



**Alexandra Appelbaum, The 2018-19  
Rafael Rodriguez/Golden Age Fellow  
at International House, UC Berkeley**



Alexandra (Alli) Appelbaum has recently enrolled as a Ph.D. student in City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. She holds an MSc in Regional and Urban Planning Studies (with distinction) from the London School of Economics and a Bachelors of Arts Honours (with distinction) specialising in History, from the University of Cape Town. Her Ph.D. looks, broadly, at the role of security guards in urban governance.

Prior to moving to Berkeley, Alli was working as a researcher at the South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

In this position she worked closely with local and national government in improving urban policy and practice, as well as furthering her academic ambitions. She also supervised graduate students and lectured undergraduates in Urban Planning during this period.

She has also worked in the NGO sector in South Africa and in consulting in London. She received a Commonwealth Scholarship through the Canon Collins Trust in 2014 to study for her Masters at LSE and she was a member of the South Africa Washington International Programme in 2012. She was recognized by the Mail & Guardian as one of South Africa's 'Top 200 Young South Africans' in 2016.

Alli spent the Fall semester of 2011 at I-House as an exchange student from the University of Cape Town. She loved living in this diverse space and found that semester at Berkeley to be, in many ways, life-changing. She is excited to be back at I-House and grateful to the donors who make the Rafael Rodriguez Golden Age Fellowship possible.



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