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I entrust the next 10 years to the new generation of the DPU, and hope that they will continue the tradition that I was honoured to inherit: to document DPU's wide-ranging and fascinating history, and its strategic interaction with the development field and the education, research and practice associated with it.

Caren Levy  
London 2014





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# A Short History of the Development Planning Unit

by Caren Levy

It is with great pride and pleasure that we add another decade to the Notes on the History of the Development Planning Unit (DPU) that were put together by Professor Patrick Wakely on the occasion of our 50th anniversary in 2004. In extending and re-configuring that special issue, we acknowledge the enormous task which Professor Patrick Wakely undertook, a great legacy to the current and future generations of staff and students at the DPU. We have maintained the three-column format of that booklet, that is, on The DPU, Concepts & Ideas, and International Events, which so clearly reflected the complex networks and relationships of our first half-century. We have reproduced Professor Patrick Wakely's first edition, with its introductory text, and updated the last 10 years from 2004 to 2014. As in the first edition, whilst the sequence of events in the last 10 years is accurate, their interpretation is mine with enormous help from Chris Yap and a group of my colleagues.

As Professor Patrick Wakely noted in his introductory remarks to the last edition, 'the job' of the DPU has kept changing and the last 10 years were no exception. We have maintained our historical tradition of questioning orthodox development agendas, within a highly contested period for urban development and planning. We witnessed the tipping point in 2008 of more than 50% of the world's population living in urban areas - a powerful symbolic and material moment for many - alongside a counter movement in development assistance, with bi- and multi-lateral organisations withdrawing from distinct urban interventions. At the same time, urban social movements around improved living conditions grew in many cities of the global south, while planning itself was re-configured and re-valued after nearly two decades of neo-liberal inspired deconstruction.

In its teaching, research and advocacy work, the DPU, along with its international peers and partners, continued to demonstrate the growing political, socio-economic, environmental and built environment challenges and opportunities of urbanisation and urban growth, and its implications for more innovative, effective and socio-environmentally just approaches to policy and planning. Alongside these intellectual and practice-based challenges, the DPU experienced unprece-

ented expansion since its 50th anniversary. By 2014 student numbers have more than doubled, as have the DPU staff, with the growth of a new generation after the retirement of a whole generation of who were part of the first 50 years of the DPU. This has been accompanied by a combined extension and deepening of the range of knowledge production and teaching in which the DPU is involved, demonstrated in a number of new modalities of practice in the DPU:

- Over the last 10 years we have greatly expanded our research, which is a reflection not only of increased staff numbers but also of a growing number of innovative programmes initiated by the staff. This is nowhere more evident in the formalisation of our knowledge production activities in four research clusters in 2011, which has galvanised and inspired a range of new research initiatives, both within and between research clusters. The theme of our 60th anniversary year, 'Thinking Across Boundaries' is an example of such a joint programme across the Unit.
- Just after our half century, the DPU re-formulated its historical concern for policy and planning practice in its teaching with the launch in 2005 of a so-called practice module in each MSc programme. This brought together the range of practice activities that were already ongoing, and in so doing created a synergy for the development of interesting new approaches to learning and engagement with partners in cities of the global south. The Practice Modules take the DPU's commitment to participation and active and inclusive citizenship in policy and planning as a central concern, working closely with social movements, community groups and government practitioners alike. Our 7th Decade has seen a growth in methodological innovation, building and expanding on our action planning inheritance, for example, strategic action planning, participatory design in contested urbanism, the heuristics of mapping, and scenarios planning.
- The changing international context resulted in a reduction in the DPU's traditional delivery of short courses for mid-career practitioners, with the exception of gender in policy and planning and some tailor-made courses. On the other hand, over the last 10 years

we have developed a new generation of knowledge sharing between practitioner, academics and communities through in-country short workshops, as demonstrated in the DPU-Architecture Sans Frontières (ASF) Change By Design workshops (2009-2013) and the DPU SummerLab (run in a variety of cities since 2011).

- The cohort of staff who retired around the DPU's half century formed a new entity entitled the DPU Associates, which has maintained a close relationship with DPU teaching, research, and consultancy activities.
- By its 60th anniversary, the DPU has fully integrated into the UCL Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment. This is reflected not only financially and administratively, but also in the expansion of cross-Bartlett teaching and research initiatives.

Finally, 2014 also represents another milestone for the DPU: it marks 30 years of gender in policy and planning in the DPU. Started in 1984, by Caroline Moser (1984-86) and Caren Levy (1984 to-date), the GPPP has been a major activity contributing towards the DPU's vision and mission. In the early 1990s, Caren Levy formerly established the Gender Policy and Planning Programme (GPPP), which today comprises an international programme of teaching, action research, policy advice and institutional capacity building. Over the last 30 years, the GPPP has provided a platform for the development of the gender policy and planning methodology, one of four internationally recognised approaches to addressing gender equality developed in the 1980s and 1990s.

We are going to take the opportunity in the 60th year to reflect on past and future development trends, agendas and practices, and on the DPU's contribution in those processes. Given exponential rates of urbanisation, and increasingly complex and diverse urban contexts, it would appear that the DPU's vision and mission still present the enormous but different challenges and opportunities it faced with its establishment 60 years ago.

## FIFTY YEARS OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

# Notes on the History of the Development Planning Unit

by Patrick Wakely

### Half a Century of Innovation

Otto Koenigsberger used to say that “the job of the DPU is to do itself out of a job”; that is, by successfully training the professionals and teachers of the future and building the capacity of their organisations and institutions, places like the DPU would no longer be needed. But this has not happened, not because the DPU has failed or because of the inadequacy of its alumni, but because ‘the job’ has kept changing. The goalposts have kept moving and the DPU has had an important role in moving them. Actually, the DPU has done itself out of a job many times, but there has always been the next job to do.

The DPU, and the AA Department of Tropical Studies before it, has always been ahead of, or just outside the prevailing wisdom. It has not always led the field but it has always questioned it. It has been progressive and it has been pragmatic. But it has been unerringly consistent in its mission to build local capacity.

In 1954 when the Tropical Department was established, the Architectural Association was at the height of its intellectual and professional influence on the post-war modern movement in Britain. In this environment the Department set out to influence the euro-centric architecture that was being exported to the tropics by introducing elements of medical research and building physics to appropriate climatic design. The functionalist ideals of the modern movement made it receptive to such innovation and the Department’s influence took root. By the early 1960s, whilst continuing to research and teach responsive climatic design methods, the Department was moving into an examination of approaches to the provision low-income housing in the expanding cities of the developing countries, bringing into question the adequacy of the traditional role of many architects and designers. This brought social sciences into the picture and began to orient the Department in the direction of urban growth, development and planning.

By the time that the Department joined UCL in 1971 (becoming the DPU), its urban focus was firmly established. Its teaching and research on housing and urban development was underpinned by Otto Koenigsberger’s concepts of ‘urban pioneers’ and the ‘absorption of newcomers’ that were in stark contrast to the prevailing doom-laden concern over the rapid growth of cities in the developing countries and drastic and destructive approaches to slum clearance.

Even more significant was the concept of Action Planning, which seriously contested the static and time-bound city master plans that were erroneously seen as essential for orderly urban development. Underlying these approaches to urban growth and management was the DPU message that urbanisation is good for development; good for industrial production; good for trade and commerce; and good for agricultural productivity. Whilst national policies and international agencies were striving to promote decentralisation and ‘balanced’ regional development the DPU was advocating centralisation and the development of big cities as the key instruments of national economic growth, social opportunity and the transformation of cosmopolitan culture.

In the late 1970s and early ‘80s the DPU took the lead in what was then called ‘selfhelp’ housing, questioning not only the capacity but also the right of governments to determine the domestic needs and priorities of urban low-income households and communities. The work of John Turner and the Unit’s operational development of participatory ‘support approaches’ to housing delivery preceded its concerns for the wider issues of decentralised urban management and governance, social justice and cultural diversity. The DPU training programmes on Planning with Women for Development rapidly moved forward from ‘WID’ to ‘GAD’ and, in the 1990’s, on to gender policy and planning, pioneering techniques of analysis and strategic planning and management at both urban and national levels.

The DPU’s current concern for participatory governance, planning and environmental management in the peri-urban interface of rapidly expanding cities has brought together a new network of researchers, practitioners and activists who are preoccupied with the hitherto neglected iniquities of social, environmental, and economic exploitation at the urban fringes that has accompanied the growth cities for generations.

The transformations of the next half-century promise to dwarf those of the last. The problems and opportunities for cities in the shift of the global economy towards Asia and the fight against exploitation and poverty, particularly in Africa, will call for even greater originality and leadership in the DPU’s continuous mission for innovation and excellence in urban research, advice and capacity building.

UCL, London, 2004

The left hand column of this table is a chronological record of the progress of the DPU at UCL and the Tropical Department at the AA before that. The centre column records the principle intellectual or conceptual ideas in the field of urban and regional development to which the DPU has contributed or that have influenced its activities. The right hand column lists the major international events of which the DPU has been a part or to which it has responded

## 1950s

### THE DPU

### CONCEPTS & IDEAS

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1953

The London Conference on **Tropical Architecture**, organised by Otto Koenigsberger and held at UCL, was opened by the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies and closed by Sir Patrick Abercrombie, Professor of Planning at the University of London and author of *'The County of London Plan'* (1943) and *'The Greater London Plan'* (1944). The proceedings were published as a book and the journal *Architectural Design* devoted two articles to Tropical Architecture with a foreword by Otto Koenigsberger, the principal organiser of the conference (Vols. XXIII and XXIV). The conference, which brought together an array of distinguished architects, planners and building physicists with overseas experience, drew attention to the inadequacy of the British education system in preparing professionals for work in developing countries and called for the establishment of specialist courses in tropical architecture and planning.

1954

**THE DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE** is established by the **Architectural Association**, popularly known as the Tropical School, the department was directed by Maxwell Fry with an initial intake of 20 students, almost all from the UK. The Department offered a six-month course of study leading to the award of an **AA Certificate in Tropical Architecture**. There is no record of the structure or content of the course, but it is reasonable to assume that it drew heavily on the experience of Fry & Drew in West Africa, Iran and India.



Otto Koenigsberger

**The First United Nations International Symposium on Housing and Community Planning** is held in Delhi. This led to the publication of 'Tropical Housing and Planning Monthly Bulletin', produced by C.A. Doxiadis and edited by Jacqueline Tyrwhitt, which later became the influential journal 'Ekistics: The Problems and Science of Human Settlements'.

1956

Fry & Drew get increasingly important commissions and Max is unable to spend time on the course. Student numbers dwindle to an intake of 6.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) establishes the **UN Centre for Housing, Building and Planning** to provide technical assistance in these fields.

1957

**OTTO KOENIGSBERGER is appointed Director** of the AA Tropical School and starts to restructure the course and introduce elements of urban development planning and low-income group housing to the curriculum in addition to the science and technology of design in tropical and sub-tropical climates. Student numbers rise to 40, almost all from the newly independent countries of the Commonwealth.

## the 1950s

The new course starts with a flourish but, because of the pressure of work on Max Fry's office (Fry & Drew), promotion and recruitment suffer and student numbers dwindled until Otto Koenigsberger took over.

Although building physics and passive climatic design remained the central preoccupation of the Department, Koenigsberger's work as Director of Housing in post-partition India and with the UN Centre for Housing, Building & Planning was beginning to have an impact on the course content, introducing the wider issues of urban growth and social housing. Nevertheless, the course was clearly design oriented and addressed to architects.

Wartime military (principally naval) studies on human physiological efficiency and thermal comfort (Webb 1940) were being absorbed by building industry and beginning to have an impact on the development of the 'Modern Movement' in architecture in the South.

The Colonial Building Notes (later Overseas Building Notes) published by the British Government Building Research Station provided a new technical understanding of designing and building in the tropics and, by the late '50s, started to address the issues of public health and town planning.

New towns with high infrastructure standards and subsidised housing tended to dominate the urban development debate (Chandigarh 1951, Tema 1952, Brasilia 1956).

International agencies remained resolutely preoccupied with rural development and productivity, despite the establishment of the UN CHBP (United Nations Centre for Housing, Building and Planning), which was explicitly mandated to address problems of urban development.

# 1960s

## THE DPU

1960

Rory Fonseca joins the staff (-1962).

1961

The Tropical School changes its name to **AA Department of Tropical Studies** (AA DTS) to better reflect the increasing capacity of the Department to undertake serious theoretical and empirical research in building physics and the introduction of much stronger social housing and planning policy inputs in the second term of the course.

Jerry Ingersol joins the staff (-1965).

1963

The AA DTS launches a new course on **Educational Building** following the 1962 UNESCO conference on school building which established the Regional School Building Centres in Colombo, Khartoum, Mexico. The course brought together the innovations in educational planning, the establishment of local authority school building consortia and school building system developed in Britain in the post-war period with the new approaches to that expansion that were emerging in Africa and Asia. The course ran until 1970.

The Architectural Association enters an agreement with the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST), Ghana to help develop its Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Building Technology. This entailed the appointment of the Dean, Michael Lloyd, and over the following 5 years, the transfer of AA DDTS staff and ex-students to KNUST (Patrick Wakely, Rory Fonseca, Jerry Ingersol, Kamil Mumtaz, Martin Evans, Fergus Nichol - most of who returned to teach at the DDTS) and the exchange of students in both directions.

Alan Mayhew (-1966) and Barbara Price (-1966) join the staff.

## CONCEPTS & IDEAS

Otto Koenigsberger delivers his lecture on **Action Planning** at the AA, based on his and Charles Abrams' recommendations to the Government of Singapore, (AA Journal May '64).

Action Planning, the first major break with the static and centralised traditions of Master planning, gave emphasis to the public sector anticipating, guiding and supporting private sector development, rather than trying to control it. It introduced the concept of planning as a continuous process of local government and public administration; the need for a 'guiding concept' and to identify and prioritise dominant problems in urban development; and the establishment of continuous 'surveillance' mechanisms to replace the one-off grand planning survey - planning as a continuous process of local governance requiring new and radical approaches and institutional changes.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Ford Foundation funds the Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation (CMPO) and provides technical assistance (Robbins, Rosser, Row, Van Huyk), leading to a new approach to integrated urban development planning (Basic Development Plan for Calcutta 1966).



Jerry Ingersol and Otto Koenigsberger



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1964

The DTS starts a course option in **Teaching Methods** for architects that allowed students an additional three-month programme at the end of the course during which they were introduced to innovations in design education and its evolving links with the social sciences that were emerging at the AA and other UK schools.

Tom Mottram (-1965) and Marc Lasserre (-1965) join the staff.

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1965

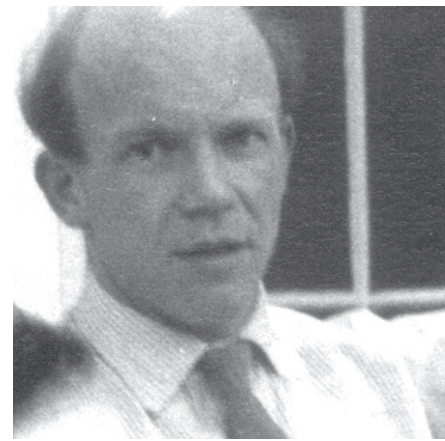
The six-month course of study is extended to nine months and includes a dissertation or individual study and leads to the award of an AA Diploma of Graduate Studies (Tropical).

Cho Padamsee (-1973) and Laszlo Huszar (-1966) join the staff.

