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## The Battle for Gotham



**Roberta Brandes Gratz**, award-winning journalist and urban critic, lecturer and author of *The Living City: Thinking Small in a Big Way*, and *Cities Back from the Edge: New Life for Downtown*, and *The Battle For Gotham: New York In the Shadow of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs*. She is an international lecturer on urban development issues and former award-winning reporter for the *New York Post*. She also wrote a report in 2001 for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, "A Frog, A Wooden House, A Stream and A Trail: Ten Years of Community Revitalization in Central Europe." In 2005, in collaboration with Jane Jacobs, Gratz and a small group of accomplished urbanists founded The Center For the Living City at Purchase College. Her articles have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Tikkun*, *Planning Magazine*, *New York Newsday*, *The Daily News*, *Planning Commissioners Journal* and others. She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts, Surdna Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Fannie Mae Foundation, and writing awards from the American Institute of Architects, American Planning Assn, Municipal Art Society, the New York Press Club, the City Club of New York and others. Gratz was a member of the New York Governor's and Mayor's Task Force on Planning Manhattan's West Side Highway and Waterfront and founded the Fire Island Historical Society.

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**3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Amersfort Lounge, Brooklyn College Student Center  
Campus Road and East 27th Street**

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