

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*

8.45-
9.00 **Words of welcome** **Jonathan Leape** (Executive Director, IGC)

Presenters

Simon Franklin (LSE)

Access to credit and large household investments in urban Africa: Evidence from a housing lottery

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

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*

Academic presenters:

Marcella Alsan (Stanford)

Watersheds in Infant Mortality: The Role of Effective Water and Sewerage Infrastructure, 1880 to 1915

11.15-
12.45 **Lesson's from the past**

Stephen Redding (Princeton)

Estimating Neighborhood Effects: Evidence from War-Time Destruction in London

Discussant:
Jeramiah Dittmar (LSE)

12.45-
13.30 Lunch

13.30-
15.00 **Structuring cities**

Academic presenters:
Costas Arkolakis (Yale)
Optimal city structure
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*

15.15-
16.45 **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)

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

Chair:

Ed Glaeser (Professor, Harvard)

9.30-
11.00

**Policy challenge 1:
Housing and land use**

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:

Nathaniel Baum-Snow (Professor, Brown)

11.30-
13.00

**Policy challenge 2:
Transport and
infrastructure**

Panellists:

Patricia de Lille (Mayor, Capetown)

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

Douglas Gollin (Professor, Oxford)

13.00-
13.30

Lunch

Chair:

Oriana Bandiera (Professor, LSE)

13.30-
15.00

**Policy challenge 3:
Water and sanitation**

Panellists

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)

Panelists:

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

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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