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1966

The DTS launches the **Tropical Advisory Service (TAS)** to advise architects and government departments on good climatic design for building in the tropics. The first contract was to advise the Ministry of Public Building and Works on the design of the new British High Commission in Islamabad, West Pakistan. This was followed by many similar jobs before TAS evolved into the Training & Advisory Service in the late 1970s (see 1972 below). It also led to the preparation of a *Manual of Tropical Housing & Building: Part 1 Climatic Design* by Koenigsberger, Ingersoll, Mayhew and Szokolay that was eventually published by Longman in 1973 with later editions in Spanish, Arabic and Bahasa.



Alan Mayhew

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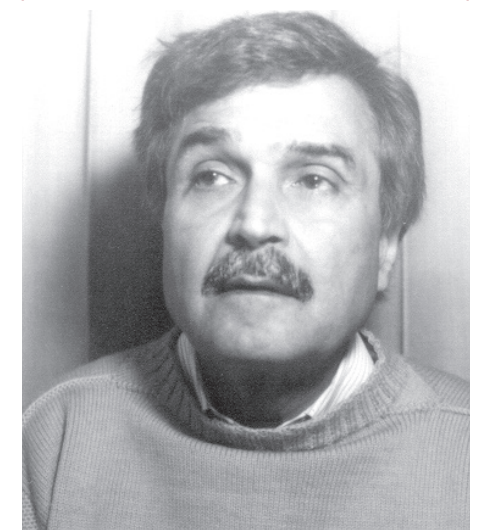
Charles Abrams publishes *Housing in the Modern World: Man's Struggle for Shelter in and Urbanising World* (Faber), which first drew attention to the economic and social iniquities of slum clearance and called for slum upgrading policies and programmes.

John F.C. Turner delivers his paper *'Uncontrolled Urban Settlement: Problems and Policies'* at a UN seminar in Pittsburgh, USA (published as *Barriers and Channels for Housing Development in Modernizing Countries* in Journal of the American Institute of Planners, May 1967). This and subsequent journal articles first introduced the processes of economic and social mobility of urban migrants with the concepts of 'foot-holders, consolidators and status seekers', making the case for official support, as opposed to repressive state control of urban migrant communities.

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The first British **Ministry of Overseas Development** established by the new Labour government with Barbara Castle as Minister. This basically took on the functions of the former Office of Technical Co-operation of the Foreign Office and its aid policies.

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Cho Padamsee

## THE DPU

1968

The DTS changes its name to the **Department of Development and Tropical Studies** (DDTS) to better reflect its increasing range of concerns and coins the sub-title **AA Graduate School**.

A course on **Medical Facility Building** is launched, but is run by the DDTS for only one year before transferring to the Medical Architecture Research Unit at the polytechnic of North London.

**Patrick Wakely** joins the staff (-1976 & 1982-2008).

1969

A course in **Urban Development Planning** is launched in conjunction with the AA Department of Planning. The link with the Planning Department only lasted for two years and, as can be seen below, the course became the flagship programme of the DDTS and the DPU for the next three decades.

**Hartmut Schmetzer** (-1976) and **Martin Evans** (-1971) join the staff.

## CONCEPTS & IDEAS



## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Tropical dept. students 1968: Eve Adébayo (Ghana), Hartmut Schmetzer (Germany), Ir Ruskandar (Indonesia), Taj Tambal (Sudan)

## the 1960s

The student intake changed significantly over the decade, shifting from largely British-based architects with work or an interest in working in developing countries, to architects from the South.

The course became structured with a common core of basic environmental science and design in hot climates progressing to more specialist design (and some planning) issues. There was a preoccupation with 'professional obsolescence' and the need to re-train architects for a more relevant role in a rapidly changing world. This led to the introduction of a teaching methods programme and other specialist courses (educational and medical building) that provided the opportunity to study building types and processes in the UK that were internationally considered to be 'state of the art'.

The course in urban development planning, introduced at the end of the decade differed. Rather than building design, the introductory core course was concerned with the social and political issues of development and went on to examine the structural implications of 'Action Planning' and the role of government. Nearly all the students opting for this course were architects 'looking for new horizons'.

The decade was characterised by a serious questioning of the role and authority of government. The ambitions of the newly independent states of Africa and Asia were beginning to erode as the immediate post-colonial administrations crumbled and new political and professional hopes emerged. This coupled with the writing of the new left and liberation movement gurus (Marcuse, Fanon, Freire, Illich, et al) and the 1968 student movements in Paris, Berlin and London, had a significant impact on the DDTS teaching and learning processes, particularly as they engaged with the closer-to-home ideas of Koenigsberger, Abrams and Turner.

Development, tended to focus on agricultural development and primary extraction so their support was predominantly targeted at rural areas.

Developing country governments were concerned with industrialisation and import substitution. However, this did not translate into affordable or sustainable urban development and planning policies or a significant preoccupation for the wellbeing of a healthy, educated urban workforce.



# 1970s THE DPU

1970

The Diploma course is restructured to incorporate the specialist courses so that it started with a common introductory period covering general issues and indicators of development and demographic change, followed by options in urbanisation development planning, housing, educational building, and general (climatic) design. The third term was devoted to an individual study or design.

The AA DDTS, with financial support from ODM, hosts the first of an annual series of workshops on **Education for Planning and Building for Development**, with participants from 14 European universities and institutes.

Negotiations for the transfer of the AA School of Architecture to Imperial College of Science & Technology as its 'fourth school' break down and the AA Council decides that the school should remain independent. This requires it to close or radically reduce its postgraduate departments of Development & Tropical Studies and Planning. The DDTS starts negotiations with University College London.

The DDTS moves from Bedford Square to Percy Street.

**Michael Safier** (-2006) and **Mario Novella** (-1973) join the staff. **Wendy Aldhous** transfers from the AA Library to start the DPU Library and Documentation Centre that she developed and managed until her death in 1995.

1971

**THE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING UNIT is established in UCL** when the AA DDTS moves to the Faculty of Environmental Studies (Bartlett) and Otto Koenigsberger is appointed Professor of Development Planning. The DPU continues to conduct a Diploma course offering a UCL Diploma in Development Planning.

Although entirely absorbed into the academic structure of UCL and the University of London, the DPU remained financially autonomous with no access to government (UGC) core funding. This gave it a managerial independence and financial responsibility that lasted for the following three decades.

The Ford Foundation awards the DPU a core grant of £10,000 p.a. for two years to cover its operational costs.

## CONCEPTS & IDEAS

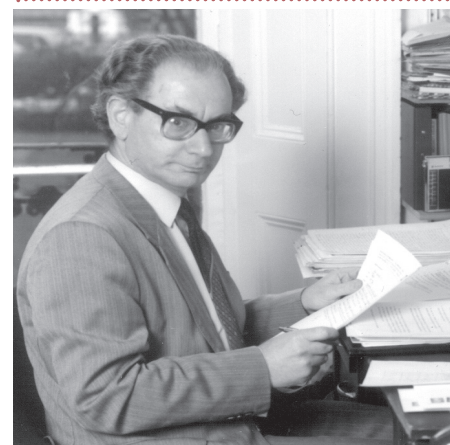
Jane Jacobs publishes *'The Economy of Cities'* (Cape), which challenges the prevailing notion that cities have a 'parasitic' dependency on the rural economy.



## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Ford Foundation launches its two-year (1970-72) **International Urbanisation Survey** directed by Colin Rosser, Jack Robins and Fred Turzo. This comprehensive review, to which the AA DDTS/DPU made significant inputs, was intended to inform a new Ford Foundation international programme, which never took off due to the major collapse of the Foundation's portfolio in the mid-1970s.

**Hartmut Schmetzer**, **Mario Novella** and **Patrick Wakely** setting up the Extension Service (Luffenham)



Michael Safier



Wendy Aldhous

## THE DPU

1972

The DPU Extension Service is established by Patrick Wakely, Hartmut Schmetzer and Mario Novella joined later by Babar Mumtaz, with a grant from the Nuffield Foundation, to offer courses in **Urban Housing Strategies** in professional education and training institutions in Africa and Asia. The Extension Service (referred to as the 'Flying Circus') conducted six-week, project-based, courses that were conducted in different cities in Africa and Asia over the following 3 years. The Extension Service was the forerunner of the DPU Training & Advisory Service (TAS), through which the Unit's consultancy and capacity building activities continue to be conducted.

The DPU starts a research project on **Planned Urban Growth** in Zambia, directed by Michael Safier and Otto Koenigsberger with ODA (ES-COR) funding. This three-years project examined the processes and obstacles to the absorption of rural migrants into the economy, society and culture of the city.

Michael Slingsby (-1978), David Cook (-1973) and Rita Cruise O'Brien (-1974) join the staff.

1973

First DPU 'Special Programme' is launched with a three-month course in Urban Development Planning for senior professionals and administrators, directed by David Cook. Over the following 25 years (until c. 1998) the DPU Short Courses developed and proliferated making a significant impact on urban development policy, planning and management in the South.

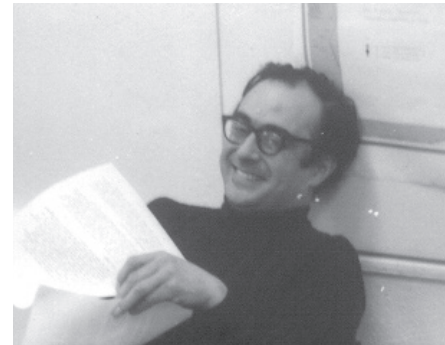
DPU is awarded a four-year core grant by the British Government Overseas Development Administration (ODA) to a total of 20% of annual expenditure

(c.£ 16,000 p.a.)

Nigel Harris (-1998), and Louis Wassenhoven (-1983) join the staff.

## CONCEPTS & IDEAS

John F.C. Turner and Robert Fichter publish *'Freedom to Build'*, (Macmillan), which for the first time lays out Turner's thesis of the importance of dweller control in the production, maintenance and management of housing as a fundamental principle of local urban environmental and social development.



Nigel Harris

Keith Hart, who lectured at the DPU, introduces the concept and term 'Informal Sector' in his study of migration and labour in Ghana (*Journal of Modern African Studies*). The informal sector is that part of the economy and society that is unregistered, untaxed and uncontrolled that provides employment and livelihoods for over 80% of the urban low and not-so-low income groups in developing countries.

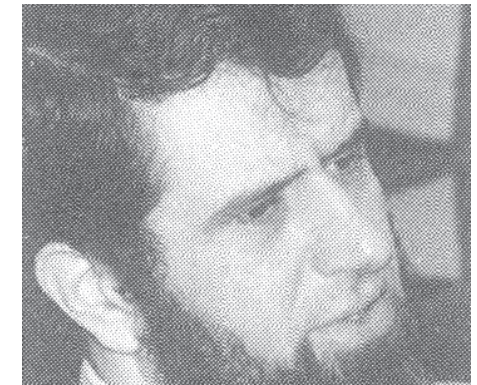
David Harvey publishes *'Social Justice and the City'* (Edward Arnold). Though drawing principally on US cities, this book had a significant impact on understanding social and spatial divisions and impacts in urban development and their implications for planning.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

**United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, Sweden**, which called for a global effort to provide a better understanding of the human impact on environmental conditions (research) and national plans of action to address environmental pollution. It also called for the establishment of a fund to address the particular environmental problems of cities. The conference (abstinence) resolutions occasioned a clear rift between the developed and developing countries, leading to the formation of the 'Group of 7' and 'Group of 77' (developed and developing countries), which have tended to dominate the international arena ever since.

**First World Bank urban funding:** for sites and services in Senegal (\$8m) and urban development in Turkey (\$2.3m).

The ODA appoints George Franklin as the first Physical Planning Adviser for overseas development technical co-operation.



Louis Wassenhoven

1974

Louis Wassenhoven takes over the directorship of the Diploma course.

Ronaldo Ramírez (-1999) and Babar Mumtaz (-2005) join the staff.

1975

Lea MacDonald (-1978) and Jaya Appalaraju (-1978) join the staff.

1976

The Diploma Course is made more academically rigorous with a common first term covering issues of urban development, (planning methodology, land use planning, urban management and administration, sociology of development, political economy of cities, urban economics, demography and statistics) and three options in the second term (Urban Development Planning; National Urbanisation Policies and Housing Policy). The third term still being devoted to a dissertation.

A Special Programme short course on **Urban Project Implementation** is started by Bob Satin, who ran it until 1980.

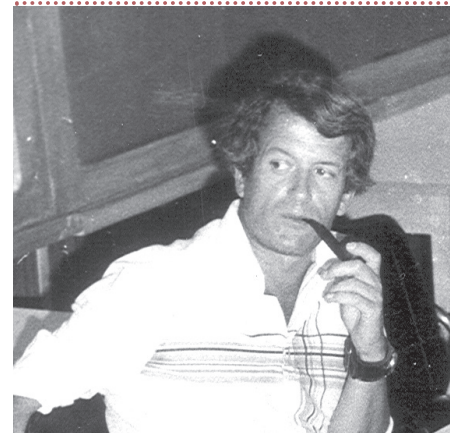
Colin Rosser (-1981), John F.C. Turner (-1982) and Desmond McNeill (-1984) join the staff.

1977

**COLIN ROSSER is appointed Director of the DPU** on the retirement of Otto Koenigsberger.

The DPU launches a second 'Special Programme' short course in **Housing in Development** directed by John Turner until 1981, when it was taken on by Patrick Wakely and Babar Mumtaz. The course developed and expanded Turner's approach to subsidiarity, empowerment and enabling in the production, maintenance and management of urban housing, which continued to be an important component of DPU training and educational programmes for 25 years.

The DPU is awarded a Leverhulme Trust grant to support research and teaching in design methods in a multi-cultural context, directed by Michael Lloyd. The programme (which had been started by Mario Novella in 1972 as



Ronaldo Ramírez

Barbara Ward publishes *'The Home of Man'* (Penguin), in which she looks forward to 'an urbanised world' and argues strongly for integrated (as opposed to the hitherto sectoral) approaches to urban development and citizen participation.

John F.C. Turner publishes *'Housing by People'* (Marion Boyars), which further develops his concepts of subsidiarity and the devolution of responsibility and control over housing and community infrastructure.

Manuel Castells publishes *'The Urban Question'*, which opened a new approach to understanding urban processes, emphasising their conflicting nature. This had a significant impact on the analytical nature of the DPU's academic work, which at this time was getting ready to open the Masters degree course.

Duccio Tunn, Professor of Building Economics at UCL (and a close Associate of the DPU) is appointed UN Deputy Secretary General to direct preparations for the Vancouver conference on Human Settlements for which he recruits a team of DPU staff and ex-students (Cho Padamsee, Es-hetu Abebe, Benjamin Reif, Nigel Harris).

**United Nations Habitat Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, Canada.** The conference endorsed the principles of integrated human settlements development and community participation in the provision of social housing and called for the establishment of a global fund (Habitat Foundation) to assist local governments to provide adequate and affordable housing, infrastructure and services.

The United Nations launches the **International Decade for Women 1976-85.**



Collin Rosser



a support to the development of a new School of Architecture and Planning in Costa Rica) was sustained until 1979.

The first **DPU Working Papers** are published and **DPUNews** is launched. (By June 2014, 161 Working Papers had been published and DPUNews reached issue No.57). Starting as a two-page newsletter for DPU alumni, by the late '90s DPUNews had become a 16-page, illustrated biannual, internationally recognised for its substance and commentary.

Ronaldo Ramirez and Alan Gilbert (Institute of Latin American Studies), with Jorge Hardoy hold the first of an annual series of Open Seminars on **Urbanisation in Contemporary Latin America** that continued until 1985, each year with a different theme and group of invited contributors.

DPU moves from Percy Street to Endsleigh Gardens.

**Michael Mattingly** (-2004), **Michael Lloyd** (-1979), **Bob Satin** (-1979) and **James Cheyne** (-1979) join the staff.  
**Peter Johnston** is appointed Unit Administrator.

