



IGU URBAN COMMISSION

2009 Conference

HYDERABAD (Andhra Pradesh, INDIA)

30th July - 10th August

EMERGING URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS:

Multilayered Cities and Urban Systems

Research Focus of the Urban Commission for 2008-2012

EMERGING URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS

The Commission has identified 3 main issues :

1. interdependent urban systems,
2. change & conflict within cities,
3. sustainability and social justice.

They cover **seven specific urban problems** - more complex urban systems, contested social spaces, creation of sustainability, dilemmas of aging cities vis a vis new cities and new spaces, increasing insecurity - socio-economic and politico-administrative, urban heritage and conservation - all challenges for efficient urban governance, with cases for 'inclusive' approach and strategies for partnerships involving governments, private firms, non-government organizations and stake holders.

Multilayered Cities and Urban Systems is a transversal topic of the 3 main issues of the Commission: Multilayerism is characteristic of large settlements with extensive history of diverse connections and interactions, manifest in morphological structures and functions articulated as spatio-temporal specificities. The complexities of existence and coordinations (critical aspects of global-local functionalities) are constant challenges for effective administration, specially with increase in resistance from 'groups' asserting their 'right' to 'spaces of existence' and 'domination'. Urban settlements form the most important and visible platforms for their enactment and thereby most vulnerable enclaves of the global arena, commanding understanding, explanations and quick interventions to ensure security, in an increasingly interconnected world. The agenda of the Millennium Development Goals emerges as a mirage and must necessarily be debated and resolved to sustain development and global peace. To meet this objective, the present theme has been identified from the platform of the IGU's Urban Commission

Topic : Multilayered Cities and Urban Systems - Structures Functions, Transitions, Transactions

Under the all-encompassing title Multilayered Cities and Urban Systems: Structures, Functions, Transactions and Transitions, the conference proposes to research on debate/discuss the following and related themes:

1. Urban Structures & Systems - Evolution and Implications for Sustainable economy and Environment - Independence and the Interdependencies
2. Multilayered cities -Mega-cities and Glocalisation - Morphology, Livelihoods, Lifestyles; Formal-Informal Sectors
3. Resources and Urban Requirements - Water, Energy, Services, Other Infrastructure
4. Security and Conflict - for the Economy, the people, the environment - vulnerable areas and marginal people
5. Urban Infrastructure - Amenities Tourism - Amenities and Ambience

Multilayerism - The Theme

Settlements with long historical experiences and varied interactive networks and linkages from diverse economies and cultures produce variations in the structural configurations in respective urban systems and cities. They coexist and sometimes function on the basis of complementarities, but can also have conflicting relation. These have greater significance with respect to old civilisations and cultures, particularly of the old world, with each successive experience forming layers of presence projected in the cultural traits, architectural designs and politico - economic profiles across the urban morphologies. The spaces that each try to carve for themselves invariably involve a kind of confrontation between equals and further marginalisation of the vulnerable sections (people and sectors) in the case of unequals. Efforts at self preservation have given rise to interest groups and organisations in their cause, but the need for their sustenance in economies with limited formal infrastructure is high. The hitherto limited exploration of 'Multilayerism' is confined to technological and sociological concept and its relevance to metro cities and systems of the old world being high, the concept gathered consideration for examination in 2005, when the proposal to organise the Urban Commission meeting in Hyderabad was presented to the Commission in Tokyo and Santiago de Compostela in 2005 and 2006, with the formal presentation in 2008 in Tunisia.

The objective is to examine the structures and frameworks of the urban system and the cities, existing and operating, the kind of interactions they enjoy, the systemic and structural strengths and weaknesses present and approaches to tackle them, with comparative studies constituting lessons to learn from and the imperatives of these to safety and security, to financing and governance, and to planning and development is significant.

They include essence of Multilayerism, Observable structures & conceivable solutions/approaches, Elements of urban economies & Ecologies, Hazards, Conflicts and Methods of inclusion and Environmental protection, understanding the elements of functional & infrastructural diversity & approaches to synchronise & synergise with equal commitment to ambience & public safety, Recognition of the formal & informal processes as integral part of the urban system, Replicable models for efficient functioning - strategies.

Participants may view the respective 'local' situation to facilitate comparisons construction of a global perspective and significance of specific factors across the world.

