

SENIOR FELLOWS



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ECPA Pillar of Concentration:
Sustainable Forests and Land Use

Languages: English

FELLOW BIO: Jeffrey Soule, FAICP

International Experience:

In 1997, Mr. Soule launched an initiative with the Chinese government to provide long-term technical assistance. He serves as advisor to Nanjing and Chengdu and has developed many training and capacity building programs for Chinese leaders and professionals. He frequently writes on planning issues related to China's urbanization and has also led efforts to conserve natural and cultural resources while providing suitable economic opportunities. He has been the principal planner for over 15 international demonstration projects including new town planning, strategic environmental planning, land tenure and compensation, historic preservation, scenic highways green industry development and cultural tourism. As advisor to the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources he prepared reports and evaluations on rural environmental, land policy and administrative issues.

Mr. Soule currently serves as Treasurer of the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees; US delegate to the General Assembly for ICOMOS, and is a member of the Cultural Towns Scientific Committee of ICOMOS. Since 2010, he has been senior staff to the ECPA grant from the US Department of State to build sustainable cities capacity throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He has lectured internationally at such places as Cambridge, Imperial College, and Beijing University, and has written a variety of international papers on managing scenic, natural and cultural resources.

Mr. Soule has also been involved in APA's assistance to the recovery effort in the Gulf Coast after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, working closely with the Dutch Government. He has worked with the Global Planners Network since it began in 2005.

Areas of Expertise:

Mr. Soule's areas of expertise include the following: comprehensive urban planning, regional economic analysis, strategic city positioning, urban form and design, historic preservation and cultural conservation, natural resource conservation, small town and rural development, citizen participation, neighborhood planning and small area plan, scenic resource management, policy and legislation for urban planning and development management, climate change strategies for adaptation and mitigation, spatial policies related to energy reduction, signage control and billboard regulations, and agricultural land conservation.

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