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## 1978

The British government (ODM) core grant to the DPU is extended for a further 3 years on an annually diminishing basis.

New short courses are launched in **Planning for Metropolitan Development**, directed by Nigel Harris, and **Planning for Regional Development**, directed by Michael Safier.

The Unit is commissioned by the Government of Jordan to provide training inputs to the Amman Urban Region Planning Group, funded by USAID. This entailed a series of interlinked training workshops in Jordan over an 18-month period. Building on the DPU Extension Service experience, this programme allowed the Unit to develop new approaches to multi-disciplinary project-based 'for-the-job' training, which was further developed in subsequent TAS programmes, notably in Sri Lanka in the 1980s.

DPU is commissioned by ODM to advise the British government on an appropriate urban aid strategy for India. This five-month mission, led by Otto Koenigsberger, recommended support to the formulation of national and state urban policies, giving attention to urban economic development and building local government professional and technical skills.

**Harry Dimitriou** (-1984) and **Caroline Moser** (-1986) join the staff.



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Nigel Harris publishes *'Cities, Economic Development and Planning: the Case of Bombay'* (OUP) in which he argued against the prevailing fashion for decentralisation and in favour of big cities that, for the first time he pointed out, are the engines of national development.



John Turner

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**The United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS)** is established with its base in Nairobi, Kenya (the first UN agency to be headquartered in Africa).

UNCHS, which emerged from the resolutions of the Vancouver Habitat conference, replaced the UN ECOSOC Centre for Housing, Building and Planning with somewhat unfocused mandate to support the development of human settlements and manage the Habitat Foundation.

1979

The DPU Public Workshops programme is started by Caroline Moser and Michael Safer with workshops on **Training in Operational Situations, Planning Education and Policy Research**. These two-day workshops, which were for senior educationalists and researchers in the UK and overseas were attended by over 100 participants in the first year.

A new short course on **Traffic and Transport Planning in Development** is launched by Harry Dimitriou, who ran it annually until 1984 when it was taken over by Qasim Dalvi for 3 years, then by Shohana Madhavan until it was closed in 1998.

**Michael Mattingly** takes over as Director of the Diploma course.



Michael Mattingly



Bob Satin

## the 1970s

The decade saw a significant growth in the size of the Unit and in the range of its activities. By the end of the decade the one-year Diploma course had some 60 students per year and over 40 per year attending the 3 three-month courses. There were 12 full-time members of academic staff and 9 support staff. The focus of the Unit's concerns shifted away from architecture and building design to issues of urban and regional policy and related social and infrastructure planning.

The Training and Advisory Service (TAS) grew from its beginnings with the DPU Extension Service to become an important component of the Unit's activities with major institutional development projects such as capacity building for the Amman Urban & Regional Planning Study for USAID, a study for the controlled development of tourism in Tonga, a housing, policy for the Seychelles and a regional housing strategy for Southern Sudan, in addition to the projects outlined above.

The decade opened with a major research project on Planned Urban Growth in Zambia but the pressures of extending the DPU teaching programmes and TAS curtailed the further development of the Unit's collective research.

The DPU budget grew from £91,000 in 1971 to £280,000 in 1979 (which actually represented a 14% decrease at constant prices).

The 1971 round of national censuses revealed the extent of urban growth in countries of the South, made visibly more explicit by the extent of central area slums and peripheral squatter settlements. This, together with the preparations for the two UN conferences, started to consolidate research and writing on the processes of urbanisation and, to some extent, on strategic policy approaches to urban development and management.

Urban poverty started to be recognised as an issue to be addressed as the limitations of the 'trickle-down' effect of industrial and employment policies became apparent in the light of high population growth rates.

The decade saw the conceptual decline of physical planning, though many developing countries were for the first time requiring municipalities to produce town plans, bringing new pressures on professional education and the need for 're-education'.

The Stockholm (1972) and Vancouver (1976) conferences had some impact on getting urbanisation and the need for international support to urban development into the aid policies of some donor governments including the British ODM/ODA.

By the end of the decade the World Bank, which started its first urban project in 1972, had more 60 urban projects on its books with a total loan value of US\$2billion. The Bank's urban programme also started to influence bilateral aid agencies.

# 1980s

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The first **Masters Degree course in Urban Development Planning (UDP)**, directed by Ronaldo Ramirez, is approved by the University of London. The course set out to develop an analytical and critical understanding of contemporary development theory applied to the context of urban policy, planning and management, a hitherto unexplored area of postgraduate education. Over the next two decades the MSc went on to become the Unit's principal activity.

1982

**NIGEL HARRIS is appointed Director of the DPU.**

The DPU wins a 4-year World Bank contract to establish and run two Masters degree courses on **Regional & City Planning** and **Highway Engineering & Development** at the Institute of Technology, Bandung (ITB), Indonesia. Colin Rosser was seconded to ITB to head a team of 8 full-time lecturers and a programme of visits by DPU staff.

Patrick Wakely and Babar Mumtaz take over as joint Directors of the renamed **Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning Practice**, which was recast to complement the Masters degree course by providing a practical professional training, a feature of which was a four-week group project conducted in Nairobi. The Nairobi project continued as a feature of the Diploma course until 1990.

UCL transfers the financial administration of the MPhil/PhD students to the DPU, enabling the higher degree programme to take off. Nigel Harris takes on its direction.

A short course on **Urban Land Use Planning** is started by Michael Mattingly which continued until 1986.

**DPU Professional Workshops** were launched with a one-day workshop on **British Planners in the Suez Canal Zone: the Lessons of Experience 1976-82** organised by Desmond McNeill. The intention of this new activity was to bring together emerging and recent concepts and debates with lessons from and for practice.

Patrick Wakely rejoins the staff.

Tony Peters is appointed Unit Administrator (-1984).

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Masters Course in Development Planning 1981-1982



Patrick Wakely



## 1983

A DPU Professional Workshop on **Evaluating Community Participation in Urban Development Projects** is organised by Caroline Moser and another on **The Changing Practice of Urban Planning: The World Bank and Other Influences** was organised by Desmond McNeill.

**John Lindsay** (-1986) and **Jorge Fiori** join the staff.

## 1984

Short course in **Planning with Women for Development** is started by Caroline Moser, assisted by Caren Levy. The course, which was directed by Caren from 1987 and changed its name to **Gender Planning and Policy**, continued until 2001 as one of the components of the DPU Gender Policy and Planning Programme.

Short course in **Sites and Services projects: Design and Evolution** is launched by Patrick Wakely and Babar Mumtaz, which continued to be run annually until 1989.

A one-month short course on **Computers in Planning**, directed by John Lindsay, is launched. The course continued to be run annually until 1988.

The DPU starts its six-year capacity building programme with the Sri Lanka National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) for the implementation of the **Million Houses Programme (MHP)** with ODA funding that continued until 1990. In addition to conducting three training courses per year in Sri Lanka, the programme included special training courses for NHDA staff at the DPU in London and study visits to the 'Slum Improvement Programme' in India. It embraced an 'experimental project' for the delivery and management of urban infrastructure in the town of Galle and the production of a series of training manuals.

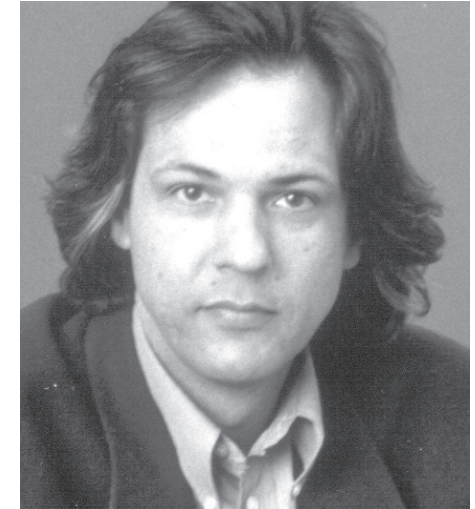
The DPU ran the first of a three-year programme of 3-month training courses in Nigeria designed and conducted by Michael Mattingly with Michael Safier and others for middle-level planning officers. Through this programme Michael Mattingly developed an original training sequence of enquiry, analysis, testing and reflection coupled with a novel sequenced approach to tutored training and practical planning work.

**Caren Levy** and **Keith Sargent** (-1986) join the staff.  
**Monica Hicks** is appointed Unit Administrator (-1986).

The World Bank publishes *Learning by Doing. World Bank Lending for Urban Development 1972-82'* (by Michael Cohen). This analytical review of the growth and development of Bank support to urban projects over two decades focused attention on their effectiveness and the need to attract private investment in urban development. It demonstrated the tensions between prevailing concepts and international aid policy initiatives.

The DPU engagement with the Sri Lanka Million Houses Programme, started by Desmond McNeill, Patrick Wakely and Babar Mumtaz also involving Ronaldo Ramirez and Caren Levy, led to the development and dissemination of understanding the processes of implementing a **'Support Approach' to low-income housing** on the scale of national policy and the political and administrative implications of subsidiarity, devolution and decentralisation of hitherto government responsibilities and activities in the housing sector.

The government of Sri Lanka launches the **Million Houses Programme**, the first national housing policy and strategy to adopt the principles of subsidiarity and support to individual and community-based processes for low-income housing provision.



Jorge Fiori



Caren Levy and Caroline Moser

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1985

A short course on **Planning Ports for Economic Development**, directed by Keith Sargent is launched but only ran for 2 years.

A short course on **Industries in Cities: Structure, Strategies & Municipal Planning** is started by Nigel Harris and Michael Mattingly, but also only ran for 2 years.

A new short course on **Action Planning for Urban Development** was launched by Michael Safier, which ran until 1990.

The DPU (Ronaldo Ramirez) in collaboration with Technische Universitat, Hamburg, the Technische Hochschule, Darmstadt and the AA, London, with financial support from the German Government, launches a two-year research project on **Self-help Housing Problems in Latin America** to examine the impacts of 2 political regimes on upgrading informal barrios in Caracas, Venezuela.

DPU holds a three-day International Conference on **The Implementation of Support Policies for Housing Provision** (organised by Patrick Wakely), which drew on the experience of the Sri Lanka 'Million Houses Programme'. The conference papers were published in a special edition of Habitat International (Vol.10, No.3).

**Christoph Marbach** joins the staff (-1986).

1986

A short course on **The Management of Small and Intermediate Urban Centres** is launched jointly with the International Institute for Environment & Development (IIED) directed by Michael Safier and David Satterthwaite. The course continued until 1990.

The DPU (Patrick Wakely & Nigel Harris) prepares a position paper for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) on an 'International Assistance Strategy for Human Settlements Training in Developing Countries.'

**The Ranasinghe Premadasa Scholarship for Sri Lankan Graduates** to study at the DPU is launched with a citation by the Prime Minister and a substantial private donation.

**Sarah Gable** is appointed DPU Administrator (-1988).

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Nigel Harris produces his critique of the recent plans for Mexico City (DDF), challenging many of the premises upon which they were based and making the case for the establishment of a metropolitan economic intelligence facility to inform and guide city planners and managers. From this Nigel developed his approach to the **Economics of Urbanisation and Managing the City Economy**, which subsequently had a significant impact, particularly upon World Bank and Cities Alliance 'City Development Strategies' (CDS).

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The World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the UN Decade for Women was held in Nairobi. The conference, which criticised the scope (equality, development and peace) of the decade as being too broad, produced a more strategic and focussed plan of action for ratification by the UN Member States.



Nigel Harris

A grant from the Ford Foundation allows DPU Gender Policy & Planning programme to develop a gender training and research network in several countries and the publication of the first of the **DPU Gender Policy and Planning Working Paper series**. The series marked the conceptual shift from 'women in development' to 'gender and development', analysing and responding to the different, socially constructed, gender needs of both women and men. The concept and methods of Gender Planning developed by the DPU Gender Team, initially

UNCHS, UNDP and the World Bank establish the **Urban Management Programme (UMP)** initially as a research activity to help develop the understanding of urban management processes. Over the following 18 years the UMP developed a wide range of support programmes, inter-city consultations and institutional capacity building.





1987

The DPU launches a short course on **Urban Land Policy and Management** directed by Michael Mattingly. The course continued to be run until 1994.

1988

The DPU holds an international conference on **‘The Future of Urbanisation and the Role of British Aid’** (organised by Nigel Harris), chaired by Lord Scarman and opened by John Caines, Chief Economist to the ODA and attended by senior aid officials from European and North American Governments. The conference papers were published in *Habitat international* Vol. 12, No.3). As a result of the conference ODA established an internal working party, which Nigel Harris and Patrick Wakely were invited to join, to examine the implications of an ‘urban aid policy’.

The DPU in partnership with the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies of Osmania University in Hyderabad, India, launches a three-year training programme on Slum Improvement in India, funded by the ODA. The annual programme, which was conducted by Patrick Wakely and Babar Mumtaz and included project-based training in India and included at the DPU in London ran until 1991.

led by Carolina Moser followed by Caren Levy, has had a significant international impact.

The United Nations publishes its first *‘Global Report on Human Settlements’* (OUP), which reviewed the condition, management and planning of towns and cities internationally. It was an optimistic document that envisioned a world in which national policy changes and increased international understanding could (and would) create ‘liveable cities for all’.

**United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH).**

Report of the ‘Brundtland Commission’ (World Commission on Environment and Development) *‘Our Common Future’* is published, popularising the concept of “...development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generation to meet their needs”.

UN General Assembly proclaims the *‘Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (Shelter for All)’*.

John Turner is awarded the Right Livelihood Award (the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’) for “...*championing the rights of people to build, manage and sustain their own shelter and communities*”.



Carl Gowaseb (Dipl. 1989)  
Director of Housing, Namibia

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The DPU (Michael Safier & Patrick Wakely) is commissioned to prepare the theme paper for the forthcoming twelfth session of the UN Habitat Commission on *'Roles, Responsibilities and Capabilities for the Management of Human Settlements'*.

The **DPU Staff Scholarship** is established to award up to 4 annual bursaries to outstanding UK or EC applicants to study at the DPU enabling them to pay the subsidised 'home fee' available in other university departments. Since the instigation of 'full fees' for overseas students in 1979 the DPU, which had no core funding from government, had to charge full fees for all students. Thus, for a decade, very few British students without scholarships studied at the DPU.

Liz Inman is appointed DPU Administrator (-1989).

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## 1989

### PATRICK WAKELY is appointed Director of the DPU.

The DPU, in collaboration with the Development Administration Group, University of Birmingham and the RTPI holds an international conference on **Cities & People: Can We Plan the Future**. The conference, which was opened by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, was attended by some 200 participants including urban experts from many different countries, the World Bank and the United Nations.

A new modular course in **Environmental Planning & Management**, run by Adrian Atkinson is launched. This course, later taken over by Adriana Allen, ran until 2002.

The Gender policy and Planning team, led by Caren Levy, undertake the first of a series of workshops to train the national and field staff of SIDA (Swedish International Aid Agency). This programme, in one form or other, continued for several years, developing a close, creative and productive partnership between SIDA and the DPU.

The **Otto Koenigsberger Scholarship Fund** to assist developing country students to study at the DPU is launched at a reception in London by Dr Arcot Ramachandran, Under Secretary General of the UN and Executive Director of UNCHS.

Valerie Hoare is appointed DPU Administrator (-1990).

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DPU Staff, past and present 1989 (Standing: Pat Crooke, John Turner, Hartmut Schmetzer, Mike Slingsby, Babar Mumtaz, Michael Safier, Renate Koeningsberger. Seated Wendy Aldhous, Cho Padamsee, Otto Koeningsberger, Pat Wakely)

Nigel Harris delivers his paper *'Urbanisation and Economic Development'* at the Inter-Governmental Conference on Urban Policy and Aid in Lille, France. This drew international attention to Nigel's work on cities as the engines of national development, making the case for increased support to investment in urban infrastructure and services.

