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Richard Stren's major area of research is comparative urban policy, with a special interest in developing countries. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on comparative urban politics, politics and the environment, and third world politics. From the 1960s through the mid-1990s, he carried out direct field research in Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, as well as undertaking major international research projects, supported by the IDRC in Ottawa and the Ford Foundation in New York.



From 1991 to 1998, he was the coordinator of the Global Urban Research Initiative project, which involved teams of researchers in twelve centres of the developing world, from Chile to China. In fall 2002, he was a Distinguished Visiting Professor in comparative urban studies at the University of Louisville, and from 2000 to 2003 he was co-chair of a panel on Urban Population Dynamics at the National Research Council in Washington, D.C. In the past few years, he has also been working closely with UN Habitat in the fields of decentralization and land policy for the poor.

Professor Stren is a member of the editorial advisory board of seven international journals – two published in Latin America, one in the United States, and four in the United Kingdom. Professor Stren has written or edited 18 books in both English and French, and more than 50 journal articles and book chapters.

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