmental impact of architecture on the bigger scale.” - Liliana Torres

“As an older student who has gained experience in the working world, I realize the opportunity to work on such meaningful projects, let alone be recognized for the effort you invest, is rare. My academic and professional careers have combined for an intense and exhausting journey thus far and reaching this stage of the Schindler competition has reinvigorated my spirit and left me inspired to continue pursuing an impactful career in design.” - Thomas Dores

“Numerous iterations of possible outcomes were created at first through teams of two and then teams of five, with the final submission bringing all 15 of us together and incorporating the most appropriate ideas explored and tested throughout the semester by each team. It was this final stage of intense collaboration that produced a result none of us could have achieved individually.” - Pier Paolo Pala

Academic Supervisor:

Assistant Professor Jesse LeCavalier
Director, Master of Infrastructure Planning Program
College of Architecture and Design
New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA



LeCavalier’s Notable Quotes:

“The São Paulo competition site is rich with qualities and we wanted to see how those could inform a future development. In order to learn about the site’s potentials, we tried to simulate the challenges of the urban design process by taking on roles of different stakeholders.”

“Infrastructure is more than a utility, it’s something that people share that supports and improves collective life. The competition allows students to get comfortable with complex challenges, teaching the value of collaboration, flexibility and balancing the need for forward thinking with sensitivity to what’s currently happening on the ground.”

About the Schindler Global Award:

The [Schindler Global Award](#) (SGA) is an open, anonymous ideas competition aimed at engaging students of architecture and planning in complex urban conditions. The SGA competition is a joint project between the Schindler Group and the Chair of Prof. Kees Christiaanse at ETH Zurich.

About Schindler Elevator Corporation:

Schindler Elevator Corporation is the North American operation of the Switzerland-based Schindler Group, a leading global mobility provider with approximately 58,000 employees operating in more than 100 countries. Schindler supports sustainable urban development with safe, reliable and ecologically sound mobility solutions and its equipment moves one billion people every day all over the world. For additional information about Schindler Elevator Corporation, visit the company’s Web site at www.us.schindler.com

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