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Otto Koenigsberger is awarded the first United Nations Habitat Scroll of Honour in recognition of his pioneering work on urban development and planning, including the founding of the DPU.



Ronaldo Ramirez, Jorge Fiori, Helen Parboo

# the 1980s

The expansion of the DPU in the 1970s was continued in the first half of the decade with the opening of new specialist three-month certificate courses. However, the mid-eighties saw a period of financial difficulties and contraction - the number of academic staff halved to 7 members.

In response to changes in intellectual and international concerns, the DPU's focus shifted during the decade from a central preoccupation with urban and regional policy formulation to the implementation of policy, giving emphasis to urban management, housing strategies, gender planning and urban economic development.

The start of the Masters degree course at the opening of the decade followed by the growth of the PhD programme marked the emergence of the DPU as an academic institution, whilst retaining the strength of its training activities in the Diploma course and the Short Course programme.

The Training and Advisory Service (TAS) took on a new dimension with the three sustained training programmes referred to above in Nigeria, Sri Lanka and India and more than 12 staff visits to support the ITB programme in Indonesia. At the same time its other institutional consultancy work increased substantially with some 40 capacity building projects in 22 different countries (11 in Asia/Pacific, 5 in Africa and 6 in Latin America).

Funded research was confined to the joint project on self-help housing in Latin America conducted in Venezuela.

The DPU budget grew from £260,000 in 1980 to £533,000 in 1989 (however, this represented only a 2% increase at constant prices).

The 1980s saw a move away from concern for the traditional role of the state in urban infrastructure and service provision to neo-liberal concepts of privatisation and participation, and programmes for the structural adjustment of local economies and bureaucracies.

The decade saw the 'coming of age' of UNCHS as an international agency, operating in two major divisions of Research & Development and Technical Co-operation.

The World Bank also established itself as a significant player in the urban development game, both intellectually and through its lending programme. The bilateral donors 'reluctantly' started to recognise the need for support to urban programmes- USAID, the Netherlands and SIDA, taking the lead.



# 1990s

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1990

The DPU enters agreements, funded by British Council Link Awards, with the National University of Colombia in Bogotá to help develop a Masters degree course in Urbanism and with the University of Chile to support the development of an urban research capacity in its Department of Urbanism. Both these links led to exchanges of staff in both directions and the development of close academic relationships between the institutions.

Geoffrey Payne (-1995), Sheilah Meikle (-2005) and Julio D Dávila join the staff.

Pramila Bennet is appointed DPU Administrator (-1994).

1991

The DPU holds an international conference on **The Urban Agenda for the 1990s and the Experience of National Urban Policy** organised and chaired by Nigel Harris. This drew upon the World Bank and UNDP strategy documents. The conference brought together senior researchers and policy makers from the World Bank, the UN, the African and Inter-American Development Banks and the principal Northern government aid agencies and representatives from developing countries. The papers and proceedings were published in Harris, N. (Ed) (1992) *'Cities in the 1990s: the Challenge for Developing Countries'*, UCL Press.

Jo Beall (-1994) joins the staff.

1992

The second MSc degree course: **Housing in Development** (later re-titled **International Housing Studies**), directed by Ronaldo Ramirez, is established. This provides an analytical review of concepts and theories and an examination of urban housing policy approaches and programme management.

The DPU Diploma course, directed by Babar Mumtaz with Sheilah Meikle and Michael Mattingly, is restructured and renamed **Diploma in Urban Management and Planning Practice for Developing Countries**.

The DPU together with the Development Administration Group (DAG) of the Institute of Local Government Studies, Birmingham University and the Water, Engineering & Development Centre (WEDC), Loughborough Uni-

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Julio D Dávila

Sheilah Meikle

World Bank publishes its policy paper (by Michael Cohen) *'Urban Policy and Economic Development: an Agenda for the 1990s'*. This called for an integrated agenda embracing 1) improving urban productivity; 2) alleviating urban poverty; and 3) addressing the urban environment.

UNDP publishes its strategy paper *'Cities, People and Poverty: Urban Development Co-operation of the 1990s'*. This emphasised the need for local government reform and greater private sector and NGO participation.

Nigel Harris calls for the establishment of an economic forum in a lecture in Bombay that led to the founding of **Bombay First**. He also participates in a World Bank mission to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico that helped define the Bank's approach to City Development Strategies (CDS), which he further developed in CDSs in Cali Colombia, Bahia Brazil and Haiphong Vietnam (1997 whilst on secondment to the Bank).

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Jo Beall



DPU Gender Policy and Planning Course

**United Nations Conference on Environment and Development - the Earth Summit is held in Rio de Janeiro**, twenty years after the 1976 Stockholm Conference. The success of the conference was the concept of 'Agenda 21' and, within it, 'Local Agenda 21', which called for governments to engage with civil society and the private sector to address development through the sustainable use of resources.

versity, form the Urban Management Consortium, which won a contract to provide training and capacity building support the UNDP/UNCHS/World Bank Urban Management Programme (UMP). This very strong consortium of UK university institutions continued to work together for several years.

Patrick McAuslan joins the staff (-1999).

## 1993

Under the banner of **DPU PROGRAMME 21**, the Unit radically changed its Masters degree offering with two new courses and restructuring the MSc in Urban Development Planning, directed by Michael Safier and Julio D Dávila. UCL endorsement was given to an **MSc in The Economics of Urbanisation and Managing the City Economy**, directed by Nigel Harris (later re-titled **Urban Economic Development (UED)**) and an **MSc in The Built Environment in Developing Countries**, directed by Geoffrey Payne (re-titled **Building and Urban Design in Development (BUDD)** in 1996).

The DPU holds an international conference on **The Emerging Role for International Donors in Housing Finance** organised by Babar Mumtaz in collaboration with the Asian Coalition of Housing Finance Institutions. The conference brought together participants from the World Bank, ADB, IDB, as well as senior executives and professionals from national housing banks in Africa and Asia. The central theme of the conference revolved around Babar Mumtaz' presentation making the case for a radical shift from supply-driven to demand-led approaches to housing finance for low-income urban households.

The DPU ran a series of hands-on workshops on **New Directions in Urban Development** for ODA desk officers making the case for treating infrastructure projects in urban areas as vehicles for 'urban projects' that impact upon wider issues of urban management and governance in addition to upgrading or extending urban infrastructure.

Nadia Taher joins the staff (-2003).

## 1994

DPU holds an international workshop in collaboration with The Urban Agriculture Network (TUAN), Washington and the UK-based Natural Resources Institute on **Urban Agriculture: an Action Agenda for the Future**, organised by Sheilah Meikle with Jack Smit. Some 30 participants from 10 different countries participated.

The DPU decides to 'fall into line' on student fees and make places available

Phe Hoang Huu, first Otto Koenigsberger Scholar with OHK



World Bank publishes its policy paper *'Housing: Enabling Markets to Work'*, which made strong recommendations for financial liberalisation in the housing and construction sectors and the deregulation of private financial markets, but was fairly widely criticised for its apparent dismissal of informal housing production mechanisms and social and financial supports to the lowest urban income groups.



Nadia Taher

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) reduces its project funding by 25%. This had a significant impact on technical assistance funding (including scholarships) as well as on development projects.

An ODA review of its technical co-operation programme recommends the 'projection' of TCT (Technical Co-operation Training) funding, thereby confining its scholarship programme for study in the UK (administered by the British Council) to support only personnel attached to capital aid projects. This and the UNDP retrenchment had a significant impact on the DPU.

### **United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo**

brought the issues of women's empowerment and reproductive health onto the international agenda for the first time. Though this was the strength of the conference many other issues of population growth and re-

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to UK and EC nationals at a reduced rate (c. 1/3 of the economic rate paid by overseas students)

Linda Bruch is appointed DPU Manager (-2009).

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## 1995

A new MSc in **Development Administration & Planning** (DAP), directed by Pervaiz Nazir is started. This was the first major DPU course that is not explicitly addressed to urban development but it fills a gap in the Unit's concerns for national and regional development and planning.

Michael Mattingly and Julio D Dávila take over the direction of the MSc in Urban Development Planning and Babar Mumtaz becomes Director of the MSc in Building and Urban Design in Development.

The DPU holds an international conference in Mumbai (Bombay) on **The Management of Cities during Structural Adjustment**, organised by Nigel Harris and Ida Fabricius in conjunction with Bombay First and the Housing Development Finance Corporation of India, hosted by Mumbai Municipal Corporation with ODA funding. Case studies from some 15 cities of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America were discussed. These are published in Fabricius & Harris (eds), *'Cities & Structural Adjustment'*, UCL Press, 1996.

The **DPU Gender Policy and Planning Programme**, led by Caren Levy and Fra von Massow, start a sustained programme to build the gender-awareness capacity of DG VIII (Directorate General for development in APC countries) both in Brussels and in country programmes.

The DPU receives a donation to establish the David Thomas Award to enable Masters degree students to travel abroad to undertake fieldwork in connection with their dissertations.

The DPU launches its first website.

The DPU closes its Library and Documentation Centre, following the death of Wendy Aldhous and the failure to raise independent funding to keep it stocked and open.

Pervaiz Nazir (-1998) and Adriana Allen join the staff.

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Linda Bruch



Adriana Allen

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source distribution were discussed. Excluding issues of international and internal migration, which were seemingly avoided.

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**United Nations World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen** addressed the issues of poverty, employment and social integration and called for governments to provide an 'enabling environment' for participatory social development and social justice.

**United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing** built upon the advances made at the UN Cairo Population Conference, particularly in the field of reproductive health, and reaffirmed the need for governments to review legislation on women's rights. The organisers were criticised for marginalising the NGO forum, which was held at Huairou in order to distance potential descent from the main inter-governmental conference.



Axumite Gebre-Egziabher, Patrick McAuslan, Adriana Atkinson with Akin Mabusgunje at UMP workshop



1996

The DPU Masters courses are 'modularised' and offered as components of an overall MSc in Built Environment. This was changed a year later when the MSc Development & Planning was approved for the Masters courses offered by the DPU and Bartlett School of Planning.

The DPU Diploma Course, directed by Sheilah Meikle, changes its name to **Diploma in Development & Planning Studies** and is recast to explicitly provide a 'foundation' or 'conversion' course for professionals seeking a career change into urban and regional development. The course ran successfully until 2001, when the Diploma course was finally closed down.

DPU and the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) Rotterdam conduct a roundtable discussion on **Building Capacity for Better Cities** at United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Istanbul. At the roundtable the Urban Capacity Building Network was inaugurated with 6 centres (DPU, IHS Netherlands, LCHS Sweden, IBAM Brazil, AIT Thailand and UNCHS). However, it never really took off.

1997

The **MSc in Theory and Practice of Environmentally Sustainable Development** (soon renamed **MSc Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD)**), directed by Adriana Allen, is started. The course built upon the successful experiences of the DPU short courses on Environmental Planning & Management that preceded it.

The DPU holds an international conference in conjunction with the Institute for Commonwealth Studies on **Managing the City Environment**, organised by Michael Mattingly, Julio D Dávila and Adrian Atkinson with financial support from Citigroup Foundation. Papers by academics and practitioners from 12 countries were discussed. These are published in Atkinson et al (eds) *'The Challenge of Environmental Management in Urban Areas'*, Ashgate, 1999.

The DPU launches a comparative research project on **Resettlement Policy and Practice in China and Philippines**, directed by Sheilah Meikle with Julian Walker and funding from DFID ESCOR. The research examined the different political and legislative approaches to involuntary urban resettlement resulting from urban infrastructure projects and their social impacts of policy interest to both countries as well as being of international significance.

The DPU in partnership with Llewelyn Davies Planning is awarded the **Brit-**

The United Nations publishes its second Global Report on Human Settlements *'An Urbanising World'* (OUP), the principal thrust of which was to draw attention to the growth of the world's urban population, the increase in urban poverty, environmental degradation and social conflict and to call for new approaches to the planning and management of cities. It also calls for the adoption of sustainable approaches to urban and rural settlements based on 'enabling' strategies to support local development.

**Habitat 2 - 'The City Summit'- United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Istanbul.** Following bitter divisions over the recognition of the right to shelter, the *Habitat Agenda for Sustainable Human Settlements Development and Adequate Shelter for All*, was adopted by the conference. This was a complicated document that failed to impart a clear message. However, it did give rise to the UN-Habitat campaigns on 'Good Governance' and 'Secure Tenure to Land and Shelter', which also seem to have little impact. Although the City Summit remained an inter-governmental conference, for the first time local government associations and NGO federations were accepted as non-voting 'partners' in a UN conference.



The first British Labour government in 18 years transforms the ODA (Overseas Development Administration of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office) into a full ministry - **Department for International Development (DFID)** - headed by a Secretary of State (Minister) with a seat in the Cabinet.



Annual staff and student workshop at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor

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ish Consultant Bureau (BCB) Consultant of the Year 1997 for the capacity building work that Michael Mattingly and his LDP colleagues had undertaken in land and local government reform in Poland.

The DPU Gender Policy & Planning Team start a programme of needs assessment, institutional capacity building and training for the Swiss Development Co-operation (SDC) that over the next 6 years developed into a framework of co-ordinated supports for the agency's own staff and project personnel in Switzerland and in project countries.

The DPU establishes a network of European and Latin American academic institutions -CARDHUS- co-ordinated by Ronaldo Ramirez with EC funding, to exchange research and curricular experience in the field of human settlements. Over the following years meetings were held in different European and South American cities.

The DPU hosts the first meeting of the Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-AERUS).

Claudy Vouhé (-2001) and Le-Yin Zhang join the staff.

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1998

A new MSc in **Cosmopolitan Development**, directed by Michael Safier is started.

Robert Biel and Julio D Dávila take over the direction of the MSc in Development Administration and Planning.

The DPU, with DFID Engineering Division, Knowledge & Research Fund (Eng.KaR) finance, starts a two-year research project to examine **Community Learning, Information and Communication (CLIC)** in India. The project, directed by Patrick Wakely and Elizabeth Riley and run in conjunction with GHK Training & Research and SPARC, examined the processes and barriers to collaboration between urban low-income communities and local government.

The DPU launches a two-year research project on **Strategic Environmental Planning and Management for the Peri-Urban Interface**, directed by Michael Mattingly with Adriana Allen and Julio D Dávila and DFID Eng.KaR

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CLIC project National Slum Dwellers Federation meeting, Mumbai



Le-Yin Zhang



Robert Biel



funding in India, Ghana and Colombia, to develop methods and guidelines for environmental planning and management.

**Elizabeth Riley** (-2003) and **Robert Biel** join the staff

## 1999

The DPU launches an **MSc in Social Development Practice (SDP)**, directed by Sheilah Meikle. The course includes a 3-week project run in conjunction with the Community Development Training Institute in Arusha, Tanzania, starting a partnership that continued and developed for the following eight years.

The DPU starts an 18-month research project on **Rapid Spatial Planning**, directed by Michael Mattingly with DFID Eng-KaR funding to examine the processes and results of location decisions for infrastructure investment in the absence of statutory plans in Indonesia, India and Nepal, culminating in a series of training workshops to disseminate the findings in cities in Africa.

The DPU launches a 12-month research programme to examine **Urban Poverty Alleviation through Environmental Upgrading: the Favela Bairro programme, Rio de Janeiro**, undertaken by Jorge Fiori, Elizabeth Riley and Ronaldo Ramirez with funding from DFID ESCOR, to examine the impact of a very large infrastructure upgrading programme on participatory governance and poverty reduction.

