

Sense in the City

A winter Wednesday Zoom discussion series with the *Center City Residents Association*

Wednesdays, 12 noon–1:30PM – January 19, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 23

How can citizens nurture constructive dialogue that respects everyone and helps make our society more equitable and inclusive? How can we live more meaningful, engaged, and responsible lives? Join **Hugh Taft-Morales**, Leader of the Philadelphia Ethical Society, for a series of guided conversations about community, difference and justice.

SESSION 1: JANUARY 19, 12:00 NOON - 1:30PM

Public Spaces and Thoroughfares

In an increasingly privatized world, how can public spaces become welcoming and inclusive oases open to people of all backgrounds and identities? Why are what sociology Prof. Elijah Anderson calls “cosmopolitan canopies” so important? How can thoughtful space sharing improve our town squares? How do pedestrians, bicycles, and cars navigate our shared thoroughfares?

Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctceigrDsuGdf8abm5BrajEchy-y8uFlsx>

Defining Terms as a Starting point for Discussion:

Diversity – The quality of communities having a wide variety of people with different identities, cultures, and experiences.

Equity – Equity is the ideal of providing every person the resources and opportunities necessary to develop their potential despite existing inequality. Since people at any given historical moment start with different levels of resources and power, sometimes you have to treat people differently to give everyone similar chance for success. Equity aims at making the world fairer and more just.

Inclusion – Respecting and welcoming a wide variety of people with different identities, cultures, and experiences.

Justice – Ensuring equal protection under the law, greater participation in creating the law, and fairer and more humane distribution of resources that empower all people, especially groups historically and systemically disempowered.