INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “MANAGING MEGACITIES 2016”

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and
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under the ‘University Partnership Program’

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Conference Program

September 20, 2016 – Day 1

0900-0930h  Registration  Conference venue: Auditorium, ICCBS-HEJ, University of Karachi

0930-1030h  First Plenary: ‘University Partnership Program’ between George Mason University and University of Karachi

Presentations:

   Overview of the Partnership Plan
   Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan, Chairman Department of Public Administration, University of Karachi

   Partnership Accomplishments
   Dr. Khalid M. Iraqi, Dean Faculty of Management & Administrative Sciences, University of Karachi

   Key Findings from the Karachi Megacities Survey
   Dr. James C. Witte, Director Center for Social Science Research, George Mason University

Remarks

   Dr. Abuzar Wajidi, Former Dean Faculty of Management & Administrative Sciences, University of Karachi

Remarks

   Dr. M. Qaiser, Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi

Q&A Session  (Moderator: Dr. Shah Jamal Alam, Habib University)

1030-1100h  Tea Break

1100-1300h  Second Plenary: Keynotes on Situation in Selected Megacities

Moderator: Dr. Uzma Shujaat, University of Karachi

Keynotes:

1. Karachi: Mr. Arif Hasan, Architect & Town Planner
2. New Delhi: Delhi through the Prism of Transport, Mobility, and the Metro. Dr. Rashmi Sadana, George Mason University
4. Istanbul: Transition towards a post-carbon city: Istanbul 2050 vision and roadmap. Dr. Tüzin Baycan, Istanbul Technical University
1300-1400h  
**Plenary Panel: What Makes Megacities Special? Is Each Individual Megacity Unique or Are There Types of Megacities?**

**Moderator:** Dr. Shah Jamal Alam, Habib University

**Panelists:**
1. Karachi  
   Mr. Arif Hasan, Architect & Town Planner
2. New Delhi  
   Dr. Rashmi Sadana, George Mason University
3. Sao Paulo  
   Dr. Eduardo Marques, University of Sao Paulo
4. Istanbul  
   Dr. Tuizin Baycan, Istanbul Technical University

**Q&A Session**

1400-1500h  
**Lunch Break**

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**September 21, 2016 – Day 2**

0900-0915h  
**Registration**  
**Conference venue:** Auditorium, ICCBS-HEJ, University of Karachi

0915-1015h  
**Third Plenary: Keynotes on Water & Sanitation and Transport Issues in Megacities**

**Moderator:** Dr. M. Sajideen, University of Karachi

1. **Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Button**, George Mason University – *Enabling Mobility in Megacities*

2. **Speaker: Dr. Noman Ahmed**, NED University of Engineering & Technology – *Water Supply Issues in Karachi: Appraisal and Way Forward*

**Q&A Session**

1015-1030h  
**Tea Break**
1030-1230h Thematic Concurrent Session I. Water, Sanitation and Urban Governance

**Moderator:** Dr. S. Humayun, University of Karachi

Paper 1. Tehmina Faisal & Mustafa Hyder – *Water Crisis in Karachi: A governance’s failure*

Paper 2. Zohair Ashir, Hisaar Foundation – *Urban Water Management: Approaches to Transformation*

Paper 3. Lubna Ghazal, Salman Zubair, Jamil H. Kazmi - *Investigation to the impact of water scarcity on food production in the megacity of Karachi*

Paper 4. Mustafa Hyder & Tehmina Faisal – *Vertical growth and Sanitation issues in Karachi*

Paper 5. Sajjad Ahmed – *Karachi’s Ungoverned Spaces*

**Comments by expert:** Dr. Noman Ahmed (NED University of Engineering & Technology)

**Q&A Session**

1030-1230h Thematic Concurrent Session II. Transportation

**Moderator:** Dr. Ghazal Khawaja, University of Karachi


Paper 2. Syeda Hoor-ul-Ain – *An empirical review of Karachi’s transportation predicament: from personal attitudes to public opinion*


Paper 5. Sobia Iqbal, Ammad Zafar – *Situation in Karachi based on Karachi Megacity Survey*

**Comments by experts:** Dr. Mir Shabbar Ali (NED University of Engineering & Technology) and Dr. Kenneth Button (George Mason University)

**Q&A Session**

1230h Poster Session – I: Opening display of conference posters.

