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**DANIEL LIBESKIND TO TALK AT WPSU**

*Architect who created the master plan for the reconstruction of the World Trade Center will be part of WPSU's Common Ground Lobby Talk series*

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (April 9, 2007)** — Daniel Libeskind, the architect who created the master plan for the reconstruction of the World Trade Center, will be the featured guest of the next Common Ground Lobby Talk series on Tuesday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Outreach Building in Innovation Park. The public conversation, in which audience questions and comments are encouraged, will be hosted by WPSU's Patty Satalia and is presented by Penn State Public Broadcasting in collaboration with Penn State's Institute for the Arts and Humanities. The event is free and open to the public. No tickets or reservations are required.

Libeskind's architecture for the reconstruction of the World Trade Center uses a language of skewed angles, intersecting geometries, shards, voids and punctured lines to communicate feelings of loss, absence and memory. Most of his previous works are museums and galleries. Libeskind is among the most celebrated and innovative architects working today. His work is provocative and invariably poses questions about the relation of our buildings to history, place, space, and the land.

Libeskind won his fame initially for his design of the Jewish Museum in Berlin in 1989. He has held professorial chairs at several universities—University of Toronto, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, and Karlsruhe—and he has five honorary doctorates. Among his numerous awards are the 2003 Torch of Honor Award for furthering immigrant and human rights, the Hiroshima Art Prize for work promoting peace, and the Berlin Cultural Prize. In 2004 he was appointed the first Cultural Ambassador for Architecture by the U.S. State Department.

The production of this event, "Common Ground Lobby Talks: A Conversation with Daniel Libeskind" will air on WPSU-TV on Thursday, May 24 at 9 p.m. with an encore broadcast on Sunday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

For more information about this event and the Common Ground Lobby Talk Series, visit [wpsu.org/lobbytalks](http://wpsu.org/lobbytalks) online. The site offers archives of previous talks, a listing of upcoming events and a live stream of this event. Common Ground Lobby Talks are locally broadcast, aired on ResearchChannel, and available online. The Common Ground Lobby Talk Series, a production of Penn State Public Broadcasting in conjunction with WPSU's Public Service Media Study Group, provides a forum for increasing public discussion about important issues and current events.

WPSU serves central Pennsylvania with programming, educational services and community outreach. Its public media services produce, acquire and distribute programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of an audience within central Pennsylvania.

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