Real Estate in India: Challenges & Opportunities
Fall 2016 Lecture: October 19

This year's Fall Lecture will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at the University of Maryland Architecture Auditorium Building in College Park, MD. The guest speaker will be M.V. Rajeev Gowda, PhD. He is a Member of the Indian Parliament and formerly a professor at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, one of India's most prestigious business schools.

There will be a reception and book signing in the Architecture Building foyer, prior to the lecture from 6:15 - 7:00 pm. The lecture will commence immediately afterwards from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. Please RSVP to Carrie Chard at cchard@umd.edu if you plan to attend.

The Colvin Institute in India -- Summer 2016

Director Margaret McFarland and Assistant Director Tanya Bansal attended the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) Conference, presenting a paper on "Professional Skills Development Program for Graduate Students of Real Estate Development." The conference was held at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India this summer from July 12-15.

The keynote speaker for the AsRES conference was Member of India's Parliament M.V. Rajeev Gowda. He spoke on the Challenges and Opportunities of Real Estate in India. See first picture below and story above, as we will be privileged to host the Honorable Mr. Gowda on campus in October.

Following the conference, Margaret and Tanya met with key Indian Real Estate Development companies, Blackstone, Tata, and others in Mumbai and Calcutta. They also met with Architect Surinder Bahga, who has written many books on the City of Chandigarh, the first planned city in India. Comparing Chandigarh and Washington, DC was a key discussion and opens a possibility for an 2-City Conference.

Director McFarland also met with MRED alumna Priya Kanchan, who has a thriving market analysis practice in Mumbai, prospective students, and recruited for the MRED and ARDV programs at schools in Calcutta (iLEAD), Bangalore, Nahba (Punjab Public School), Amritsar (Guru Nanak Dev University), and Chandigarh.
Assistant Director Tanya Bansal, Director Margaret McFarland, and M.V. Rajeev Gowda at AsRES conference in Bangalore

Director Margaret McFarland with Pradip Chopra, Founder and President of the Institute for Leadership in Entrepreneurship and Development, a college dedicated to Real Estate, Communications and Entrepreneurship education.
Director McFarland with MRED alumna Priya Kanchan in Mumbai

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