

VICENTE DEL RIO / SHORT BIO (*as of November 30, 2015*)



Vicente del Rio is a professor of city planning at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He is an architect-urbanist (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) with a graduate degree in planning (State University of Rio de Janeiro), a master's in urban design (Oxford Polytechnic), a PhD in architecture-urbanism (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil), and post-doctoral studies at the University of Cincinnati. He lectures and publishes extensively in the US and internationally, and has authored six books. Vicente specializes in urban design and physical planning, with emphasis in downtown and waterfront revitalization, the redesign of transit corridors, and TODs.

Before moving to the US, Vicente worked for Rio de Janeiro's metropolitan planning office and for the city's planning department, and as a consultant and project associate in several planning and urban design in Brazil. In the US, he was a visiting urban designer with the City of Baltimore, collaborated with R2L Architects and the SWA Group. Vicente has received numerous awards in Brazil and in the US, including from the American Planning Association (APA) and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and he was in the runner-up team for the 2016 Rio Olympic Park Master Plan international competition.

A native of Brazil, Vicente is fluent in Portuguese (m.t.), English and Spanish. He is married to Miriam Zonenshein and has a daughter, Deborah. His hobbies are playing tennis, music, sketching, and getting to know new places.