

## Presentation by Dr Glen Searle

---

### 'Politics, Power & Urban Consolidation in Sydney'

(refer to Urban Research Program Research Paper 12: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/environment-planning/urban-research-program/publications/pdf/research-papers/urp-rp12-searle-2007.pdf>)

Held on Thursday 22 April 2004, 5.00pm, Level 3A, 80 George Street, Brisbane.

Dr Glen Searle is Senior Lecturer in Urban Planning at the University of Technology Sydney. He has held policy positions with the Inner Cities Directorate of the UK Department of Environment and the New South Wales Decentralisation and Development, Treasury, and Planning departments. He has published a number of journal articles and is the author of the monograph 'Sydney as a Global City' published by the NSW government in 1996. Dr Searle's main area of research is the political economy of Sydney's recent planning.

The focus of this research is the interaction of institutional structures, social and political influences including power relationships, local agency, prevailing ideology, and national and global economic forces in producing planning outcomes. The main outputs of this research to date have concerned urban consolidation, economic development policies, and transport infrastructure. He is currently writing a book on Sydney's planning since 1976. Dr Searle's other main research area involves the urban spatial dynamics of advanced economy service industry clusters.