



4th WORLD BANK / GEORGE WASHINGTON U. / IGC-CITIES URBANIZATION AND POVERTY REDUCTION RESEARCH CONFERENCE

“BUILDING OR REBUILDING CITIES FOR GROWTH”

September 8, 2017

A conference Organized by the World Bank, George Washington University-IIEP,
and the International Growth Centre-Cities

Location: Preston Auditorium, World Bank, 1818 H Street, N.W., 20433 Washington D.C.

AGENDA

08:30 am-09:00 am **Coffee and registration**

09:00 am-10:45 am

OPENING SESSION: URBAN GOVERNANCE

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WELCOMING REMARKS

Michael Toman, Research Manager, Environment and Energy Research Program, Development Research Group, The World Bank

Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Senior Director, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, The World Bank

CHAIR: William Maloney, Chief Economist, Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions, The World Bank

PANELISTS

Edward Glaeser, Professor of Economics, Harvard and IGC

Craig Kesson, Executive Director, City of Cape Town, South Africa

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

Paul Romer, Chief Economist and Vice-President, The World Bank

10:45 am-11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 am-12:30 pm

SESSION 1: LAND

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Mini keynote: Land in the urban development agenda, **Harris Selod**, (Development Research Group, the World Bank)

Paper 1.1 Building the City: Sunk capital, sequencing, and institutional frictions, **Anthony Venables** (University of Oxford), joint with Vernon Henderson (LSE) and Tanner Regan (LSE)

Paper 1.2 On the Determinants of Slum Formation, **Daniel da Mata** (IPEA), joint with Tiago Cavalcanti (University of Cambridge) and Marcelo Santos (IIER).

CHAIR: **Horacio Terraza**, Lead Urban Specialist for the Latin America Region, The World Bank

DISCUSSANT: **Alain Bertaud**, Marron Institute of Urban Management and NYU Stern Urbanization Project

12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm-2:15 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Paul Romer, Chief Economist and Vice-President, The World Bank

CHAIR: **Phil Hay**, Communications Advisor, Development Economics, The World Bank

2:15 pm-3:45 pm

SESSION 2: TRANSPORT

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Mini keynote: Transport infrastructure in the urban development agenda, **Somik Lall** (Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, The World Bank)

Paper 2.1 Accessibility and Mobility in Urban India, **Gilles Duranton** (Wharton School), joint with Prottoy Akbar (University of Pittsburgh), Victor Couture (UC-Berkeley), Ejaz Ghani (World Bank) and Adam Storeygard (Tufts)

Paper 2.2 Subways and Urban Air Pollution, **Matthew Turner** (Brown University), joint with Nicolas Gendron-Carrier (University of Toronto),

Marco Gonzalez-Navarro (University of Toronto) and Stefano Polloni (Brown University)

CHAIR: Marianne Fay, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Vice-Presidency, The World Bank

DISCUSSANT: Leah Brooks, George Washington University

3:45 pm-4:00 pm

Coffee Break

4:00 pm-5:30 pm

SESSION 3: PUBLIC SERVICES

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Mini keynote: Urban sanitation in the urban development agenda, Rémi Jedwab (George Washington University)

Paper 3.1 Financing Sewers in the 19th Century's Largest Cities: A Prequel for African Cities?, Robert Buckley (The Urban Institute)

Paper 3.2 Water, Health, and Wealth, Edward Glaeser (Harvard/IGC), with Nava Ashraf (London School of Economics), Abraham Holland (Harvard Kennedy School), and Bryce Steinberg (Brown University).

CHAIR: Michael Toman, Research Manager, Energy and Environment, Development Research Group, The World Bank

DISCUSSANT: Maisy Wong (The Wharton School)

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Cocktail Reception

George Washington University
Elliott School of International Affairs
Lindner Commons Room (6th floor)
1957 E ST NW
(Int. of E and 19th Streets, on E Street)
Washington, DC

Welcome speech:
Maggie Chen (GWU)
