

International Conference on

The Pandemic and Urban Governance: Changing State-Society Relationships and Learning from COVID-19

Venue: Room 113, School of Arts and Sciences Building, Ahmedabad University

Agenda

Speaker	Presentation	Time
Day 1: April 19, 2023		
Registration and Tea: 9:30 - 10:00		
Inaugural Session: 10:00 - 11:15		
Session Moderator: Prof. Darshini Mahadevia		
Prof. Pankaj Chandra (Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University)	Welcome and Ahmedabad University Vision	10.00 – 10.10
Prof. Darshini Mahadevia (Associate Dean, Arts, School of Arts and Sciences, Project PI, Ahmedabad University)	Introducing the Conference	10:10 - 10:15
Dr. Glyn Williams (Project PI and Reader in International Development and Planning, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, University of Sheffield)	Framing the Debate	10:15 - 10:30
Dr. Karen Coelho (Project PI and Associate Professor Madras Institute of Development Studies, Madras Institute of Development Studies) Dr. Binitha Thampi (Project PI and Associate Professor of Development Studies Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras) Prof Darshini Mahadevia (Project PI, Ahmedabad University)	Insights from Comparative Study	10:30 - 10:50
To be decided (TBD)	Discussant	10:50 - 11:00
	Open Discussion	11:00 - 11:15
Tea Break: 11:15 - 11:30		
Session 1: Urban Governance and Policy 11:30 - 13:00		
Session Moderator: Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay (TBC)		
Prof. Amita Bhide (Professor, School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)	Pandemic Governance and the City (online)	11:30 - 11:45
Riby Rachel Mathews (Doctoral Student, CEPT University) Surajit Chakravaarty (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi)	Seeing into the State: An Assessment of the Role of a Smart City within a Multi-scalar Pandemic Response	11:45 - 12:00
Mukta Naik (Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi)	The Building Blocks of a Migrant-inclusive Urban Governance Framework	12:00 - 12:15
Lalitha Kamath (Associate Prof, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance, School of Habitat Studies, TISS, Mumbai)	Discussant	12:15 - 12:25
	Open Discussion	12:25 - 13:00

Lunch Break: 13:00 - 14:00		
Session 2: COVID-19 Impacts and Vulnerability 14:00 - 15:30 pm		
Session Moderator: Dr. Karen Coelho		
Dr. Barsha Poricha (Technical Head, Centre for Urban Regional Excellence, Delhi)	COVID 19 , Urban Informalities and the Working Woman	14:00 - 14:15
Bincy Mathew (Independent researcher)	Urban governance during the pandemic: factors that deterred access to MCH care among homeless women in Delhi	14:15 - 14:30
Emanuele Sciuva (Doctoral Candidate, Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning, Politecnico di Torino)	Seeing Like a (Pandemic) City: The Role of Urban Infrastructure and Inequalities (online)	14:30 - 14:45
Mona Mehta (Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Arts, School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University)	Discussant	14:45 - 14:55
	Open Discussion	14:55 - 15:30
Tea Break: 15.30 – 15.45		
Session 3: State CBO Relations 15:45 - 17:15		
Session Moderator: Dr. Kaustuv Kanti Bandyopadhyay		
Kinjal Sampat and Rashee Mehra (Indian Institute of Human Settlements)	Lessons for Social Protection From the COVID-19 Lockdowns: An Assessment of Relief Provided by State and Non-State Actors	15:45 - 16:00
Dr Melanie Lombard (University of Sheffield, UK) Professor Fiona Anciano (University of the Western Cape, South Africa) Dr Carlos Andres Tobar (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Colombia)	Changing State Society Relations During and After the Pandemic: The role of CBOs (online)	16:00 – 16: 15
Basirat Oyalowo (University of Lagos, Nigeria) Samuel Atiku (International Budget Partnership, Washington D.C, USA)	Urban Services and the Invincibility of Local Governments in the COVID 19 Pandemic Context (online)	16: 15 – 16: 30
Prof. Philip Harrison, Philip Harrison, South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa	Discussant (online)	16:30 – 16: 40
	Open Discussion	14:55 - 15:30
Conference Dinner in the Hotel (19.30 – 21.00)		

Day 2: April 20, 2023

Panel Discussion 1: Learning from Gujarat, Kerala and Tamil Nadu

10:00 - 11:15

Panel Moderator: Professor Darshini Mahadevia

<p>Shri Hitesh Vaidya (Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi)</p>	<p>Key Note Address: Pandemic and Urban Governance Challenges in India</p>	<p>10.00 – 10.20</p>
<p>Bijal Bhatt (Mahila Housing SEWA Trust, Ahmedabad) Preeti Oza (TBC) (Centre for Labour Research and Action) Dr. T S Anish (Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Kerala) Dr. M. Jagadeesan Chennai Municipal Corporation Health Officer. Dr. Gladstone Xavier (HOD Social Work, Loyola College)</p>	<p>Questions to be provided</p>	<p>10:20 – 10.50</p>
	<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>10:45 - 11:15</p>

Tea Break: 11:15 - 11:30

Panel Discussion 2: Urban Governance for Future Challenges

11:30 - 13:00

Session Moderator: Dr. Glyn Williams

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<p>Dr. Dilip Mavlankar (Director Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar) Dr. Kaustuv Kanti Bandyopadhyay (Director, Participatory Research in Asia – PRIA, Delhi) Dr. Arjun Kumar (Director, Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI), New Delhi) Dr. Binitha Thampi (Project PI and Associate Professor of Development Studies Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras) Dr. Ajith Kaliyath Urban Chair Professor, Kerala institute of Local Administration</p>		<p>11.30 – 12:15</p>
	<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>12:15 - 13:00</p>

Lunch Break: 13:00 - 14:00