



**World Social Science Seminar on  
Sustainable Urbanization:  
Innovative approaches to understanding urbanization in the 21st century**  
Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar – International Social Science Council (ISSC) -  
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Urban areas have been recognized as key elements for the future of global societies, as the locus of major social and environmental transformations and as drivers of positive and negative change.

We have a solid but fragmented basis for understanding urban areas, based on disciplinary contributions from the social sciences, humanities, and the natural and physical sciences studying global and local processes of urbanization.

What we need is multidimensional perspectives capable of addressing the complex interactions in space and time among the social, economic, political, cultural, physical and environmental dimensions of urbanization. These interactions constitute the driving forces behind the type, extent, and intensity of urban growth and conditions for the transition to a more sustainable future.

*At the seminar, Fellows and a number of senior scientists identify a critical research agenda on sustainable urbanization and develop plans to continue work on this agenda after the seminar. Fellows are in the lead and determine priorities and action plans for their work.*

## AGENDA

### Monday 25 March

#### **Getting started and Fellows' presentations on "What do you regard as the three most urgent questions for the urban age in the 21st Century?"**

- 12-13: Welcome and tour of the university (meet at reception of the Residence building)
- 13-14: *First lunch together: cafeteria, Residence building*
- 14-15: *Room: Sala de Uso Múltiple Manuela Saenz, Residence building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*  
Introduction, goals, overview of programme
- 15-1510: *Short break*
- 1510- 1610 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions
- 1610-1630: *Tea break*

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 1730-18: Plenary discussions on themes emerging  
 Evening: Free (dinner is served until 19hrs)

### **Tuesday 26 March**

#### **Fellows' presentations on "What do you regard as the three most urgent questions for the urban age in the 21st Century?" and visit**

- 9-930: Breakfast  
 930-10: Room: *Sala de Uso Múltiple Manuela Saenz, Residence building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- Overnight reflections
- 10-11: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions  
 11-1115: *Coffee break*  
 1115-1215: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions  
 1215-1315: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions  
 1315-1415: Plenary discussion of themes emerging  
 1415-18: *Lunch and visit to the equator*  
 18-1830: *Dinner*  
 1830-1930: Public lecture Adriana Allen: Urbanizacion, riesgo y vulnerabilidad en el contexto del cambio climatico  
*Room: TBC*  
*Lecture in Spanish, Fellows to decide if they want to attend*

### **Wednesday 27 March**

#### **Building an analytical framework for discussions**

- 9-930: Breakfast  
 930-10: Room: *Sala de Uso Múltiple Manuela Saenz, Residence building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*  
 Overnight reflections
- 10-1045: Presentation Mark Swilling: "Global crisis, cities, urban infrastructure, material flows, smart city agenda" + questions  
 1045-1130: Presentation Andrea Lampis/Alberto Cimadamore: "Poverty, social inequality, social crises and the growing role of informal societies"+ questions  
 1130-1145: *Coffee break*  
 1145-1245: Discussion after presentations Mark and Andrea/Alberto  
 1245-1330: *Lunch*  
 1330-1415: Lecture Adriana Allen: "Sustainable Urbanization or Environmentally Just Urbanisation? Rethinking the challenges ahead in a context of multiple scarcities and injustices"+ questions  
 1415-1445: Lecture Roberto Sanchez (pre-recorded): "Urbanization and global environmental change", followed by Q&A by Skype  
 1445-1545: Discussion after lectures Adriana/Roberto  
 1545-1615: *Tea break*  
 1615-17: Presentation Edgar Pieterse (pre-recorded): "African urbanism"  
 17-18: Discussion to tie together themes of days 1, 2 and 3  
 18-1830: *Dinner*  
 1830- 2030: Public round table on "The Challenges of Sustainability in an Urban Age", with Mario Unda, Diego Mancheno, Manuel Chiriboga, Andrea Lampis, Mark Swilling  
*Room: TBC*  
*Event in Spanish, Fellows to decide if they want to attend*

## **Thursday 28 March**

### **What are the 21<sup>st</sup> century urban imaginaries?**

*The programme for Thursday-Saturday is indicative.. Based on the discussions on the previous days, Fellows and conveners will decide on the best method for moving from discussions into scientific work.*

Thursday is where the transition from discussing the state-of-the-art into critical and creative work starts. Activities focus on the future of urbanization in the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the regional differences and similarities of these processes.

