The OMEGA Centre Seminar Series was launched in January 2009 to focus on topics related to the planning, appraisal and delivery of mega infrastructure projects and their impacts on development.

The Seminar Programme allows the OMEGA Centre to provide a platform to present findings of recently completed and on-going infrastructure projects globally, and to engage with a wide audience from academia and praxis.

The OMEGA Centre has undertaken a wide range of research and consultancy studies on several pressing issues related to: the treatment of “Risk, Uncertainty and Complexity” in project decision-making, the “Power of Context” on such decision-making, and the role of “Sustainability and Sustainable Development Visions” for mega project infrastructure investments.

The seminar programme invites speakers involved in a variety of aspects of mega infrastructure project developments with a view to encouraging cross-disciplinary collaboration and knowledge-transfer. Past and current contributions to the Seminar Programme draw from OMEGA Centre researchers, as well as external speakers, including: journalists, public officials, consultants, investment bankers, industry leaders and academics.

The OMEGA Seminar Programme is open to everyone interested in issues, challenges and achievements in mega infrastructure development across all sectors, especially those associated with major project developments overseas. The seminars are recorded and videoed, with outputs posted (subject to permission) on the OMEGA Centre Website.

By drawing on experts from many disciplines, various sectors and different countries, the OMEGA Seminar Programme looks to stimulate debate on crucial topics, such as: infrastructure investments as agents of change, project challenges of sustainability and financing and technological opportunities for project developments within the global market.

The seminars especially look to foster the generation of innovative approaches to tackling/addressing current and future threats, risks and opportunities of contemporary megaproject decision-making and decision-making in future environments.
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28th October 2021  The Sizewell Nuclear Plant: Challenges & prospects of public private-partnership in UK
Amar Qureshi & Mike Pugsley, Directors, Agilia Infrastructure Partners, London

15th December 2021  Adaptive Regulation and Planning for Utility Mega Infrastructure Projects: Issues for economic regulation in water and energy
Dr. Martin Hurst, Sustainability First & OMEGA Centre, UCL

26th January 2022  Toward More Holistic Approaches to Mega Transport Project Appraisal in Latin America: A review of selected IADB case studies,
Juan Alberti, Consultant to Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C.

23rd February 2022  The Two Stories of London’s Crossrail
Christian Wolmar, Writer and Broadcaster on Transport, London

23rd March 2022  The ‘Power of Context’ and Addressing Risk & Uncertainty in Mega Infrastructure Decision-making: What has the global infrastructure crisis, climate change and COVID-19 taught us?
Prof. Harry T. Dimitriou, Bartlett Professor of Planning Studies & Director of OMEGA Centre, UCL

Time:  Typically: Wednesdays, 5.30pm – 19.00 unless otherwise specified

Venue:  On-line Zoom Presentation until further notice. Otherwise, normally seminars are held in LG01 Central House, 14 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0NN unless otherwise specified (Directions at: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/locations/ucl-maps)

All are welcome and participation is free. People wishing to attend are required to join the Zoom meeting online.

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Further details about the OMEGA Seminar Programme can be found on the OMEGA Centre’s website (http://www.omegacentre.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/outputs/seminar2.php). Further details of each seminar will be circulated nearer the time. For enquiries and to join the mailing list, please contact Alireza Kolahi (a.kolahi@ucl.ac.uk).