

# THINKING ACROSS BOUNDARIES: RE-IMAGINING PLANNING IN THE URBAN GLOBAL SOUTH

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## WED 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY

**VENUE:** DARWIN LECTURE THEATRE, DARWIN BUILDING, UCL, GOWER STREET, LONDON, WC1E 6BT

**16.30** Conference registration (Darwin Lecture Theatre, Darwin Building, UCL, Gower Street, London)

**17.30** Welcome  
**Julio D Dávila** (Director, DPU)

### A future for urban development planning? Thinking across boundaries

Chair: **Julio D Dávila**  
Discussant: **Sue Parnell** (ACC, UCT)

Speakers:  
*Can planning respond to the local and global impacts of Asian urbanization?*  
**Aromar Revi** (IIHS)

*The mosaic of urban development planning in African cities: What is the future of urban planning and planners in Africa?*  
**Wilbard Kombe** (Ardhi University, Tanzania)

*Planning the future of Latin American cities: The domain of urban growth interests or participatory social construction*  
**Enrique Ortiz** (HIC- AL)

**19.00** Close

## THU 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

**VENUE:** BMA HOUSE, TAVISTOCK SQUARE, LONDON WC1H 9JP

**8.00** Registration and coffee

### A future for urban development planning? Approaches to urban inequality and informality in cities of the global south

Chair: **Colin Marx** (DPU, UCL)  
Discussant: **Pushpa Arabindoo** (Dept. of Geography, UCL)

Speakers:  
*Learning from informality in time of political transformations: Examples from Cairo since January 2011*  
**Omar Nagati** (Cairo Laboratory for Urban Studies, Training and Environmental Research, CLUSTER)

*Strategic urban development planning in Quito, Ecuador: Lessons from a multi-scalar intervention approach*  
**Diego Carrión** (former Director of Planning, Quito, Ecuador)

*Creating voice and engagement for the informal city*  
**Sheela Patel** (SPARC, the Indian Alliance and SDI)

**10.30** Tea

### 11.15 Participation and contested practices in urban design and planning: Rights, needs and urban imaginaries

Chair: **Barbara Lipietz** (DPU, UCL)  
Discussant: **Jane Rendell** (Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL)

Speakers:  
*Scaling up demand-led housing processes: The challenges of institutionalising city-wide development*  
**Somsook Boonyabancha** (Board of Directors, CODI and Director, Asian Coalition of Housing Rights)

*Practising dissensus. Intersections between design research and critical urbanism*  
**Camillo Boano** (DPU, UCL)

*Changing legal regimes and the opportunities for community-led planning*  
**Jane Weru** (Akiba Mashinani Trust, Kenya)

**12.45** Lunch

### 14.00 Forging new relationships in governance and planning: The state, market and society in a post economic crisis world

Chair: **Michael Walls** (DPU, UCL)  
Discussant: **Mike Raco** (Bartlett School of Planning, UCL)

Speakers:  
*PPPs for city infrastructure: What's next?*  
**Antonio Estache** (Université Libre de Bruxelles and UCL)

*The public interest in a privatising environment: A comparison between Medellín and Bogotá, Colombia*

**Peter Brand** (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Medellín campus)

*The changing strategic equation in city regions: The deepening challenge of meeting social aspiration*  
**Lawrie Robertson** (Buro Happold)

**15.30** Tea

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## 16.30 Urban development and development assistance

Chair: **Julio D Dávila** (Director, DPU)

Presentations:

*Sustainable urbanization for development - the way forward towards Habitat III*

**Joan Clos** (Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements programme-UN Habitat)

*What role for development assistance in addressing current and future challenges of urban planning and governance?*

**David Satterthwaite** (DPU, UCL and IIED)

17.30 Close

18.00 Reception (Welcome by Prof. **Michael Arthur**, UCL President and Provost), UCL Wilkins Roof Garden

## FRI 4<sup>th</sup> JULY

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## 9.00 Re-imagining socio-environmental trajectories of change: Radical practices and approaches to environmental planning and governance

Chair: **Vanessa Castán-Broto** (DPU, UCL)

Discussant: **Adriana Allen** (DPU, UCL)

Speakers:

*The radical potential of the metabolic perspective on urban transition*

**Mark Swilling** (Institute of Sustainability, University of Stellenbosch)

*Environmental justice in the periphery? Rethinking citizenship and rights in charged peri urban spaces*

**Lyla Mehta** (IDS)

*Trajectories of change reconsidered: The rise and fall of disaster risk reduction*

**John Twigg** (Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction, UCL)

10.30 Tea

## 11.15 Gender, intersectionality and socially just futures: Planning in an era of social polarisation

Chair: **Caren Levy** (DPU, UCL)

Discussant: **Maxine Molyneux** (Institute of the Americas, UCL)

Speakers:

*Intersectionality and wellbeing: Learning across the debates*

**Sarah C White** (Dept. of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath)

*Queer politics and inclusive planning: Making intersectionality travel*

**Gautam Bhan** (IIHS, India)

*Beyond one-dimensional representation: Challenges for inclusive neighbourhood planning in Kisumu, Kenya*

**Julian Walker** (DPU, UCL)

12.45 Lunch

## 14.00 Positioning planning learning in an urbanizing world: The challenge of practitioner formation and the co-production of knowledge

Chair: **Liza Griffin** (DPU, UCL)

Discussant: **Alex Frediani** (DPU, UCL)

Speakers:

*Planning education in African cities: co-producing learning through the AAPS (Association of African Planning Schools) and SDI (Slum Dwellers International) community-based studios*

**Vanessa Watson** (Dept. of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics, UCT)

*From technical know-how to understanding the human condition? Lessons from MIT's special programme for mid-career professionals*

**Bish Sanyal** (MIT)

*Research, learning and universities in urban partnerships*

**Jo Beall** (Director, Education and Society, British Council)

15.15 Tea

16.00 *Thinking across boundaries: re-imagining planning in the urban global south* (closing comments)

**Caren Levy** (DPU, UCL)

**Alan Penn** (Dean, Faculty of the Built Environment, UCL)

**Julio D Dávila** (Director, DPU)

17.00 Close

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