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**UNU-WIDER Project Workshop**  
**Beyond the Tipping Point: Development in an Urban World**  
**18-20 October 2007, London, UK**  
**Held at the London School of Economics and Political Science**

**Programme**

**Thursday 18 October**

- 14:15-14:45    **Opening**  
*Jo Beall, Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis, and Ravi Kanbur*
- 14:45-16:00    **Session I: Invited papers (1)**  
Urban Settlement: Data, Measures, and Trends  
*David Bloom and Günther Fink*  
The Transition to a Predominantly Urban World and its Underpinnings  
*David Satterthwaite*  
Chair: *Ravi Kanbur*
- 16:00-16:30    Coffee/tea break
- 16:30-17:45    **Session II: Invited papers (2)**  
Poverty as Process: Findings from a Longitudinal Multi-Generational Panel Study in  
Rio's Favelas, 1968-2005  
*Janice E. Perlman*  
Evolving City Systems  
*Tony Venables*  
Chair: *Jo Beall*
- 18:00            Dinner reception

## Friday 19 October

### 9:00-11:00 **Session II: Geography and Infrastructure (1)**

Climate versus Urban Bias in Keeping 'Poor People Poor' in Africa: Policy Implications

*Patricia Annez and Robert Buckley*

Urban Infrastructure and Poverty: The Experience of Sub-Saharan African Countries using a Dynamic Panel Estimation

*Shalini Ramessur-Seenarain*

Spatial Location of Indian Industries – Policy vs. Infrastructure?

*Vinish Kathuria*

Population Density and Urban Spatial Structure in South Africa

*Wim Naudé*

Chair: *Somik V. Lall*

11:00-11:30 Coffee/tea break

### 11:30-13:00 **Session IV: Urban Land and Slums**

The Face of Urban Poverty: Explaining the Prevalence of Slums in Developing Countries

*Ben C. Arimah*

Informal Settlements and Urban Development

*Ignacio A. Navarro*

World Bank Presentation

*Indermit Gill et al.*

Chair: *Robert Buckley*

13:00-14:00 Lunch

### 14:00-16:00 **Session V: Urbanization and Conflict (1)**

Urban Violence and the World Economy

*Raimo Väyrynen*

Urban Violence is not (Necessarily) a Way of Life: Towards a Political Economy of Conflict in Cities

*Dennis Rodgers*

Violent Urbanization and Homogenization of Space and Place: Reconstructing the of Sectarian Violence in Beirut

*Nasser Yassin*

Tribal and Creole Urban Designs: Kampala and Dar es Salaam as Ethnic Cities in Formative Nation States

*Deborah Fahy Bryceson*

Chair: *Janice E. Perlman*

16:00-16:30 Coffee/tea break

16:30-18:00 **Session VI: Gender and Exclusion (1)**

Addressing Gender Inequalities in Cities of the South: What Role for the Millennium Development Goals?

*Sylvia Chant*

The Gendered Nature of Asset Accumulation in Urban Contexts: Longitudinal Evidence from Guayaquil, Ecuador

*Caroline Moser*

(Sustainable) Cities for the Poorest: The Case of Roma Housing in Serbia

*Slobodan Milutinovic*

Chair: *David Bloom*

18:00 Dinner

### **Saturday 20 October**

8:30-9:30 **Session VII: Governance**

Development Priorities in an Emerging Decentralized Economy: The Case of Armenia's Local Development Programs

*Astghik Mavisakalyan*

Innovations in Decision-making Processes in Sustainable Urban Projects: A Comparative Analysis in Argentina, Cuba and Thailand

*Adriana Rabinovich*

Chair: *Ben C. Arimah*

9:30-10:30 **Session VIII: Environment**

Cities for People: Removing Cars from Urban Life

*Peter Mc Manners*

Solid Wastes, Poverty and the Environment in Developing Country Cities: Challenges and Opportunities

*Martin Medina*

Chair: *Tony Venables*

- 10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea break
- 11:00-12:30 **Session IX: Gender and Exclusion (2)**  
Urban Vulnerability and Poverty: Gender and Well-being Implications. An Assets, Resources and Capabilities Impact Study of Low-income Groups in Bogotá  
*Andrea Lampis*  
Urbanization of Indian Women: What Access to Work, Hygiene and Medical Care?  
*Anushree Sinha*  
Educating for Exclusion in the Multi-Ethnic Urban Centres of West China  
*Andrew Fischer*  
*Chair: David Satterthwaite*
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 **Session X: Geography and Infrastructure (2)**  
Infrastructure and City Competitiveness in India  
*Somik V. Lall*  
Urbanization and Economic Growth in West Africa: A Panel Data Approach  
*Gbadebo Odularu*  
Transport Costs and the Size of Cities: The Case of Russia  
*Albrecht Kauffmann*  
*Chair: Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis*
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee/tea break
- 15:30-16:30 **Session XI: Urbanization and Conflict (2)**  
Two Communities at Entanglement: Measuring Impact of Demographic Concentration of Locals and Afghan Refugees on Urban Development in Peshawar  
*Syed M. Taha*  
Urbanization in the Dock: Poverty, Conflict, and Urban Governance in Asia-Pacific  
*David E. Esser*  
*Chair: Raimo Väyrynen*
- 16:30-17:00 **Closing**  
*Jo Beall, Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis, and Ravi Kanbur*