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This interdisciplinary symposium on cities across the globe launches the Great Cities Institute research cluster: *Dynamics of Global Mobility*. Spatial planning, public space, urban landscapes, economic restructuring, displacement and mobility, everyday insurgencies, youth engagement, safety and security, and the politics of neoliberalism are just some of the topics to be discussed in a roundtable format. You are invited and welcome to attend as much or as little of what promises to be a very exciting time with scholars from both UIC and other parts of the world.

Convener & Moderator:

Teresa L. Córdova, Director
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Discussants:

John-Jairo Betancur
Urban Planning and Policy
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Tim Imeokparia
Visiting Scholar, Great Cities Institute
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Lynette A. Jackson
Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago

Pauline Lipman
Educational Policy Studies, College of Education
University of Illinois at Chicago

Patrisia Macias-Rojas
Visiting Scholar, American Bar Association &
UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

Tingwei Zhang
Urban Planning and Policy
University of Illinois at Chicago

Wednesday, November 20

Session I: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

City and the Symbolic Politics of Neoliberalism in Central Europe

Hana Cervinkova

School of Education, University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland
and Institute of Ethnology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague

Reception: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 21

Session II: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Resisting The Privatization of Public Space: Oaxaca, Mexico
Ivan Arenas
Social Justice Initiative, University of Illinois at Chicago

Myth to Megacity, the Urban Landscape Evolution of Mexico City
Moises Gonzales
Community and Regional Planning, University of New Mexico

Session III: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Neoliberalism, Urban Restructuring and the Battle for Hyderabad City
Sangeeta Kamat
Department of Educational Policy, Research & Administration
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Pursuing Fairness, Prosperity and Localism
in a Superdiverse, Supercomplex, and Disassembled City*
Deborah Youdell
School of Education, University of Birmingham, U.K.

Discussion I: 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

People and Places: Comparing Cities across the Globe

Lunch Session: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. (Provided)

Citizens in the Present: Youth Engagement in the Americas
Maria de los Angeles Torres
Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR)
Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago

Session IV: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*Internally Displaced Women in Medellin, Colombia:
Food Insecurity, Violence, Health and Mobility*
Elizabeth L. Sweet

Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University

Violence, Infrapolitics and Everyday Insurgencies in Peri-Urban Mumbai
Tarini Bedi

Great Cities Institute, 2013-2014 Research Scholar
Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago

Session V: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Policing Precariousness in South Africa and Palestine/Israel
Andy Clarno

Great Cities Institute, 2013-2014 Research Scholar
Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

*Building a 'World Class Heritage City' in Jaipur, India:
Resurgent Local Planning and Civic Pride or More of the Same?*

Sanjeev Vidyarthi
Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussion II: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

People and Places: Comparing Cities across the Globe

Reception: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Harnessing the Power of Research: Solutions for Today's Metropolitan Challenges

Our Vision

Formulate solutions to tackle the multi-dimensional challenges of the changing socio-political economy of metropolitan Chicago and other urban regions.

Our Mission

The Mission of the UIC Great Cities Institute is to link its academic resources with a range of partners to address metropolitan issues by providing research, policy analysis, and program development. Tied to the University of Illinois at Chicago *Great Cities Commitment*, GCI seeks to improve the quality of life in Chicago, its metropolitan region, and other great cities around the world.