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Metro Vancouver may be one of the world's best places to live but growth and other factors have put limits on affordable housing. A Simon Fraser University sponsored public lecture and workshop will address the issue.

SFU's [Centre for Dialogue](#), in collaboration with the [Urban Development Institute](#), [City of Vancouver](#), [Social Planning and Research Council of BC](#), [BC Non-Profit Housing Association](#) and other partners, is hosting both a free public lecture and workshop. They'll showcase selected local and international projects that have delivered affordable housing for single and family buyers and renters with household incomes between \$35,000 and \$80,000.

The public dialogue, entitled *Thinking Outside the Box about Affordable Housing*, will be held on September 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema. McGill University's [Avi Friedman](#), a school of architecture professor and renowned international housing expert, will serve as the keynote speaker. A practicing architect and the author of 10 books, Friedman has received the Manning Innovation Award and the United Nations World Habitat Award. Former Vancouver City Councillor Peter Ladner will serve as dialogue moderator.

Participants will examine successful projects, identify priority action items and follow through with communications and advocacy towards implementation.

The dialogue is free and open to the public, but registration is required and available [online](#).

What: Public Dialogue *Thinking Outside the Box about Affordable Housing*

When: September 21, 2011, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema, Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, 149 West Hastings Street

Registration: <http://www.sfu.ca/dialogue/study+practice/affordable+housing.html>

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