An international symposium was held **In Memory of Otto Koenigsberger: His Impact and Influence**, which brought together a wide range of academics and practitioners to remember and remind us of the innovations that Otto Koenigsberger, who died in January 1999, gave to architecture, planning, housing and urban development and to reflect on his intellectual and professional legacy. The symposium closed with a reception hosted by the Council of Architectural Association.

The DPU holds a four-day international conference on **Mainstreaming Gender in Policy and Planning: South-North Experience**, organised by Caren Levy, Nadia Taher and Claudy Vouhé with financial support of Swiss Development Co-operation, Ford Foundation and the British Council. It was attended by some 60 experienced participants from 15 countries. The conference discussed the modalities, obstacles and strategies for implementing institutional gender policies drawn from the experience of the participants.

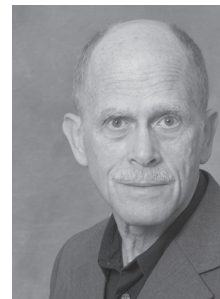
**Nadia Taher** takes over the Directorship of the DPU MPhil/PhD Programme.



Liz Riley



Claudie Vouhé



Michael Mattingly

The **Cities Alliance** is established by the World Bank and UNCHS as an alliance of the major donor governments, the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Metropolis, ADB and UNDP to promote and support urban development through: 1) national or city level slum upgrading programmes; and 2) city development strategies (CDS).

The Engineering Division of **DFID** changes its name to **Infrastructure and Urban Development Department (IUDD)**, signalling an increased official recognition of urban poverty and the importance of towns and cities as the 'engines of national development'.



David Walton, Babar Muntaz, & John Turner at the symposium in memory of Otto Koenigsberger

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# the 1990s

The DPU grew dramatically in the first years of the decade, largely as the result of the income from the sustained TAS programmes in Sri Lanka and India and the overseas activities of the Gender Policy and Planning programme, and relatively high student numbers. This allowed the DPU to take on a 'new generation' of staff. But by the mid '90s the demand for short course training in London had dropped off and changes in ODA policy on TCT scholarships and the fall in UNDP funding meant that MSc and Diploma student numbers also declined. At the same time, however, the conditions (restricting overheads) set by the main research funding bodies were liberalised. Thus for the first time the DPU was able to bid for research grants, which immediately became a highly successful departure for the Unit.

In addition to funded research (major projects outlined above), over the decade the DPU staff carried out just under 100 TAS consultancies in 35 different countries (14 in Asia, 6 in each of Africa and Latin America, 5 in Arab States and 4 in Europe).

Over the decade the emphasis of the Unit's work became increasingly concerned with issues of social justice, environmental sustainability, inter-sectoral integration and partnerships in urban development, whilst the Development Administration and Planning grew to be the most highly subscribed Masters course.

The DPU budget grew from £636,000 in 1990 to £1,100,000 in 1999 (60% increase at constant prices).

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Debates on development and urbanisation in the 1990s tended to be dominated by three major issues: 1) the concept of environmental sustainability of urban and regional development initiatives; 2) the impacts of globalisation on urban economies and societies and the changing role of the state and the new role of corporate investors in urban and regional development in the context of trade liberalisation; and 3) good governance and the participation of local communities, civil society organisations and the private sector in the development and management of towns and cities.

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Internationally the decade is clearly identified with the succession of UN sponsored global conferences that built upon each other, culminating in the City Summit in Istanbul in 1996.

However, with the exception of 'Agenda 21' that emerged from the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, they seem to have made little direct impact on policies and approaches to urban and social development.

At the level of the British government, DFID took on a leading role in donor support to urban development, becoming a leading contributor to the Cities Alliance, the Urban Management Programme and the UN Centre for Human Settlements.

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Hunting Technical Services (HTS) in association with the DPU is appointed by DFID to manage its Natural Resources Systems Programme of research (NRSP) for which Michael Mattingly is responsible for the responsible of all peri-urban projects.

The DPU seconds Babar Mumtaz for a year to UNDP/UNCHS as Senior Technical Advisor to the Indonesian Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements to help develop a locally managed finance system to provide affordable, un-subsidised incremental loans to low income urban households.

2001

The DPU holds an international conference on **Rural-Urban Encounters: Managing the Environment of the Peri-Urban Interface**, organised by Adriana Allen with Julio D Dávila and Michael Mattingly and financial support from the Citigroup Foundation. The conference brought together over 100 people from more than 30 countries to discuss some 35 original papers presented both in plenary and focused workshops. The final outcome was the establishment of a research network on the peri-urban interface, centred at the DPU.

The DPU starts a two-year research project entitled **Communication for Sustainable Urban Livelihoods**, directed by Patrick Wakely and Elizabeth Riley with DFID KaR funding. Working with local researchers in Colombo, Nairobi and Rio de Janeiro, the project examined the means and impediments to communication between low-income communities and local government. The results are published in Riley, E., & Wakely, P., *Communities & Communication: Building Urban Partnerships*, IT Publishing, 2005.

The DPU establishes a two-year link with the Nucleus of Urban & Regional Studies of the University of Brasilia, led by Adriana Allen and funded by the British Council, to develop and adapt a method of ecological-economic zoning (EEZ) to urban areas.

Anna Soave (-2005) joins the staff.

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Anna Soave

The United Nations publishes its third Global Report on Human Settlements *'Cities in a Globalising World'* (Earthscan), which challenges the notion of cities as the 'engines of national development' as being too narrow a concept in the emerging context of globalisation and calls for a reappraisal of market-led approaches to urban development and new strategies to address urban and rural poverty.

The DPU, in conjunction with UNCHS publishes *Implementing the Habitat Agenda: In Search of Urban Sustainability*, (eds. Patrick Wakely and Nicholas You), a 200 page book supported by 84 case studies, as an input to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Human Settlements (Istanbul +5).

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United Nations Special General Assembly ratify the adoption of the **Millennium Development Goals** (MDGs) and targets for the eradication of poverty. Of particular relevance to urban development is Goal 7 on Environmental Sustainability, which embraces Target 10 to halve the number of people without sustainable access to safe water and basic sanitation by 2015 and Target 11 to improve the lives of 100 million slum dwellers by 2020.

DFID publishes its Strategy Paper *'Meeting the Challenge of Urban Poverty'*, one of a series of such policy documents setting out the British Government's agenda for meeting the Millennium Development Goals and Targets. The Strategy Paper was prepared by a working group of DFID staff with substantive contributions from an external Drafting Group, led by the DPU.

Five years after Habitat II, a **United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Human Settlements**, was convened in New York to review progress in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. This was a disappointing event, which, rather than progressing the principles of the Habitat Agenda, was devoted to defending them against a hard-line group of powerful countries that argued for the withdrawal of its most progressive objectives.

The United Nations General Assembly 'upgrades' the Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) to a full **United Nations Human Settlements Programme** (UN-HABITAT),

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The DPU starts a research project on **An Environmental Perspective on the Impact of Economic Growth on Poor Women and Men's Livelihoods in Egypt**, directed by Sheilah Meikle with Patrice North and funding from DFID. The project identified 'democratic' environmental problems that impact equally on rich and poor alike, distinguishing them from those from which the poor suffer disproportionately.

The DPU seconds Babar Mumtaz to Indonesia to lead an Asian Development Bank (ADB) team to develop a nation-wide integrated slum upgrading programme employing the financing mechanisms that he developed during his secondment to Indonesia in 2000-01.

Nkenji Okpara is appointed Courses Administrator (-2007).

2003

**BABAR MUMTAZ is appointed Director of the DPU.**

The DPU in collaboration with the World Bank and the Overseas Development Institute with DFID funding holds a two-day international conference entitled **Investigating The Experience of Poor Households & Communities**. The conference, organised by Caroline Moser and Michael Safier, brought together some 30 researchers from Africa and Asia to discuss approaches and methods to the design and conduct of 'longitudinal' research in which subject communities of social research are revisited 20 or more years later in order to assess generational change. The conference papers and discussion were published in DPU Working Paper No.124.

The DPU starts a three-year research project on **Service Provision Governance in the Peri-Urban Interface of Metropolitan Areas**, directed by Julio D Dávila and Adriana Allen with Pascale Hofmann with research partners in Chennai (Madras), Cairo-Giza, Dar-es-Salaam, Mexico City and Caracas. The project, which is funded by the DFID Eng.KaR programme, examines and makes strategic recommendations for enhancing poor people's control over and access to water and sanitation.

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The DPU, in conjunction with UN-HABITAT publishes *'Sustainable Urbanisation: Bridging the Green and Brown Agenda'* (eds. Adriana Allen and Nicholas You) a 250 page book supported by 75 case studies, as an input to the United Nation World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).

The United Nations publishes its fourth Global Report on Human Settlements, *'The Challenge of Slums'* (Earthscan), which drew attention to the growth and diversity of urban poverty and its manifestation in environmental degradation. It also highlighted the capacity of urban slum communities, in partnership with local government, to be in command of their own development. The DPU (Patrick Wakely with Babar Mumtaz and Elizabeth Riley) had a significant role in preparing the report and (with Kate Clifford and Anna Soave) the design and production of a CDROM/website *'Understanding Slums'* that accompanied it.

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mandated "...to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all".

The United Nations **World Summit on Sustainable Development** (WSSD) met in Johannesburg with a broad agenda to reach international agreements on achieving development that is environmentally sustainable, business oriented and able to promote global, national and local democracy. Although many declarations of inter-sectoral collaboration were made, few of them were binding commitments to operationally sustainable development.

The British government Department for International Development (DFID) radically restructures its Policy Division, disbanding its advisory departments (including the IUDD) and closing their discretionary Technical Assistance and research budgets. Urban poverty and urban development cease to be treated as of particular importance to national development, despite the evidence and arguments developed by DFID itself over the preceding decade.



The DPU (Babar Mumtaz and Michael Walls) is commissioned by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs to prepare a review of progress to meeting the MDGs and the targets set by Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development in relation to human settlements for the twelfth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

The DPU starts a research project on the **Impact of Energy Use on the Livelihoods of Poor Urban Women and Girls in Tanzania**, directed by Sheilah Meikle with Patrice North and funding from DFID Eng.KaR. The study drew attention on the impact of different energy sources, particularly for cooking, on the livelihoods of women and the education of girls.

Dr Anna Tibajuka, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme is awarded and Honorary Dotorate in the University of London by UCL. Her nomination was proposed by the DPU.

**Robert Biel** takes over the Directorship of the DPU MPhil/PhD Programme (-2009).

**Pascale Hofmann** and **Patrice North** (-2012) join the staff.

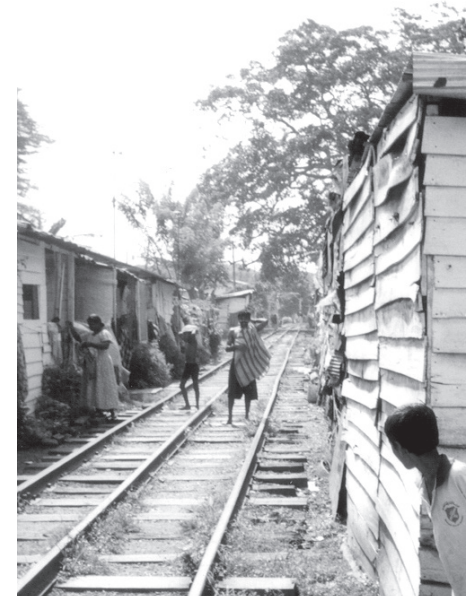
**Yukiko Fujimoto** is appointed Clerical Assistant (-2005).



Babar Mumtaz



Pascale Hofmann



## 2004

The DPU (Sheilah Meikle) is commissioned by UN-HABITAT Afghanistan to report on the project, **Governance, Shelter, Tenancy**, funded by the European Commission.

The DPU continues the Framework Contract with Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation (SDC), led by Caren Levy and Julian Walker (with Nadia Taher and Claudy Vouhé) on monitoring and evaluation of gender programmes and gender mainstreaming. Julian visits Armenia, Kosovo and Albania.

The DPU (Michael Walls) produces fact sheets for DFID's Urban and Rural Change team on the complexities and irregularities pertaining to understanding urban and rural contexts.

The DPU (Adriana Allen) visits Hubli-Dharwad, India to report on mainstreaming rural-urban collaboration in local and state government practices and participate in EU-TERI-IRMA meeting.

UCL launches cross-faculty, interdisciplinary **MA in Gender Studies**.

**The Coalition of the Urban Poor** is launched at a two-day workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa, attended by Patrick Wakely. The South African Minister for Housing, Dr Lindwie Nonceba Sisulu, and slum community leaders attend the workshop - the coalition engages 100,000 families across 700 informal urban settlements.

UN-HABITAT and DESA review progress of MDGs relating to human settlements. DPU (Babar Mumtaz with Michael Walls) leads the review, published as Mumtaz, B. and Walls, M. (2004). *'Sustainable Human Settlements: Development and Management'*. (Report on Human Settlements CSD 12:64). UN-DESA: New York and Nairobi.

UN-HABITAT establishes **Human Settlements Research Network** (HS-Net) to provide a coherent, effective and sustainable global system for researching and reporting on human settlements, the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the relevant Millennium Development Goals. DPU Alumni and Associates (Pat Wakely, Paula Jirón, Jose Luis Lezama and Gustavo Riofrío) are appointed to the three-year Advisory Board.

**Commission for Africa** is appointed by UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, comprising leaders from the North and South to hold conferences over one year on topics including governance, HIV/AIDS, conflict resolution and the environment. Designed to inform 2005 G8.

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Caren Levy is on the Steering Committee. DPU module on **Gender, Policy and Planning** is one of the optional modules for the course.

**Adriana Allen** is appointed Director of Research (-2006).

**Eleni Kyrou** (-2010) joins the staff.

**Pauline Amos Wilson** (-2006), **Edesio Fernandes** (-2005), **Nabeel Hamdi** (-2009) **Michael Mattingly** (-2006), **James Oporia-Ekwaro**, **Robinson Rojas**, and **Katja Schafer** (-2005) are appointed Teaching Fellows.

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## 2005

### **CAREN LEVY is appointed Director of the DPU**

The DPU restructures its MSc programmes, bringing all the practice elements into a new, core **Practice Module**, including the overseas applied research fieldwork that has characterised DPU Masters programmes.

The DPU is closely involved in the establishment of the **UCL Urban Laboratory**, a university wide initiative that brings together the best urban teaching and research. **Adriana Allen** was appointed Co-director in **Social Cohesion, Urban Infrastructure and the Public Realm** (-2011). **Camillo Boano** is appointed Co-director in 2012.

The DPU (**Julio D Dávila**) undertakes research, **Land and Housing for the Urban Poor, Case Studies from Bogota-Soacha and Medellin Colombia**, with **Universidad de los Andes** and **Universidad de Colombia (Medellin)** funded by **Cities Alliance**.

The DPU (**Peter Townroe** and **Eleni Kyrou** with **GHK**) is appointed by **DFID** to undertake a multi-sectoral appraisal of the **Little Bay Development Project** in **Montserrat**, a post-disaster rehabilitation project.

The DPU (**Babar Mumtaz**) organises and accompanies a UK field visit for a team from **West Bengal**, led by the **Minister of Urban Development** and including the **Mayor of Howrah** and **DFID India**, as part of the **Howrah Urban Regeneration Study**.

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**David Satterthwaite** receives the **Volvo Environment Prize** for work helping to identify measures to counter the environmental problems resulting from urbanisation.

**DFID Policy, Practice and Place** conference held by the **Sustainable Development Group**. **Nigel Harris** with **Frank Ellis**, **ODG-UEA**, makes a presentation on and the importance of urban centres as drivers of development in **Sub-Saharan Africa**.

