

Understanding Cities from the Inside Out: Sustainability of Neighbourhoods in Asia and Africa

Monday 10 February | 12:30 - 13:30 | Hall 3, Room 15



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Centre for Sustainable,
Healthy and Learning Cities
and Neighbourhoods



Globalisation and rapid urbanisation have created neighbourhoods across Asian and African cities that are more dynamic than ever. Assuring sustainability in our neighbourhoods plays an important role in delivering sustainable cities. SHLC's Side Event aims to provoke fresh insight into **understanding urban sustainability at the neighbourhood level in fast-growing cities**.

Presentations of key research findings will be followed by an interactive discussion with an international panel of experts on why exploring neighbourhood sustainability is key to supporting sustainable cities.

Speakers and Panel:

Professor Ya Ping Wang – University of Glasgow (Moderator)

Dr Shilpi Roy – Khulna University, Bangladesh (Speaker)

Dr Francis Levira – Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania (Speaker)

Professor Debolina Kundu – National Institute of Urban Affairs, India (Moderator)

Dr Jaideep Gupte – Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (Panelist)

Professor Cliff Hague – Heriot-Watt University and Cockburn Association (Panelist)

Remy Sietchiping – UN Habitat (Panelist)

Andre Muller - Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (Panelist)

Tadashi Matsumoto - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Panelist)

ABOUT OUR EVENT:

During this side event, SHLC's international research team will explore neighbourhood sustainability in case study cities across Africa and Asia to help inform our understanding of sustainable urban development.

Sustainable cities depend on a population with the resilience that health and learning brings. Equally, access to healthcare and quality education depend on the sustainable development of cities and the neighbourhoods within them. But the pressing demand for a healthy living environment, quality learning opportunities, a thriving local economy and active participation have been major policy challenges in Asian and African cities. To address these challenges it is crucial that local practices are shared to offer an insight into the understanding of sustainable neighbourhoods.

ABOUT SHLC:

The GCRF Centre for Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods (SHLC) is an international consortium of nine research partners aiming to strengthen capacity to address urban, health and education challenges in neighbourhoods across fast-growing cities in Africa and Asia.

SHLC's international research team are conducting a comparative study of urbanisation and the formation of neighbourhoods in 14 cities in both emerging economies and relatively poor countries: Bangladesh, China, India, the Philippines, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania.

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