Calendar

Date	Programme
30th July 2009	Pre-conference meeting & Inaugural (with High Tea or Dinner)
31th July 2009	Presentations on Urbanisation Of India & Hyderabad and local Tour
1st-3rd August 2009	Paper Presentations
4th August 2009	Paper Presentations, conclusion, Post-conference meeting and presentation on 2010 meeting Tel Aviv
5th-8th August 2009	Excursion
9th August 2009	Departure

Deadlines for Abstracts and Full Papers

Type of paper	Date	Conditions
Abstract	28th February 2009	250 words in MS Word format <i>Please Specify the session for allocation</i>
Full Paper	30th May 2009	Between 12 to 20 pages in MS Word format with 12 Font size in Times New Roman Font

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Registration (Conference & Local Tours) (in US\$)*

Options	Early bird	Regular	Late	Spot
Dead Lines ³	28 st Feb. 2009	30 th March 2009	10 th May 2009	30 th July 2009
Rate	380	450	500	600
Accompanying Person	240	270	300	360
Scholars / Students	200	300	400	500
Gala Dinner	80	100	-	-
Workshop	<i>To be announced (TBA)</i>			

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*Note : The Registration includes conference Kit, Proceedings, Tea and local Tours. Arrangement of **five days' (31st July-4th Aug. 2009) Lunch will incur an additional cost of US\$ 50 per head.**

Excursion (5th August 2009 to 9th August 2009)***

Options	Dead Lines	Rate in US\$
Early Bird	28 th February 2009	480
Regular	30 th March 2009	500

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***Note : Includes Transport, Stay, Breakfast, Entrance Fee, Road Tax, Bottled Mineral Water, Lunch

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Accommodation

Options	Tariff per night (In US\$)			
	Early Bird (28 th February 2009)	Regular (30 th March 2009)	Rooms Available	Facilities
Osmania University & adjacent locations				
	15	20	40	Modest (with attached toilets)
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Executive	82	90	46	**
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Suites	190	210	4	**
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Deluxe	200	250	20	**
Suites	400	500	4	**

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Note : Transportation from these Hotels to Conference Venue at stipulated times will be taken care of by the Organisers.

Detailed Programme

Date	Time	Programme
30th July 2009	15.00-17.00	Registrations
	17.00-18.30	Inaugural, Keynote Address & High Tea/Dinner
	18.30	<i>Inaugural Dinner / High Tea</i>
31st July 2009	08.00	Presentation on Urbanisation in India
	08.30	Documentary on Hyderabad
	09.00	<i>Trip to Qutub Shahi Tombs, Golkonda, Lunch (paid)</i>
	12.00	<i>Dinner at Taramati Baradari (Paid)</i>
1st August 2009	09.00	Theme Paper - Invited Talk
	09.30	Sessions I : <i>Urban Systems and Structures</i>
	11.00	<i>Tea Break</i>
	11.15	Sessions II : <i>Global Cities and World Cities</i>
	12.45	<i>Lunch</i>
	14.00	Sessions III : <i>Multilayerism-Spatial Dimensions</i>
	15.30	<i>Tea</i>
	15.30-17.00	Sessions IV : <i>Multilayerism-Economic Dimensions</i>
2nd August 2009	08.00	Theme Paper - Invited Talk
	08.30	Session V : <i>Current Processes of Urban Transformation</i>
	10.00	<i>Tea Break</i>
	10.15	Session VI : <i>Infrastructure, Amenities and Services - Urban Support Systems</i>
	14.00	Half day tour - Salar Jung Museum - Dinner at Chow Mohallah Palace
3rd August 2009	09.00	Theme Paper - Invited Talk
	09.30	Session VII : <i>New Urbanism</i>
	11.00	<i>Tea Break</i>
	11.15	Session VIII : <i>Urban Transformation - the Sprawl</i>
	12.45	<i>Lunch</i>
	14.00	Session IX : <i>Smart Growth</i>
	14.15-15.30	Session X : <i>The Peri-Urban - Critical Resources, Dependence, Sustainability</i>
	15.30	<i>Tea</i>
	15.30-17.00	Session XI : <i>Environmental Issues - Climate Change - Implications - Agenda</i>
4th August 2009	09.00	Theme Paper - Invited Talk
	09.30	Session XII : <i>Livelihood & Lifestyles - new enclaves/hubs - household - new identities - security perceptions</i>
	11.00	<i>Tea Break</i>
	11.15	Session XIII : <i>Migration, Marginality, Inclusivity & Development</i>
	12.45	<i>Lunch</i>
	14.00	Session XIV : <i>Poverty, Slums</i>
	15.30	<i>Tea</i>

Business Session : 4.00-5.00 p.m. onward : Valedictory Programme 5.30 p.m.

The half day trips - on related themes - Informal Sector, Corporate sector, the EEZ - & sponsored dinner/lunch

Excursion - Hyderabad - Bangalore - Chennai