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**Tsunami Recovery Network of Professionals** is formed in reaction to the 2004 **Boxing Day Tsunami**; DPU takes a leading role and supports the recovery and reconstruction work of **Sevantha Urban Resource Centre** in **Sri Lanka**.

**UN** publishes '*Millennium Eco System Assessment Report*' - 1300 experts from 95 countries contribute to report on the impacts of ecological change on human well being.

**Kofi Annan** presents, '*In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all*', report to the 59th **General Assembly** which called for the establishment of the **United Nations Human Rights Council** as a successor to the **United Nations Commission on Human Rights**. This came into effect in 2006 with overwhelming support from the **General Assembly**.

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**Boxing Day Tsunami** devastates **Asia-Pacific** region.



Eleni Kyrou

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Beginning of **United Nations Decade of Water for Life**.

**UN-HABITAT** organises a three-day **Symposium on Housing and Urban Development in Iraq**, in **Amman, Jordan**. **Sheilah Meikle** contributes to the workshop that marks the start of the programme for housing reconstruction, bringing together a number of **Iraqi governmental departments** with **UN officials** for the first time.

The **Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness** is signed by 100 countries from the **North and South**. The Declaration contains 56 **partnership commitments** organised around five principles that make aid more effective: **ownership, alignment, harmonisation, managing for results and mutual accountability**.

The DPU (Caren Walker and Julian Walker with Nadia Taher) runs the first of four short courses on **Gender, Social Justice and Citizenship**, funded by the Chevening Fellowships Programme and Foreign and Commonwealth Office and managed by the British Council. The course is designed to support mid-career professionals (-2009).

**Zeremariam Fre**, **David Satterthwaite** and **Peter Townroe** (-2006) are appointed Teaching Fellows.

**Yukiko Fujimoto** is appointed Unit Secretary/PA to the Director (-2006). **Sharon Cooney** is appointed Assistant to the Courses Administrator.



Katya Schäfer



James Oporia-Ekwaro



Patrice North



Zeremariam Fre

## 2006

The DPU holds its first **Images in Development** exhibition at 34 Tavistock Square. The exhibition features the work of PhD candidate Reza Masoudi Nejad.

The DPU (Patrick Wakely) is commissioned by UNDP, UN-HABITAT and UNHCR to provide guidance in **Rebuilding the Towns of Southern Sudan**, capacity building for municipal authorities and communities to reconstruct and develop the towns of Southern Sudan after 20 years of civil war (-2008).

The DPU (Le Yin Zhang) works with professionals from Halcrow UK and Tsinghua, China on, **Sustainable Urbanisation in Metropolitan Regions** research project in China, funded by ADB. The project forms part of the Chinese government's endeavour to implement its 11th Five-Year Plan.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila and Nabeel Hamdi) appointed Ove Arup Fellows in a collaboration with the newly formed African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town to teach Community Development and Urban Infrastructure module on the **MPhil Urban Infrastructure: Design and Management** (-2009). (Caren Levy appointed 2009, Eleni Kyrou appointed 2009-2010, Alexandre Apsan Frediani appointed 2011).

**Yves Cabannes** is appointed Chair of Development Planning.

**Cassidy Johnson** joins the staff and is appointed Course Director of MSc Building and Urban Design in Development (-2009).

**Stephen Gruneberg** (-2007) is appointed Teaching Fellow.

The DPU participates in World Urban Forum III:

Caren Levy chairs debate, **Urban Development Strategies are not relevant to PRSPs**;

Patrick Wakely moderates a **Researchers Roundtable, Planning and Managing Sustainable Cities: From Research to Practice**;

Wakely and Levy are panel members for a joint networking session with Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHD), Housing Development and Management (HDM), University of Lund and UN-HABITAT;

Yves Cabannes chairs a networking session entitled, **Participatory Budgeting: Building Participatory Democracy**.

The DPU (Adriana Allen and Pascale Hofmann) participates in the World Water Forum, presenting the outcomes from Allen, A., Dávila, J.D. and Hofmann, P. (2006). *Governance of Water and Sanitation Services for the Urban Poor*. London: DPU, UCL. Adriana Allen convenes the discussion of the Empowerment and Democratisation working group and the High Level Panel. Adriana Allen is also appointed member of the **Beacon Team** to champion debates on institution-

Third World Urban Forum held in Vancouver, Canada, coordinated by UN-HABITAT, entitled, **Sustainable Cities - Turning Ideas into Action**.

IV World Water Forum, Mexico



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## 2007

In June, after 30 years at Endsleigh Gardens, the DPU relocates to 34 Tavistock Square, WC1.

Launch of **DPU Dialogues in Development**, a forum for academics, practitioners and communities to share ideas and experience in development policy and planning.

The DPU (Yves Cabannes) collaborates with IIED on research project, **Migration and Mobility in Mexico** (-2009) examining the impact of collective remittances from Mexican workers abroad on the small communities where they are channelled.

The DPU is commissioned to coordinate the research project, **Urbanisation and Municipal Development in Mozambique** (-2008), and contribute three chapters to a World Bank publication, jointly funded by DANIDA, the World Bank, UN-HABITAT, SDC, GTZ and Austrian Aid.

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al change and political processes at the World Water Forum.

Hague, C., Wakely, P., J. Crespín and Jasko, C. (2006). *Making Planning Work: a Guide to Approaches and Skills*. London, Practical Action, published to coincide with WUF.

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Cassidy Johnson



David Satterthwaite



Nabeel Hamdi



Robinson Rojas

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) releases 4th Assessment Report. David Satterthwaite contributes two chapters to the working group, **Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability**.

**UN Advisory Group on Forced Evictions** presents Cabannes, Y. and Osorio, L. (2007). *Executive Summary Report of the Advisory Group on Forced Evictions* to the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT. Yves Cabannes is appointed Coordinator of the Group 2004-2011.

Future Buildings Forum Think Tank Workshop on **Future Sustainable Buildings and Communities**, Espoo, Finland.

UN publishes, *State of World Population 2007: Unleashing the Potential of Urban Growth*. The Report finds that in 2008 for the first time, more than half of the world's population will live in urban areas.

The World Bank holds meeting on **Rural Housing for Earthquake Affected Areas in Pakistan**. The aim is to reach consensus on policy and programmes for the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA). The conference marks the start of a transition phase from relief to reconstruction. The conference is attended by Babar Mumtaz.



Yves Cabannes leads the analysis of the challenges and opportunities for municipal development based on the first ten years of decentralisation and contributes the chapter on **Governance and Planning**. Julio D Dávila and Eleni Kyrou conduct research on, **Urban Poverty and Rural-Urban Linkages, Mozambique**, which examines the extent to which the urban and peri-urban poor have benefited from decentralisation and recent economic growth.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila) is commissioned to conduct research into **The Role of Mayors in Municipal Development, Colombia** (2007), funded by IIED. Findings published in Dávila, J. D. (2009). *Being a Mayor: the View from Four Colombian Cities*, Environment and Urbanization, Vol.21(2).

The DPU (Yves Cabannes with Yassar Ardenali) is commissioned by United Cities, Local Government (UCLG) to conduct research into **Innovative Municipal Policies for Social Inclusion** (2007), drawing together 15 innovative policies from case studies around the world.

The DPU (Adriana Allen and Pascale Hofmann) undertakes the research project, **Moving down the Ladder: Governance and sanitation that works for the urban poor** (-2008) commissioned by the International Water and Sanitation Centre Commission, providing a synthesis of the current debates concerned with the governance of urban sanitation for the poor.

The DPU (Eleni Kyrou) is commissioned by the UN Population Fund to provide trainers and facilitators for a capacity building workshop for NGOs in **Leadership, Management, Communication Skills and Project Planning** held in Indonesia.

Yves Cabannes is appointed Director of Research (-2009).

Michael Walls joins the staff.

Camillo Boano and Ruth McLeod are appointed Teaching Fellows.

Nkenji Okpara is appointed Senior Administrator.

The aim was to identify Research and Development needs and new business opportunities for sustainable buildings and communities, producing a vision and roadmap up to 2030. Cassidy Johnson delivers a presentation: **Zero Energy Solar Buildings and Cities**.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Bonn. At the UNFCCC pre-sessional Expert Meeting on **Economic Diversification**, Le Yin Zhang is Resource Person and makes presentations on **Economic Diversification and Sustainable Development: Linkages and Barriers and Fostering Economic Diversification**.

UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform holds **Expert Group Meeting on Integrating Climate Change into National Sustainable Development Strategies**, New York. Le Yin Zhang presents the paper, *Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Linkages and Approaches to Integration*.

The 8th Annual Conference of N-AERUS focuses on the issue of, **Grassroots-led Urban Development: Achievements; Potentials; Limitations**, hosted by the DPU with IIED.

The DPU (Adriana Allen and Pascale Hofmann) is commissioned to contribute to the research project, **Urban Linkages for Poverty Reduction and Reciprocal Urbanisation** (2007) by IDRC and UN-HABITAT and contribute to the State of the World's Cities Report. The project assesses current thinking and planned interventions on the role of reciprocal rural-urban linkages in poverty reduction.



Yves Cabannes



Michael Walls



Camillo Boano



Ruth McLeod

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2008

The DPU (Yves Cabannes and Robert Biel) with Transition Towns Brixton and the Guinness Trust Estate Residents Association develops the **ABUNDANCE** urban agriculture project (-2009), community mapping and developing a demonstration allotment in South London. One of the project outcomes is published in Cabannes, Y. (2009). *'Green Mapping Manual for Urban Agriculture.'* London, DPU/UrbanBuzz.

The DPU (Yves Cabannes and Cassidy Johnson) is commissioned by the Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) to coordinate research, **How People Face Evictions** (-2009). The project aims to learn from people who have faced evictions and to promote exchanges and mutual learning between groups and networks. The findings are published in Cabannes, Y., Yafai, S. and Johnson, C. (Eds) (2010). *'How People Face Evictions.'* London, BSHF-DPU.

The DPU (Adriana Allen and Cassidy Johnson) is commissioned by the British Council Higher Education Link Programme to conduct a research project, **Built in Resilience: Learning from Urban Grassroots Coping Strategies to Climate Variability** (-2010) as part of an exchange with BRAC University, Bangladesh. The project examines how the urban poor are coping with conditions of vulnerability by understanding how they respond to environmental hazards.

The DPU (Yves Cabannes) conducts mid term review of Resource Centre on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF)'s, **Cities Farming for the Future Programme.**

The DPU (Julian Walker) conducts a **Social Impact Assessment** for upgrading an oil refinery in a peri-urban district of northwest Cairo.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila and Alexandre Apsan Frediani) conducts capacity building training in Accra, Ghana, **Local Governance and Water and Sanitation Services: Challenges and Lessons in Rapidly Urbanising Countries** funded by the Commonwealth Secretariat - attended by local and national government officials from 15 commonwealth countries in Africa and Asia.

Camillo Boano and José Antonio Puppim de Oliveira (-2009) join the staff Sara Feys (-2009) and Michael Whitbread (-2013) are appointed Teach-

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**Asian Coalition for Community Action Programme** (ACCA) is launched by the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), David Satterthwaite and Diana Mitlin (IIED) provide support.

The World Bank publishes international handbook on post disaster reconstruction, Jha, A. K. et al (2008). *'Safer Home, Stronger Communities: Handbook for Reconstruction After Natural Disasters.'* Washington, World Bank. The DPU (Camillo Boano) contributes along with the World Habitat Research Centre of the University of Applied Science of South-western Switzerland and TCG International.

The Lancet publishes, *'Managing the Health Effects of Climate Change.'* The DPU (Adriana Allen, Caren Levy and José Antonio Puppim de Oliveira) participate in the inter-faculty UCL-Lancet commission, setting out how climate change over the coming decade could have disastrous effects on health across the globe.

The DPU (Yves Cabannes and Adriana Allen) participates in the World Urban Forum IV in Nanjing, China. The DPU leads the training session on **Tools and methods for participatory budgeting**, coordinates session, **How people face evictions: lessons learned from people led initiatives** and the networking session, **Participatory budgeting, current challenges.** DPU also coordinates **Knee Deep: Waste Management and Rural Urban Linkages** and Networking

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The Global Financial Crisis affects millions of people globally. The prices of staple foods and fuel dramatically increase pushing millions into poverty.

International Year of Sanitation

**Accra Agenda for Action.** All OECD countries and 54 developing countries commit to increasing aid effectiveness. The agreement builds upon the Paris Agreement, 2005, specifically in the areas of ownership, inclusive partnerships and delivering results.

UN Habitat World Urban Forum IV in Nanjing on the theme: **Harmonious Urbanisation: the Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development.**

14th Session of FAO, Europe and Central Asia, **Working Party on Women and the family in rural development**, Budapest. Julian Walker is the Resource Person. United Nations Climate Change Conference, (COP14), Poznan.



Michael Whitbread

ing Fellows. Sadly Michael Whitbread passed away in 2013  
**Pushpa Arabindoo** joint DPU-Dept. of Geography appointment (-2010)  
**Oscar Clarke** is appointed Unit Administrator (-2013). **Yukiko Fujimoto** is appointed Programme Administrator/Finance Manager  
**Camillo Boano** is appointed Lecturer, Course Director of MSc Building and Urban Design in Development and Director of Communications.

## 2009

UCL MA in Gender Studies is renamed **MA Gender, Society and Representation**. Caren Levy and Julian Walker are on the Steering Committee.

The DPU (Alexandre Apsan Frediani), with UCL Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, holds a workshop, **Children, Disabilities and Well-being: a preliminary investigation in India**, funded by the UCL Bridging the Gaps Programme. In 2010 the DPU (Alexandre Apsan Frediani and Julian Walker) hold follow-up workshop to develop the methodology for the, **Identities, Well-being and Disabilities**, research project.

The DPU (Yves Cabannes) undertakes research, **Peri-urban Agriculture in Lisbon and London: Generating Social Inclusion and Biodiversity** (-2010), funded by the Treaty of Windsor Programme. The research examines the relationship between recent immigrant populations and urban farming practices.

The DPU supports an initiative led by UNESCO-IHE, **Rural-Urban Transformations and Wastewater Management** (2009). The desk-study examines service delivery options for the urban and peri-urban poor. The outputs were disseminated via an online course on urban sanitation policy and management in developing countries and the book, Kurian, M. and McCarney, P. (Eds) (2010). *'Peri-Urban Water and Sanitation Services. Policy, Planning and Method.'* London, Springer, including chapters by Matthew Kurian and Adriana Allen.

The DPU (Caren Levy, Patrick Wakely and Michael Mattingly with Alexandre Apsan Frediani) is commissioned by the Commonwealth of Planners to undertake a **Review of Planning Education across the Commonwealth**. Published in Levy, C., Mattingly, M., & Wakely, P. (2011). *'Commonwealth Capacity Building for Planning: Review of Planning Education Across the Commonwealth'*. The Commonwealth Secretariat.

The DPU with UCL Environment Institute holds Symposium on climate change adaptation, **Climate Change Adaptation: the Science, the Political**

Session, **What's really stopping government from investing more resources and capacity in improving the lives of slum dwellers and providing adequate alternatives to new slum formation?**

**Bloomsbury Gender Network** launched on International Women's Day. Caren Levy represents DPU/UCL on the Steering Committee.

**Development from Disasters: Scaling up Owner Driven Reconstruction** conference held by Southbank University with Practical Action and Red Cross. Camillo Boano is on the Steering Committee. The conference proceedings contribute towards two volumes on reconstruction after disasters:

Lizarralde, G., Johnson, C. and Davidson, C. (Eds) (2010). *'Rebuilding After Disasters: From Emergency to Sustainability'*. London, Spon Press (Taylor & Francis);

Lyons, M., Schilderman, T. and Boano, C. (Eds) (2010). *'Building Back Better. Delivering People-centred Housing Reconstruction at Scale'*. London, Practical Action.

