

2nd Annual IGC Cities Research Conference

– Making infrastructure work for growth

Date: 28-29 January, 2016

Location: Tower 2, London School of Economics (LSE), London

Day 1 – research focused

8.15-
8.45 *Registration and coffee*

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9.00 **Words of welcome** **Jonathan Leape** (Executive Director, IGC)

9.00-
10.00 **Emerging ideas for
growth Part I: Housing
and slums**

Presenters
Simon Franklin (LSE)
*Access to credit and large household investments in
urban Africa: Evidence from a housing lottery*
Natalie Picarelli (LSE)
*Little Boxes All the Same - Evaluating Low-Cost Housing in
South African Metro Areas*
Guillermo Alves (Brown University)
Slums in a system of developing world cities

10.00-
11.00 **Emerging ideas for
growth Part II: Dealing
with density**

Nick Tsivanidis (Chicago Booth)
*Commuting Technologies, City Structure and Urban
Inequality: Evidence from Bogotá's TransMilenio*
Martina Kirchberger (Columbia University)
*Pollution, Crime, and Mistrust across Space: Evidence
from Sub-Saharan Africa*
Santiago Truffa (UC Berkeley Haas School of Business)
Geographic Determinants of Skill Sorting

11.00-
11.15 *Tea and coffee*

11.15-
12.45 **Building cities**

Academic presenters:
Vernon Henderson
Building the City: sunk capital and sequencing
Paul Novosad (Dartmouth College)
Rapid Urbanization and Rural Structural Transformation
Discussant:
Naomi Hausman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

12.45-
13.30 *Lunch*

Academic presenters:
Costas Arkolakis (Yale)
Optimal city structure

13.30-
15.00 **Structuring cities**

Adam Storeygard (Tufts)
The Heterogeneous Effects of Transportation Investments: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa 1960-2010
Discussant
Nathaniel Baum-Snow (Brown)

15.00-
15.15 *Tea and coffee*

Academic presenters:
Marcella Alsan (Stanford)
Watersheds in Infant Mortality: The Role of Effective Water and Sewerage Infrastructure, 1880 to 1915

15.15-
16.45 **Lesson's from the past**

Stephen Redding (Princeton)
Estimating Neighborhood Effects: Evidence from War-Time Destruction in London
Discussant:
Jeremiah Dittmar (LSE)

16.45-
17.30 **Q&A: Challenges in transforming African cities**

Chair:
Tony Venables (Oxford)
Speaker:
Patricia De Lille (Mayor, Cape Town)
Jennifer Musisi (Executive Director, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda)

17.30-
18.30 *Drinks reception*

Day 2 – policy focused

8.30-
9.00 *Registration and coffee*

9.00-
9.30 **Introduction**

What research has told us about cities
By Gharad Bryan
The policy-research sweet spot
By Ijaz Nabi

9.30-
11.00 **Policy challenge 1: Housing and land use**

Chair:
Ed Glaeser (Professor, Harvard)

Panellists

Alex Mwansa (Town Clerk, Lusaka City Council, Zambia)

Craig Kesson (Director, Office of the Mayor of Cape Town)

Paul Collier (Professor, Oxford)

Nasir Javed (CEO, Urban Unit, Government of Punjab)

11.00-
11.30 *Tea and coffee*

Chair:

James Robinson (Professor, University of Chicago)

Panellists:

11.30-
13.00 **Policy challenge 2:
Transport and
infrastructure**

Patricia de Lille (Mayor, Capetown)

Jennifer Musisi (Executive Director, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda)

Nathaniel Baum-Snow (Professor, Brown)

Douglas Gollin (Professor, Oxford)

13.00-
13.30 *Lunch*

Chair:

Oriana Bandiera (Professor, LSE)

Panellists

13.30-
15.00 **Policy challenge 3:
Water and sanitation**

Judith Tukahirwa Tumusiime (Deputy Executive Director, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda)

Mohammed Alhassan (Senior Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, Ghana)

Marcella Alsan (Associate professor, Stanford)

Chola Chabala (Director of Planning, Ministry of Planning, Zambia)

15.00-
15.30 *Tea and Coffee*

Chair:

Adnan Khan (Professor, LSE and Research Director, IGC)

15.30-
17.00 **Policy challenge 4:
Financing city provision**

Panelists:

Patrick Musoke (Deputy Director Strategy Management and Business Development, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda)

Ali Cheema (Professor, Lahore University of Management Science)

David Savage (Cities Support Programme, National Treasury, South Africa)

17.00-
17.30

Closing remarks

Ed Glaeser (Professor, Harvard)

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