1300-1400h Lunch Break

1400-1430h Fourth Plenary: Keynote on Ecological Issues in Megacities

**Moderator:** Mustafa Hyder, University of Karachi

**Speaker:** Dr. Jamil H. Kazmi, University of Karachi – *Appraising Ecological Issues in a MegaCity through GeoSpatial Technology: A Case Study of Karachi*

1430-1515h Breakout Sessions for small group discussions on presentations made in sessions I & II

Kenneth Button, James Witte, Mustafa Hyder, Tehmina Faisal, Lubna Ghazal, Syeda Hoor-ul-Ain, Sobia Iqbal

1515-1600h Recommendations from the breakout sessions I & II.

**Moderator:** Sumrin Kalia, University of Karachi

**Panelists:** Dr. Mir Shabbar Ali, Dr. Noman Ahmed (NED University of Engineering & Technology) and Dr. Kenneth Button (George Mason University)
Fifth Plenary: Keynote on Education Issues in Megacities

Moderator: Dr. M. Moiz Khan, University of Karachi
Speaker: TBA. *Education in Megacities and the "New Literacy".*
Q&A Session

Tea and refreshments

Conference dinner and cultural program

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**September 22, 2016 – Day 3**

0900-0915h  Registration  Conference venue: Auditorium, ICCBS-HEJ, University of Karachi

0915-1030h  Sixth Plenary: Keynote on Youth in Megacities
Moderator: Dr. S. Shabib-ul-Hasan, University of Karachi
Speaker: Mr. Wali Zahid, SkillCity.
Q&A Session

1030-1100h  Tea Break

1100-1300h  Thematic Concurrent Session – III.  Education & Health
Moderator: Tehmina Faisal, University of Karachi

- Paper 1. Munazza Danish – *Education System Choice: A Study of Parents’ Preferences in Karachi*
- Paper 2. Aysha Ali – *Private School Management in Karachi*

Comments by expert: Dr. James Witte
Q&A Session
1100-1300h  Thematic Concurrent Session – IV.   Youth

**Moderator:** Syeda Hoor-ul-Ain, University of Karachi

Paper 1. Ammad Zafar – *Determination of Youth Emigration*
Paper 2. Sumrin Kalia – *Determinants of Civic Engagements among Youth of the Megacity Karachi*
Paper 4. Luqman Aslam – *The Impact of Vocational Training on Youth Employment*

**Comments by expert:** Mr. Wali Zahid

Q&A Session

1300h  Poster Session – II: Display of conference posters.

1300-1400h  Lunch Break

1400-1430h  Seventh Plenary: Keynote on Karachi’s Cultural Heritage

**Moderator:** Dr. Salman Ahmed, HEC

**Speaker:** Dr. Asma Ibrahim, State Bank of Pakistan – *Role of Museums in Urbanology.*

Q&A Session

1430-1515h  Breakout Session for small group discussions on presentations made in thematic plenary sessions III and IV.
Rashmi Sadana, Wali Zahid, Munazza Danish, Luqman Aslam, Sumrin Kalia, Salman Khatani, Shamaila Burney, Ammad Zafar

1515-1600h  Eighth Plenary: Recommendations from the breakout sessions III & IV.

**Moderator:** Dr. Akhtar Baloch

**Panelists:** Rashmi Sadana and Wali Zahid

1600-1700h  Concluding Plenary Session: The Way Forward

**Chair:** Hon’able Chief Minister, Sindh

**Moderator:** Dr. Khalid M. Iraqi, University of Karachi

**Panelists:**
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2. **Dr. Rashmi Sadana,** George Mason University
3. **Dr. James C. Witte,** George Mason University
4. **Dr. S. Shabib-ul-Hasan,** University of Karachi
5. **Dr. Kenneth Button,** George Mason University

Distribution of Certificates and Souvenirs to conference guests, participants and volunteers.

1700-1730h  Farewell Tea