**The Past, Present and Future of Urban Slums and Urban Settlements**, workshop and book launch held by the DPU in collaboration with Global Urban Research Centre, Manchester University and DPU-Associates to mark the publication of Caroline Moser's book *'Ordinary Families, Extraordinary Lives: Assets and Poverty Reduction in Guayaquil, 1978-2004'*. Virginia, Brooking Institution. The workshop, brought together

United Nations Climate Change Conference, (COP15), Copenhagen

International Year of Human Rights Learning

Africities Conference held in Marrakech, Morocco on the theme, **The response of African local and regional governments to the global crisis: promoting sustainable local development and employment**. The DPU with UCLG organises a special session on participatory budgeting in Africa.

The World Bank hosts **5th Urban Research Symposium: Cities and Climate Change: Responding to an Urgent Agenda**, in Marseille, France. Le Yin Zhang presents the paper, *'Does climate change make industrialisation an obsolete development strategy for cities in the South?'* and Huraera Jabeen, Cassidy Johnson and Adriana Allen present *'Built in Resilience: Learning from Grassroots Coping Strategies to Climate Variability'*

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**Process and some Preliminary Findings and Costings**, involving leading experts from around the world, moderated by David Satterthwaite.

The DPU (Caren Levy and Yves Cabannes) enter into a **Partnership in the Development of an Integrated Curriculum for the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)**, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. Activities covered development of curriculum (including 20 modules), research and networks.

Working with Building Partnerships for Development (BPD) and WaterAid, DPU (Adriana Allen) provides advisory support to the project, **Small Town Water and Sanitation Delivery: Taking a Wider View** (-2010), funded through a planning grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The research focuses on six WaterAid country programmes in Bangladesh, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda.

The DPU (Alexandre Apsan Frediani) begins collaboration with Architecture Sans Frontières (ASF-UK) holding four workshops over five years on participatory design and planning tools: Salvador da Bahia, Brazil (2009 and 2010), Nairobi, Kenya (2011) and Quito, Ecuador (2013).

The DPU, with UCL/Aon Benfield Hazard Research Centre, holds conference, **Disaster Risk Reduction for Natural Hazards: Putting Research into Practice**, bringing together researchers and practitioners from academia, civil society, humanitarian, development and business sectors, with keynote speeches from Adriana Allen, Camillo Boano and Cassidy Johnson.

**Julio D Dávila** is appointed Director of the MPhil/PhD programme (-2012)  
**Alexandre Apsan Frediani** joins the staff.

**David Dodman** and **Katherine Wellard Dyer** (-2010) are appointed Teaching Fellows.

**Matthew Brown** (-2012) is appointed Administrative Assistant.

**Sharon Cooney** is appointed Assistant Programme Administrator/Finance Manager.

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different generations of urban specialists working in the Global South.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila) is awarded an UCL-Abbey Grant to support an academic exchange with the School of Regional Planning in Medellín.

**Inquiry in Urbanisation and Poverty**, House of Commons International Development Committee, focusing on DFID's contribution to meeting MDG Goal 7 target, 'the provision of services and basic infrastructure, and support to employment and livelihoods for the urban poor'. The DPU submits written evidence (Caren Levy and Yves Cabannes) and gives oral evidence (Caren Levy and Ruth McLeod), available in: House of Commons International Development Committee, 2009, *Urbanisation and Poverty*, Seventh Report of Session 2008–09, Vol. 1.

Michael Walls publishes, *The Emergence of a Somali State: Building Peace from Civil War in Somaliland*. African Affairs, 108 (432). Somaliland Focus Meeting hosted by DPU at UCL, launching a documentary on 1991-97 government development in Somaliland.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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Julian Walker



David Dodman



Alexandre Apsan Frediani



# the 2000s

Generational change and growth are dominant themes in the decade. This is reflected in all aspects of the DPU. The leadership of the DPU passes from Pat Wakely, to Babar Mumtaz to Caren Levy. Between 1998 and 2006, seven members of the DPU staff retire, and the staff goes from 12.3 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) in 2005-06 to 20.1 FTE in 2009-10. This takes place against a dramatic expansion of student numbers (MPhil/PhD and MSc) from 70 in 2000-01 to 99 in 2007-08 to 162 in 2009-10 (a decadal increase of 131%). While overseas students continue to comprise between 55-65% of the student body, the student cohort as a whole becomes younger. In 2007 the DPU also moves two blocks away from the premises it had occupied for some 30 years.

Through the decade, the DPU consolidates and develops its profile in a number of new areas: climate change and disaster risk reduction; urban agriculture; participatory design and contested urbanism.

With the retirement of the older staff, TAS declines in the middle of the decade but stabilises by 2010, marked by a number of large strategic projects, including deepening partnerships with institutions like the Indian Institute of Human Settlements. Research and related activities expand steadily, as the staff numbers grow.

Launch of UCL Grand Challenges in 2008 provides a stimulating platform to extend the DPU's already established ties across UCL. The decade also marks a closer integration of the DPU into the Bartlett.

The DPU budget more than doubled from £1,100,000 in 1999 to £2,350,000 in 2009-10.

and policy/programme implementation - in the decade is dominated by eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), launched at the Millennium Summit in 2000, with the adoption of the Millennium Declaration.

Not always part of these MDG practices, the decade also sees the growth and increasing international recognition of community-led development and scaled up community-based organisations like Slum Dwellers International (SDI) and the Asian Coalition of Housing Rights (ACHR), who launch and implement multi-country and scalar programmes of housing and infrastructure improvement, supported by public and private donors combined with community resources.

The adoption of a multi-dimensional conception of poverty extends through the decade, moving beyond solely an income focus and targets like \$1/day.

The fields of urban development and planning are also dominated by debates about the consequences of climate change and disaster risk reduction, with the extension of the notion of resilience into all dimensions of development. The DPU is part of a small group in the field who argue for the importance of connecting environmental and social justice to resilience and the ongoing priority given to private sector-led development in cities.

This significant and turbulent decade internationally. It marks a momentous transition to more than 50% of the world's population living in urban areas, with 2007/2008 identified as the tipping point. Despite this demographic shift and its socio-economic and political implications, earlier in the decade DFID along with other bi-lateral agencies, turn away from urban development as a distinct priority, as aid becomes increasingly focused on the private sector, economic growth and post 9/11, on security. Aid itself becomes increasingly privatised.

The decade also sees the emergence of the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China), who by the beginning of the next decade along with South Korea, Indonesia, Mexico and Turkey, account for 25% of global GDP (2011). The start of a 'Global Financial Crisis' in 2007, said to be the most serious since the Great Depression, impacts unevenly internationally, initiated by a banking crisis in the global North.

## 2010

The DPU (Gynna Millán) launches **dpublog**.

The DPU (Cassidy Johnson) is commissioned by UNISDR to undertake research, **Recent Experience of Regulatory Frameworks for Land, Planning and Building in Reducing Disaster Risk** (-2011). The research looks at how government action and regulation can help reduce future losses from natural hazards. The findings are published in UNISDR (2011). *'Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction'* (GAR11).

The DPU undertakes research, **Local Governance, Urban mobility and Poverty Reduction. Lessons from Medellín, Colombia** (-2012), funded by ESRC and DFID, examining the links between mobility, poverty reduction, social inclusion and urban integration, with particular focus on the impact of two cable car lines. The results are published in Dávila, J.D. (editor) (2013). *'Urban Mobility and Poverty: Lessons from Medellín and Soacha, Colombia'*. London: DPU, UCL and Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

The DPU (Julian Walker with Nadia Taher and Claudy Vouhé) undertakes an evaluation of ILO's **BASIC** project on Gender Equality in the World of Work in Brazil, Angola, South Africa, India and China.

The DPU (Julian Walker) undertakes a gender analysis of the **Kyrgyz, Swiss, Swedish Health Project** (KSSHP).

The DPU (Camillo Boano with Tiziana Rosetto and John Twigg (CEGE)) organises an interdisciplinary workshop on **Disaster Recovery**, funded by the Executive Sub-Committee on Innovations in Learning, Teaching and Assessment. The workshop was part of an interdepartmental focus on **Disasters, Recovery, Vulnerabilities and Resilience**.

The DPU participates in the launch of *International Journal of Sustainable Urban Development*, published by Taylor and Francis edited by DPU alumnus, Dr Ramin Keivani, with Patrick Wakely and Adriana Allen as Co-editors.

Colin Marx, and Matthew Kurian (-2011) join the staff.  
Barbara Lipietz and William Hunter (-2013) are appointed Teaching Fellows.  
Gynna Millán Franco (-2013) is appointed Media Officer.  
Diana Daste (-2012) is appointed Research Assistant.  
Michael Walls is appointed Director of Research (-2013).

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To mark the halfway point in the **Water for Life Decade**, Adriana Allen and Sarah Bell (CEGE) host an Expert Symposium on **Urban Water Poverty** and instigate a dialogue between practitioners and academics across departments at UCL entitled, **Urban Water poverty Halfway through the Decade of Water for Life** (-2011). The outcomes are published in a special issue of the 2011 International *Journal for Sustainable Development* Vol.5 (2) (eds Adriana Allen and Sarah Bell).

UCL Disaster Institute hosts **Thinking Development** in Haiti Week. Camillo Boano participates in panel discussion on **Preparing for a More Disaster Resilient Future**.

World Congress of Cities and Local Governments held in Mexico City launched the **City of 2030** manifesto. Yves Cabannes gives presentations on **Local currencies as an alternative to the crisis and Current answers from communities and local governments to the economic crisis**.

Von Hugel Institute and Capability Sustainability Network hold workshop on **The Contribution of Human Development Reports**. Alexandre Apsan Frediani presents, *'Participation: from Tyranny to Human Development? Participatory Capabilities and Development Planning'*, to coincide with the 2010 Human Development Report.

Cassidy Johnson, David Dodman and David Satterthwaite are appointed main contributors for the preparation of the **International Federation of Red Cross World Disaster Report focused on Urban Disasters**.

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UN Habitat World Urban Forum V in Rio de Janeiro on the theme: **The Right to the City- Bridging the Urban Divide**.

The earthquake in Haiti devastates Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas; 1.5 million people are made homeless.

Halfway point in the **Water for Life Decade**. UN Resolution 64/292 explicitly recognises the Right to Water.

At the September 2010 MDG Summit, UN Member States initiated steps towards advancing the development agenda beyond 2015 (post MDGs). UN resolution, *'Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals'*.

Somaliland holds second democratic presidential elections since declaring independence in 1991. Michael Walls is part of the three-person team coordinating the UK-assisted **International Election Observation** mission in Somaliland.

Establishment of the International Food Security and Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism in the UN Committee on World Food Security.

United Nations Climate Change Conference, (COP16), Cancun

**Multi-dimensional Poverty Index** published in the UNDP Human Development Report.

## 2011

The DPU launches Research Clusters to consolidate and catalyse past research and TAS:

**Urban Transformations;  
Environmental Justice Urbanisation and Resilience;  
Diversity, Social Complexity and Planning Interventions;  
The State and Market: Governance and Policy for Development.**

The DPU and the Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment launch a new website.

The DPU launches the **DPUsummerLab**, coordinated by Camillo Boano and William Hunter. Convened in Rome (2010 and 2011), Zurich and Rome (2012) and Santiago, Medellin, London and Rome (2013).

The DPU (Adriana Allen) collaborates with UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction on, **Climate Variability, Water Risk and its Management in Bolivia's Altiplano Development Strategy** (2011) funded by CAFOD. The research examines the processes that put at risk the quantity and quality of water resources, livelihoods and well-being of communities in the Altiplano region.

The DPU (Camillo Boano and Alexandre Apsan Frediani) is commissioned by Oxfam GB for research entitled, **Urban Settlements on High-risk Land: Relocation, Mitigation and Prevention. Guatemala and Bolivia** (-2012). The research aims to understand the social production of risks and vulnerabilities in different poor urban settlements in both Guatemala City and La Paz.

The DPU (Cassidy Johnson) is commissioned to undertake research on **Disaster Risk Reduction Towards Action Research for Community Adaptation in Bangladesh** (-2013), as part of a wide-ranging research programme managed by IIED and Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies (BCAS). The objectives of the programme are to collect community based traditional knowledge on adaptation and generate empirical knowledge on community-based adaptation.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila) participates in a UCL Lancet cross-faculty commission on 'Healthy Cities' leading to the publication, Rydin, Y., Bleahu, A., Davies, M., Dávila, JD. et al (2012) *'Shaping Cities for Health: Complexity in the Planning of Urban Environments in the 21st Century'*. The Lancet Vol.379 No.9831.

International Resource Panel (IRP) publishes flagship report, *'Cities, Decoupling and Urban Infrastructures'*, commissioned by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with contributions from Adriana Allen, Vanesa Castan-Broto, Julio D Dávila and Diana Daste. The study provides an in-depth interdisciplinary analysis of resource flows through cities.

The DPU/UCL Environment Institute (Adriana Allen and Vanesa Castan Broto) host an interdisciplinary dialogue around the theme of **Urban Metabolism**. The project focuses on the potential for interdisciplinary studies for sustainable cities.

The **City in Urban Poverty Workshop** for policymakers, practitioners and theorists, is held at UCL by the DPU, funded by UCL Grand Challenges. The workshop explores spatialities of urban poverty. The outcomes of the workshop will be published in a forthcoming book entitled, *'The City in Urban Poverty'* (Eds Colin Marx and Charlotte Lemanski).

The Arab Spring sees major protests across the Middle East and North Africa, leading eventually to a change of government in Tunisia, Egypt (twice), Libya and Yemen.

International Year of Youth

United Nations Climate Change Conference, (COP17), Durban



Colin Marx



Barbara Lipietz

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The DPU (Vanessa Castan Broto) begins collaboration with Newcastle University and Open University on research, **Shock(not)Horror: mediating radical transformations in infrastructure provision** (2011-2013), funded by EPS-RC. The project aims to develop a new concept of infrastructure resilience.

The DPU (Vanessa Castan Broto, Adriana Allen and Caren Levy) begins research collaboration with Atkins, **Future Proofing Cities: Risks and opportunities for inclusive growth in developing countries** (-2012), funded by DFID. The research aims to utilise and develop the capabilities of cities to respond to the risks associated with climate change, resource scarcities, and damage to ecosystems. Outcomes are published in Godfrey, N. and Savage, R. (2012). *Future Proofing Cities: Risks and Opportunities for Inclusive Growth in Developing Countries*. London: Atkins.

The DPU (Julian Walker and Nadia Taher) supports the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC/DEZA) in gender mainstreaming as part of the **SDC South Caucasus Programme**.

**Adriana Allen** is appointed UCL Environment Institute Co-director on Sustainable Cities.

**Etienne von Bertrab** (-2013), **Vanessa Castan Broto**, **Barbara Lipietz** and **Colin Marx** join the staff.

**David Satterthwaite** is appointed Visiting Professor.

**Andrew Bradford** (-2012) and **Melissa Garcia Lamarca** (-2012) are appointed Teaching Fellows.

**Catherine Tchitembo** (-2012) is appointed Research Administrator.

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Vanessa Castan Broto



William Hunter



Etienne von Bertrab



Melissa Garcia Lamarca



Gynna Millán Franco

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## 2012

### **JULIO D DÁVILA is appointed Director of the DPU**

The DPU launches **Junior Professional Programme** in collaboration with Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) and Community Architects Network (CAN). DPU sends six recent graduates to four East Asian Cities to contribute towards community mapping, action research and programme development.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila and Adriana Allen) is part of an international consortium of research institutions in Kenya and the UK, awarded a 5 year research grant to develop the research project **Epidemiology, Ecology and**

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Ronaldo Ramirez is awarded **2012 Edwin Haramoto Nishikimoto Professorship** by the Housing Institute of the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidad de Chile for his work and research in the field of Housing.

