

# **Molly Turner**

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Leading expert on urban technology

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## **About**

Molly Turner is a leading expert on technology startups and cities. Through her teaching at Haas and her work in the field, she has shaped the contemporary conversation about technology's impacts on urban life and governance. At Haas, Turner teaches the popular class Tech and the City: How to Get Urban Innovation Right to graduate MBAs. She is also the co-host and co-producer of the podcast Technopolis from Atlantic Media and CityLab. Turner is deeply engaged in contemporary tech and urban policy issues through her advisory role with urban tech startups, and board membership of urban policy think tank SPUR. Turner was an early employee of Airbnb, where she established the company's public policy team in 2011 and directed its groundbreaking regulatory collaboration with cities. As the Global Head of Civic Partnerships, Turner directed Airbnb's partnerships with governments around the world, including its international disaster response program, neighborhood tourism development program, and 2015 launch in Cuba. Before Airbnb, Turner worked for the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Economic Development, the UNESCO World Heritage Cities Program, and an urban planning consulting firm. Turner holds a Master in Urban Planning from Harvard University and a BA from Dartmouth College.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Urban Innovation, Tech Policy, Startups, Economic Development, Tourism Policy, Urban Planning

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## **Selected External Service & Affiliations**

2017 - present, Member, Housing Policy Committee, Tech Equity Collaborative, 2016 ? Working Group on Innovation and Regulation, Aspen Institute Center for Urban Innovation, 2013 ? present, Board of Directors, Tumml, 2013 ? present, Board of Directors, SPUR

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## **Positions Held**

### **At Haas since 2016**

2017 ? present, Co-Host and Co-Producer, Technopolis podcast from Atlantic Media and CityLab  
2016 ? present, urban innovation advisor to tech startups and cities  
2014 ? 2011, Global Head of Civic Partnerships, and Director of Public Policy, Airbnb  
2011, Neighborhood Development Researcher, San Francisco Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
2010 ? 2011, Sustainable Development Researcher, UNESCO World Heritage Center  
2010, Sustainable Tourism Development Consultant, Solimar International  
2006 ? 2009, Regional Trip Manager and Leader, Backroads  
2005 ? 2006, Urban Planning Associate, Dyett and Bhatia

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## Education

Harvard University Graduate School of Design  
MUP Urban Planning

Dartmouth College  
BA Art History, Italian Literature

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