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*