

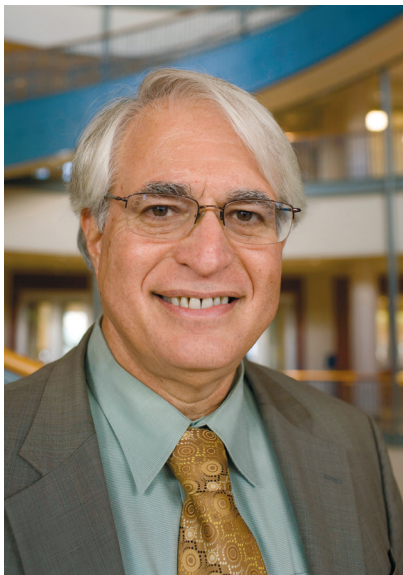
Cities and contemporary Higher Education: An Historical Perspective

hosted by JIAS, Ali Mazrui Centre for Higher Education Studies and Wits City Institute

Date ■ **Thursday, 23 August at 13:00**

Venue ■ **JIAS, 1 Tolip Street, Westdene**

RSVP ■ **Kindly RSVP by 14 August to: reshmis@uj.ac.za**



Prof Steven J Diner is a Professor of History at Rutgers University-Newark. He is a former Chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark, and a former Dean of its Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Since the end of World War II, the vast majority of American college students have attended institutions located in cities and metropolitan areas. However, this represented a radical challenge to college leaders' traditional negative view of cities in general, and their belief that cities were ill-suited locations in which to educate young men and women. In this lecture, Prof Diner examines how the long history of collegiate anti-urbanism and the recent embrace of colleges in cities have shaped America's extensive contemporary higher education system. He concludes that, despite higher education's long ambivalence about cities,

colleges in cities have profoundly shaped contemporary higher education. While his introductory lecture will focus on higher education in the United States, this perspective contains clear parallels with higher education in South Africa, which will be explored in the course of the seminar.

