LARRY SUSSKIND: We hope you will join our four-module dinner series that we have produced in conjunction with MIT OpenCourseWare, with graduate students in the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, who are eager to explore the concept of facilitative leadership in the public sector. We believe that leadership in the public sector requires special capabilities and a certain mental attitude, and we explore and discuss lots of different versions of those elements over the four modules in the series.

This has particularly been organized for graduate students in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning because they want to know about leadership in the public sector, and there are very few courses at MIT, in any field, that talk about leadership in the public sector. We think it requires special skills and microskills. So we've organized four dinner conversations.

And you'll get to look over our shoulder as I present some key concepts and raise some fundamental questions in the first module. And the goal of that first module is to get students to think in terms of their own personal theories of practice. The second module will look at applying those concepts in several hypothetical situations in the kinds of public sector settings that the participating students who you will meet will be working in when they graduate.

The third module includes what we call a role-play simulation, in which students attempt to interact with several people with regard to the ways in which development should happen in a particular city. And in the context and the conflict that they're participating in, they have to use a set of microskills, or at least try to. And we'll talk about the microskills that are central to facilitative leadership.

And finally, the fourth module really asks each of the 30 student participants to make a personal assessment of where they think they stand relative to what it takes to be an effective, facilitative leader. You're welcome to watch one or all four of the modules, and I would be delighted to hear from anyone who's watched them. I would love to get a conversation going globally on facilitative leadership in the public sector.

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