Urbanization and Spatial Development of Countries

Research Workshop

Monday, July 13, 2015 | 8:30 am – 5:30 pm | I 2-250

Agenda

8:30 – 10:15am  IN AUGURAL SESSION

Opening Remarks
MARISELA MONTOLIU MUÑOZ, Director, GSURR, World Bank
STEVAN LEE, Team Leader, Growth Research, UK DFID

Keynote Presentation “The Global Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity”
DAVID WEIL, James and Merryl Tisch Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Brown University

10:30am – 12:30pm  CONNECTIVITY AND TRANSPORT

CHAIR
ABHAS KUMAR JHA, Practice Manager, GPSURR, World Bank

China's Expressway and Growth
NATHANIEL BAUM-SNOW, Department of Economics, Brown University

Subways and Urban Growth: Evidence from Earth
MARCO GONZALEZ-NAVARRO, Department of Economics, University of Toronto

The Effect of Transport Improvement: The Kampala Ring Road
FERDINAND RAUCH, University of Oxford

DISCUSSANT
ARTURO ARDILLA GOMEZ, Lead Transport Economist, World Bank
1:30 – 2:30pm  
**WORLD BANK GROUP PROGRAM**

**Opening Remarks**

EDE IJIASZ-VASQUEZ, Senior Director, GSURR, World Bank

**World Bank’s Global Spatial Development of Cities Research Program: Overview**

SOMIK V. LALL, Lead Economist, GSURR

**10-minute presentations by team members**

JUDY BAKER, Lead Economist, GSURR  
PAULA RESTREPO CADAVID, Urban Economist, GSURR  
YUE LI, Economist, SARCE  
NANCY LOZANO-GRACIA, Senior Urban Economist, GSURR

2:45 – 4:15pm  
**RESILIENT CITIES**

**CHAIR**

SAMEH WAHBA, Practice Manager, GPSURR, World Bank

**Urban Growth in Africa: Natural Resource Shocks**

J.V. HERNDERSON, School Professor of Economic Geography, LSE

**Flooded Cities**

GUY MICHAELS, Associate Professor, LSE

**Cities and Climate Change in India**

JONATHAN COLMER, Centre for Economic Performance and the Grantham Research Institute, LSE

4:15 – 5:30pm  
**ECONOMIC POLICY AND URBANIZATION**

**Round Table Discussion**

**CHAIR**

MARISELA MONTOLIU MUÑOZ, Director, GSURR, World Bank

J.V. HERNDERSON, School Professor of Economic Geography, LSE  
SHANTAYANAN DEVARAJAN, Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank  
MARIANNE FAY, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Practice Group, World Bank  
DANIEL LEDERMAN, Lead Economist, Latin American and Caribbean, World Bank  
SUDHIR SHETTY, Chief Economist, East Asia and Pacific, World Bank