DPU runs three sessions at World Urban Forum in Naples:  
Yves Cabannes with BSHF runs session, **Community Land Trusts: Permanent**

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**Rio+20** United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

London 2012 Olympic Games

International Year of Sustainable Energy for All.

World Urban Forum VI, takes place in Naples, coordinated by UN-HABITAT on the theme: **The Urban Future**.



**Socio-economics of Disease Emergence in Peri-urban Nairobi**, (-2017) funded by a number of UK institutions including Medical Research Council, NERC and ESRC. **Sohel Ahmed** is appointed Post-Doctoral Researcher for the project.

The DPU (Vanessa Castan Broto) undertakes a research project, **Addressing Climate Change in Maputo: a Community Perspective** (-2013), funded by the Climate Development Knowledge Network. The Public-Private-People Partnership for Climate Compatible Development (4PCCD) project aims at developing multi-stakeholder partnerships that can lead effective action. The project is recognised by the United Nations as one of the 2013 Light-house Activities under the Momentum for Change initiative.

The DPU (Vanessa Castan Broto) is awarded an ESRC Future Research Leaders Grant to undertake research entitled, **Mapping Urban Energy Landscapes** (MUEL) in the Global South (2013-16).

The DPU (Alexandre Apsan Frediani) is commissioned by Development Action Group to support **Pro-poor citywide Urban Planning Strategies** in Cape Town, South Africa.

The DPU (Adriana Allen, Alexandre Apsan Frediani and Rita Lambert) begins a research project, **The Heuristics of Mapping Urban Environmental Change**, in partnership with the Politecnico di Milano and Megawra and with support from UCL Grand Challenges. The research platform aims to explore how place-making practices by ordinary citizens reinforce, resist or transform the production or reproduction of injustices in cities.

The DPU hosts and chairs an International Conference, **Urban Change in Iran**, at UCL. Attended by over 120 delegates and commended by UNESCO Director General, Irina Bokova.

The DPU partners with the International Institute for Asian Studies to form the **Urban Knowledge Network Asia** (UKNA) under the leadership of Professor Yves Cabannes. The UKNA addresses critical urban development issues in India and China, taking into account the challenges of the diversity in heterogeneous zones.

The DPU (Barbara Lipietz) is awarded a Bartlett Grand Challenges Small Grant to undertake research entitled, **Community-participation in city-wide planning: comparing London and Johannesburg**. The project seeks to compare recent reports: 'Revised London Plan' and Johannesburg's 'Growth and Development Strategy 2040'.

**Affordability for Long-Term community benefit;**

Alexandre Apsan Frediani with ASF-UK runs training event, **How to do: participatory design of the built environment;** Cassidy Johnson organises session with UN-DDR Office, **The Challenges of Urban Planning for a Disaster Resilient Future.**

UCL **Cities Methodologies** 2012 Exhibition. Vanessa Castan Broto, Adriana Allen and Gynna Milan exhibit short film on the subject of **Urban Metabolism**, William Hunter curated the exhibit, **Dharavi, Contested Urbanism: Mega-projects, Critical Alternative Strategies and Design Pedagogy** and Azzurra Muzzonigro presented her film **Dwell the Threshold.**

Yves Cabannes publishes, *'Pro-poor Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture: FAO legislative study'* Rome, FAO.

**6th World Water Forum**, Marseille and 'counterpart' **Alternative Forum** (FAME), the first WWF since the Right to Water is recognised, attended by Adriana Allen and Etienne von Bertrab.

World Habitat Day 2012 theme, **Changing Cities, Building Opportunities** is accompanied by new campaign, **I am a City Changer.**

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon convenes High Level Panel on **Post-2015 Framework**. The Panel's work is closely coordinated with that of the intergovernmental working group tasked to design Sustainable Development Goals, as agreed at the Rio +20 conference.

United Nations Climate Change Conference, (COP18), Doha



Caren Levy passing the torch to Julio Dávila, the new DPU Director- in the London Olympic year

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The DPU (Camillo Boano and William Hunter) undertakes research, **Learning from Beirut: An Urban Design Research Methodology Exchange**, funded by UCL Grand Challenges Small Grant.

The DPU (Adriana Allen, Rita Lambert, Alex Frediani and Tatiana Ome) organises and facilitates a workshop entitled, **In the Name of Risk? Mapping popular resistance and dwelling practices in the slopes of Bogotá hills**, in collaboration with Fundacion Erigaie and CIDER.

The DPU (Matt Wood-Hill and Gynna Milan) conducts research project, **Whose Olympics?: Transformations in urban open spaces and the legacy of London 2012**, in collaboration with Open City London, Borbalan and My St. and funded by UCL Grand Challenge of Sustainable Cities. **The Whose Olympics?** film is launched in 2014.

Liza Griffin, Caroline Newton, Kamna Patel and Romola Sanyal (-2013) join the staff.

Andrea Rigon and Giorgio Talocci are appointed Teaching Fellows.

Rita Lambert is appointed Research Fellow.

Steve Ridge (-2014) is appointed Research Administrator.

Cassidy Johnson is appointed Director of Studies.

Colin Marx is appointed Director of the MPhil/PhD programme.

Alexandre Apsan Frediani is appointed Course Co-director of MSc Social Development Practice.

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## 2013

The DPU (Adriana Allen, Caren Levy, Barbara Lipietz and Colin Marx) launches **Thinking Across Boundaries: Planning Dilemmas in the Global Urban South**, funded by UCL Grand Challenges, producing a film and hosts a session at the Royal Geographical Society international conference.

The DPU (Adriana Allen and Rita Lambert) undertakes research entitled, **Mapping Beyond the Palimpsest**, (-2015) developing innovative and critical strategies for the reading writing and audiencing of maps, funded by the Bartlett Research Materialisation Grant, in collaboration with Andrew Hudson-Smith (CASA) and Ben Campkin (UCL Urbanlab).

The DPU (Alexandre Apsan Frediani and Julian Walker) conducts an Impact Assessment of Practical Action's (PA), **Putting People's Plans into Ac-**

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Liza Griffin



Caroline Newton



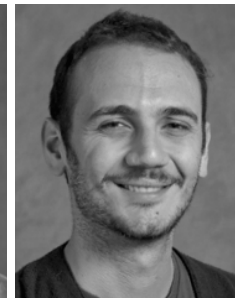
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Romola Sanyal



Andrea Rigon



Giorgio Talocci

**Resilience and Environmental Justice in the Urban Global South**, workshop convened by the Environmental Justice, Urbanisation and Resilience (EJUR) Research Cluster, leading to a book to be published by Palgrave Macmillan (forthcoming 2015).

UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, Raquel Rolnik, presents *Report on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to non-discrimination in this con-*

**City Debates 2013** conference held at the American University of Beirut on the theme, **Rethinking Informality: Design Tactics/Planning Strategies**. Camillo Boano makes a presentation entitled, **Not-to-Design and the challenge of informalities: defending architecture?**

Metropolis Conference, Johannesburg on the theme, **Caring Cities**, attended by Barbara Lipietz.

**Urban Poor Coalition Asia/Asian Co-**

tion programme and develops a relationship between PA and the MSc SDP programme.

The DPU (Yves Cabannes) develops and implements a multi-stakeholder, participatory budgeting and urban planning tool for post disaster slum upgrading in Port au Prince, Haiti, in collaboration with WE-SPORA, funded by the American Red Cross and World Bank.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila) is jointly awarded a Grand Challenges grant and a UK FCO grant, with UCL's Institute of the Americas (Emily Morris) and CEGE (Nick Tyler), to undertake an **Assessment of Alternative Transport Models for Havana**. Through research and workshops in London and Havana, it seeks to maximise mobility for passengers and goods, consistent with social, economic and environmental objectives including promoting public health, curtailing CO2 emissions, reducing import dependency and creating a safer more liveable city.

The DPU (Kamna Patel) is commissioned by DFID to produce a Topic Guide for field staff entitled, *'Provision and Housing for the Urban Poor'*.

The DPU publishes SDP student report, *'Regeneration and Well-being in East London: Stories from Carpenters Estate Action Learning Project (2012-13)'*, examining the potential impact of new UCL campus in East London.

The DPU publishes, Boano, Hunter and Newton, *'Contested Urbanism in Dharavi: Writings and projects for the resilient city'* which highlights field research and studio-based projects on Dharavi, Mumbai conducted with DPU students from 2009 to 2012. The collection of essays, photography, and student work illustrates both the theoretical underpinnings and pedagogical ethos of the MSc Building and Urban Design in Development.

The DPU (Adriana Allen, Cassidy Johnson and Caren Levy) undertakes research entitled, **Future Proofing Indian Cities**, (-2014) with Atkins, IIHS and the Dhan Foundation, funded by CDKN, which focuses on supporting the development and implementation of future proofing urban strategies to build capacity in response to climate hazards.

The DPU (Michael Walls, Adriana Allen and Barbara Lipietz) establishes the **Inter-Institutional Working Group on African Cities**, formed by the Centre for African Studies – SOAS, Department of Geography – KCL, IIED and African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town and DPU.

**Naji Makarem** joins the staff.

*text'*, to the 68th UN General Assembly, emphasising the significance of communal and collective tenure for increasing security of tenure for low-income groups. Yves Cabannes with Christopher Yap, prepares Background Paper on Communal and Collective which forms part of the final report, which is also presented at the 2014 Human Rights Council.

United Nations Association UK (UNA UK) releases report entitled, *'Global Development Goals, Leaving No one Behind'*, providing insight and generating discussion around the post-2015 framework.

The DPU (Julio D Dávila and Michael Mattingly) participate in a workshop to launch **Yachay**, Ecuador's new 'City of Knowledge'. The centre of the new 80,000 inhabitant city will be a research-intensive university aimed at reducing Ecuador's dependence on outside knowledge and technology.

Pieterse, E. and Simone, A. (Eds) *'Rogue Urbanism: Emergent African Cities'* (Johannesburg: Jacana Media). This collection of accounts explores urban conditions in Africa through subjective, African-led experiences of everyday life.

David Satterthwaite and Diana Mitlin publish *'Urban Poverty in the Global South: Scale and Nature'* (Routledge). The book explores how and why the scale and depth of urban poverty is so frequently underestimated worldwide and whether economic growth does in fact reduce poverty.

Etienne von Bertrab and Adriana Allen organise a public panel discussion entitled, **Confronting Water Injustices: Ex-**

**aliation for Housing Rights/Asian Coalition for Community Action Regional Meeting**, Bangkok organised by ACHR. Representatives from 19 countries report on their involvement in ACHR's ACCA programme, attended by William Hunter.

**2nd Community Architects Network (CAN) Meeting and Workshop**, attended by Giorgio Talocci.

Typhoon Haiyan devastates South East Asia, particularly the Philippines, affecting around 11 million people.

United Nations Climate Change Conference, (COP19), Warsaw-

UCL Environment Institute Inaugural Annual Conference held in London entitled, **Responding to Environmental Complexity**. Participants include Adriana Allen, Etienne von Bertrab, Vanesa Castan Broto and Rita Lambert from the DPU.

International Year of Water Cooperation, VI World Water Forum held in Marseilles.



## THE DPU

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Jennifer Cirne is appointed Teaching Fellow.

Liza Griffin and Vanesa Castan Broto are appointed Co-Directors on MSC Environment and Sustainable Development.

Matthew Wood-Hill is appointed Media Officer.

Sophia Daoudi is appointed Programme Assistant.

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## 2014

To celebrate **60 years of the Development Planning Unit**, the department holds a year-long programme of research, talks and events. The centrepiece of the programme is a three-day international conference in London. The conference brings together over 200 DPU staff, student, alumni and partners including academics, practitioners and community organisers, to deliberate on a series of critical issues that have emerged from the **Thinking Across Boundaries** project and from the work of the Research Clusters.

The DPU (Julian Walker, Michael Mattingly, Julio D Dávila, Andrea Rigon, Naji Makarem, Pascale Hofmann and Adriana Allen) begins a research project, **Urbanisation Research Nigeria** (URN) funded by DFID (-2016) in collaboration with GHK. The research is built around four themes: Urban Change Processes; Urban Economic Growth, Infrastructure and Livelihoods; Well-being of Urban Citizens, and; Urban Planning, Management and Governance.

## CONCEPTS & IDEAS

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**periences from Latin America** to coincide with World Water Day 2013.

DPU (Adriana Allen) participates in the **Sustainable Cities and Rapid Urbanisation Roundtable Discussion** organised by Research Councils UK-India (RCUK – India) 5th Anniversary. New Delhi, India.

The DPU (Adriana Allen) is invited by the International Social Science Council (ISSC) General Assembly Meeting to facilitate **World Social Science Fellows Programme Writing Workshop** on a forthcoming publication co-edited with Mark Swilling and A. Lampis, Montreal, Canada.

**Public Private People Partnership for Climate Change** (4PCCD) (Vanesa Castan Broto, Project Leader) receives **UNFCCC Lighthouse Award** at COP19 summit, Warsaw

The DPU contributes to the 7th WUF: Caren Levy chairs a Networking event entitled, **Just Urban Futures: Dialogues between Resilience and Environmental Justice**, with Adriana Allen, Barbara Liptetz and Liza Griffin.

Julio D Dávila launches Dávila, J.D. (editor) (2013). **'Urban Mobility and Poverty: Lessons from Medellin and Soacha, Colombia'**. London: DPU, UCL and Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

Caren Levy presented in the Networking Session entitled, **Gender, Asset Building and Just Cities**, Chaired by Caroline Moser.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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Matthew Wood-Hill



Rita Lambert



Jennifer Crine



Naji Makarem

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**Start of UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All**

In March 2014, the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) releases the second of three reports, *'Impacts, Adaptation and Climate Change'*. Chapter 8 is dedicated to the effects of climate change on urban areas

UN-Habitat convenes the VII World Urban Forum in Medellin, Colombia



The DPU (Cassidy Johnson, Caren Levy, Adriana Allen and Rita Lambert) begins a research project entitled, **Urban Africa: Risk and Capacity**, in partnership with King's College London, IIED, African Centre for Cities, ARUP, University of Ibadan, African population and health research centre, Mzuzu University (Malawi), Save the Children, UN-Habitat, funded by ESRC (-2018).

The DPU (Caren levy, Colin Marx and David Satterthwaite) convenes an Expert Group on **Cities** as part of a cross faculty, multi institution collaboration with the London International Development Centre on **Thinking Beyond Sectors for Sustainable Development** funded by UCL Grand Challenges.

**Vanessa Castan Broto** is appointed Director of Research.

**Kamna Patel** is appointed course Co-Director of MSc Development Administration and Planning.

**Elsa Tadesse** is appointed HR and Finance Administrator/PA to the Director.

Alexandre Apsan Frediani delivered a session with ASF-UK on **Participatory Design and Planning for Equitable Cities**.

Professor Patrick McAuslan (1937-2014), former DPU staff member and a pioneer and world expert in the fields of law and development, passes away in London.

*'Explorations in Urban Design'* ed. Matthew Carmona (UCL Bartlett), Surrey: Ashgate, includes a chapter by William Hunter and Anna Schulenburg entitled, 'Crafting a methodology for urban design in development: between research, pedagogy and practice', and a chapter by Camillo Boano Melissa García Lamarca and Andrew Wade entitled 'Deconstructing and recalibrating urban design in the global south'.

Alex Apsan Frediani co-edits a Special issue of the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* on the **Capability Approach**. DPU launches Special Working Paper Series on the Capability Approach.





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