Cities Across the Globe:
People and Places Across Borders

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:
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Wednesday, November 20

Session I: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
City and the Symbolic Politics of Neo-liberalism in Central Europe
Hana Cervinkova
University of Lower Silesia, Poland

Reception: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 21

Session II: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Resisting The Privatization of Public Space: Oaxaca, Mexico
Ivan Arenas
UIC Social Justice Initiative

Myth to Megacity, the Urban Landscape Evolution of Mexico City
Moises Gonzales
University of New Mexico

Session III: 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Neoliberalism, Urban Restructuring and the Battle for Hyderabad City
Sanjgeta Kumat
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Pursuing Fairness, Prosperity and Localism in a Superdiverse, Supercomplex, and Disassembled City
Deborah Youdell
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)

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
Temple University

Violence, Infrapolitics and Everyday Insurgencies in Peri-Urban Mumbai
Tarini Bedi
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Session V: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Policing Precariouslyness in South Africa and Palestine/Israel
Andy Clarino
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Building a ‘World Class Heritage City’ in Jaipur, India: Resurgent Local Planning and Civic Pride or More of the Same?
Sanjeev Vidyarthi
University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussion II: 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Reception: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.