- 9-930: Breakfast
- 930-10: Overnight reflections: mid-way evaluation and transition into joint work
- 10-11: Break-out group discussions
- 11-1115: *Coffee break*
- 1115-1215: Break-out group discussions
- 1215-13: *Lunch*
- 13-14: Plenary discussion
- 14-15: Break-out group discussions
- 15-16: Plenary discussions
- Evening: *Free (optional excursion)*

## **Friday 29 March**

### **Implications of the urban age for societies, the environment and opportunities for sustainable development**

- 9-930: Breakfast
- 930-10: Overnight reflections
- 10-11: Break-out group discussions
- 11-1115: *Coffee break*
- 1115-1215: Break-out group discussions
- 1215-13: Lunch
- 13-14: Plenary discussion
- 14-1515: Break-out group discussions
- 1515-1615: Plenary discussions
- 1615-1630: *Tea break*
- 1630-18: Plenary discussion on focus of joint product(s)
- 19: *Dinner at Pobre Diablo, meet at the entrance of the Residence building to walk over*

## **Saturday 30 March**

### **Joint project**

Fellows complete plans for a joint product and possible other joint activities, and agree on a division of tasks to take them forward.

- 9-10: Overnight reflections
- 10-11: Break-out groups discussions
- 11-1130: *Coffee break*
- 1130-1230: Plenary discussions and evaluation of seminar
- 1230-13: Lunch
- 13: End of seminar

### List of participant Fellows:

Name	Sex	Nationality	Institution	Country of home institution	Discipline	Topic of paper
CHIWESHE, Manase Kudzai	M	Zimbabwe	Rhodes University	South Africa	Sociology	An exploratory gaze into how the colonial development of Harare has led to continued 'exclusion' of women
DOMINGUEZ, Mauricio	M	Mexico	Instituto Politecnico Nacional	Mexico	Geography	Innovative approaches to sustainable urbanization through a case study in Progreso, Yucatan, employing the approaches of adaptation and resilience
EDWARDS, Ferne	F	Australia	Australian National University	Australia	Anthropology	Non-capitalist alternative food networks in both First and Third World cities
HARRIS, John	M	United States	Florida State University	United States	Urban and regional planning	How human effluent could be effectively collected from dispersed and decentralized sites in Accra, Ghana when given a monetary value as a commodity
LAWANSON, Taibat Olaitan	F	Nigeria	Federal University of Technology	Nigeria	Urban and regional planning	A consideration of the activities of the urban poor in the context of urban development in the Lagos
LAWTON, Philip	M	Ireland	Maastricht University	The Netherlands	Geography	The need for a greater level of connectivity and reflection of the factors that influence urban development at various scales
LINO E SILVA, Moises	M	Brazil	Harvard University	United States	Anthropology	Freedom and favelas
MUBAYA, Chipo	F	Zimbabwe	University of Dar Es Salaam	Tanzania	Development Studies	Climate change adaptation in 3 African cities

MUKHERJEE	F	India	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata	India	History of Ecology and Environment	A Critical Exploration of the Spatial Expansion of Kolkata (India) since the post-colonial era
OBENG-ODOOM, Franklin	M	Ghana	University of Technology, Sydney	Australia	Political Economy	Sustainable urbanisation through the lens of mineral extraction in a harbour city in West Africa
PARRY, Luke	M	England	Lancaster University	England	Environmental Sciences	What does urbanization mean for Amazonian people and forests?
REUSSER, Dominik	M	Switzerland	Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research	Germany	Applied Systems Science	Socio-cultural factors that affect CO2 emissions in cities
ROSALES, Natalie	F	Mexico	Complutense University Madrid	Spain	Sustainable Development	Critical issues and unsustainable trends that the cities undergo; case study of Mexico City
SANCHEZ, Landy	F	Mexico	El Colegio de Mexico	Mexico	Sociology	Socio-demographic analysis of Mexican cities in relation to greenhouse gas emissions
SANCHEZ, Diana	F	Colombia	Human Sciences Research Council	South Africa	Political Science	The recent process of urbanization in Cape Town using the lens of public space
SEQUERA, Jorge	M	Spain	Complutense University Madrid	Spain	Sociology	The negative consequences of (urban) neoliberalisation on the general political agenda, dismantling hegemonic post-political discourses and pushing fresh interpretations towards mainstream politics
SOTIROPOULOU, Irene	F	Greece	University of Crete	Greece	Economics	Economic activity without the use of official currency in urban centres

WOLDEAMANUEL, Mintesnot	M	Ethiopia	California State University	United States	Urban and Environmental Planning	Travel behavior change
TIWARI, Alok	M	India	Ethiopian Civil Service University	Ethiopia	Geography	Urban Infrastructure is bedrock for urban prosperity and Eco-Efficient & Socially Inclusive Infrastructure and services provision can not only maximize economic, social and environmental benefits but also pledge Sustainable Urbanization
ZHENG, Yan	F	China	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	China	Economics	Governance in Building Low Carbon Resilient City: Perspective from Sustainable Urbanization under Climate Change