18TH N-AERUS CONFERENCE
WHAT URBAN IN A HYPER-CONNECTED GLOBAL SOUTH?
Politecnico di Milano, September 14-16 2017

FINAL PROGRAM

Day 1 | Thursday, September 14

9.30 – 13.00: Registration open

9.30 – 10.00: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY NOTES: Gabriele Pasqui (Director of the DASU, Politecnico di Milano); Marcello Balbo (N-Aerus committee); Paola Piscitelli (Politecnico di Milano | DASU)

10.00 – 11.00: KEYNOTE LECTURE: ‘CAN PLANNING HELP DELIVER HEALTHIER CITIES? REFLECTIONS FROM PRACTICE AND SOME POINTERS ON POLICY’, by Julio D Dávila (UCL| DPU)

11.30 – 13.00: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: PANEL 1. ‘UNDERSTANDING THE FEATURES OF THE NORTH IN THE URBAN SOUTH, AND OF THE SOUTH IN THE URBAN NORTH’ | Session 1

• Conceptualising Emerging Urban Spaces: Towards a Global Urban Understanding. Philipp Horn (The Open University), Paola Alfaro d’Alençon (TU Berlin), Ana Claudia Cardoso (Federal University of Pará)

• Lagos and the African City: A Disorderly Reality? Elisa Danese (Dalhousie University)

• Benefiting from the breakdown of formal planning: the spontaneous regularization of informal settlements in Maputo, Mozambique. Francesco Chiodelli (Gran Sasso Science Institute), Anna Mazzolini (Aarhus University)

• The role of ‘connection’ in participatory management of landslide risk in low-income settlements in Medellin, Colombia. Harry Smith (Heriot-Watt University), Soledad Garcia Ferrari (University of Edinburgh), Gabriela Medero (Heriot-Watt University) and Helena Rivera (Heriot-Watt University)

• Where is the study of post-soviet cities positioned and why it needs to capitalize on the discussion on urbanization in ‘the South’. Jakub Galuszka (TU Berlin)

13.00 – 14.30: Lunch


• Max Weber ‘orientalist’? Weber’s ‘The city’ in the postcolonial perspective. Agostino Petrillo (Politecnico di Milano)

• Global Cities and Informality. Jacopo Targa (Università degli Studi di Bologna)

• Informality in the Urban North: Analytical Tools for Evolving Frameworks. Enrico Michelutti

• Assessing the Impact of Online Platforms on the Bottom of the Pyramid. Drishti Patel and Sejal Patel (Center for Environmental Planning and Technology University, Ahmedabad)

• What moves in the Global South. Revisiting the new mobility paradigm from Bogotà. Giovanni Vecchio (Politecnico di Milano)

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee break

CONFERENCE VENUE:
Politecnico di Milano | School of Architecture Urban Planning Civil Engineering | Via Bonardi, 3 | Building 11 | Room A
16.30 – 18.00: PANEL 2. ‘PLANNING: FOR WHAT AND FOR WHOM’ | Session 1

- Blogging as a Tool for Advocacy Planning: The Case of Catalytic Communities and RioOnWatch. James Piacentini (Columbia University)
- Unfolding the relation between new towns developments and existing cities. Maria Chiara Pastore (Politecnico di Milano)
- Operation and maintenance mechanisms of private housing colonies in Pune, Maharashtra. Chiranjay Shah (CEPT University, Ahmedabad)
- Malindi and the Others: a problematic relationship shaping the city. A project for the transformation of the waterfront as socio-ecological infrastructure. Alessandro Frigerio and Alessandra Sammartino (Politecnico di Milano)
- Implications of boundaries on spatial planning and development: the issue of administrative versus traditional council boundaries as a subject for debate in KwaZulu-Natal. Yvonne Ofosu-Kwakye (KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Pietermaritzburg)

20.00: Conference dinner offered by the DASTU-Polimi to the authors

Day 2 | Friday, September 15

9.30 – 11.00 PANEL 2. ‘PLANNING: FOR WHAT AND FOR WHOM’ | Session 2

- Planning Theory in the Global South: Circulating traveling models from the North or hybrid arrangements? Wolfgang Scholz (TU Dortmund)
- From Hyper-Flexibility to a New Localism in Urban Livelihoods in the Global South. Edmundo Werna (ILO)
- Urbanisation and Social Risk: A Spatio-Political Case of Commercial Sex Workers in Mumbai. Rajat Shubhro Mukherjee (University of Nottingham)
- Manning the (Market)City: Threshold of a Shopping Mall as the South-North Cusp in Mumbai City. Vekar H. Mir (Delhi School of Economics)
- Information Platforms and Housing Choices by Different End-user Groups. Bansari Prajapati and Sejal Patel (CEPT University, Ahmedabad)

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: PANEL 3. ‘PLANNING: HOW? POLICIES, PROJECTS, COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTIONS’ | Session 1

- Community based water supply in slums: Case study of Bhuj. Mona Iyer (CEPT University, Ahmedabad)
- Educating for urban social justice. Eva Alvarez (UPM, Madrid)
- Reinforcement of exclusion and inequality through agency of planning: a case study of Farahzad informal neighborhood, Tehran, Iran. Arman Fadei (Politecnico di Milano)
- Trans-disciplinary Co-production as a Transformative Process for Urban Sustainable Development. Michael Okoko, Stephen Agong (Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology-JOOUST, Kenya) and Helen Arfvidsson (Mistra Urban Futures, Gothenburg, Sweden)
- Urban Water Logging Adversity: a case study on Disruption of Urban Landscape due to Water Logging Problems and Probable Analytical Solutions for Urban Region of Port City Chittagong, Bangladesh. Prinia Abbasi-Khanm and Obidul Haque (Premier University, Chittagong)

13.00 – 14.30: Lunch

14.30 – 16.00: PANEL 3. ‘PLANNING: HOW? POLICIES, PROJECTS, COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTIONS’ | Session 2

- Metropolitan Approach: geographical tools and metropolitan analysis for Latin American Metropolitan Projects Acupuncture. Mexico City, Guadalajara and Mazatlan (Mexico) key studies. Antonella Contin (Politecnico di Milano)
- Income diversity in Transit-Oriented Development areas (TOD): an analysis of the Belém metro station area in São Paulo, Brazil. Quentin Lamour (Polytechnic School of the University of São Paulo), Karin R.C.C. Marins (Polytechnic School of the University of São Paulo)
• Institutionalising informal network of the urban poor under enabling paradigm in Bangladesh. Md. Ashiq Ur Rahman (University of Stuttgart) and Astrid Ley (University of Stuttgart)

• Exploring Political Process and Power Relations in Information Trading Spaces in a Contested City: Karachi, Pakistan. Najia Zaidi (Cardiff University)

16.00 – 16.30: WRAPPING UP by Marcello Balbo (IUAV|DPPAC)

16.30 – 18.00: ROUND TABLE: ‘OPERATIONALIZING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA’
Round Table Participants: Astrid Ley (University of Stuttgart); Edoardo Croci (Bocconi University); Ashiq Ur Rahman (Khulna University in Bangladesh); Anka Derichs (GIZ). Moderator: Holger Kuhle (UN - SDSN/Paris)

Day 3 | Saturday, September 16

11.00 – 13.00 N-Aerus annual meeting, open to all participants