The second annual interdisciplinary symposium on cities across the globe continues the Great Cities Institute research cluster: *Dynamics of Global Mobility*.

Spatial planning, public space, urban landscapes, global economic restructuring, transnational displacement and mobility, local ecologies, 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.
Wednesday, April 29
Thompson Room
Student Center West
828 S. Wolcott Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Opening Keynote: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Global Exchange: Building Local Economies Through World Trade
Diego Aulestia
Minister of International Trade
Republic of Ecuador

Panel Discussion: 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
The Pivotal Impact of International Trade in our Neighborhoods

Panelists:
Diego Aulestia
Minister of International Trade
Republic of Ecuador

Laura Ortega-Lamela
Executive Director of Illinois Business Council
Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Thomas Bartkowski
Director of International Business Development
World Business Chicago

Raul Raymundo
Chief Executive Officer
The Resurrection Project

Moderator:
Teresa Córdova, Director
UIC Great Cities Institute
Thursday, April 30
Resident’s Dining Hall
Jane Addams Hull-House
800 S. Halsted Street
Chicago, Illinois

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

Session I: 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Welfare Assemblage:
Politics, Methodology, and Analytics
Deborah Youdell
School of Education
University of Birmingham, U.K.

Ian McGimpsey
School of Education
University of Birmingham, U.K.

Disassembled in Russia:
How Buryats Reconstruct Through Time and Space
Elizabeth L. Sweet
Department of Geography and Urban Studies
Temple University

Trans-Urban Imaginaries in Asia:
Mumbai Taxis/Singapore Style
Tarini Bedi
UIC Great Cities Institute, 2013-2014 Faculty Scholar
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois at Chicago
Session II: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*Cities of Outraged:*
*A Proposal to Analyze the Metropolises in the Early Twenty-First Century*
Claudia Villegas
Faculty of Philosophy and Letters
National Autonomous University of Mexico

*Tahrir Square, Cairo and the*
*Making of the Egyptian Revolution of 2011*
Atef Said
Department of Sociology
University of Illinois at Chicago

*Mobilizing the Street as Political Forum:*
*Collective Resistance Counters the State from Ferguson to Ayotzinapa*
Ivan Arenas
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy
University of Illinois at Chicago

Session III: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Out of Mogadishu:*
*Post Cold War Diasporas, “Second Life” and Community in Chicago*
Lynette A. Jackson
UIC Great Cities Institute, 2014-2015 Faculty Scholar
Gender and Women’s Studies and African American Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago

*The Rescuing of el Centro Histórico en Ciudad Juárez:*
*Struggles and Accomplishments*
Francisco Uviña
Resource Center for Raza Planning
School of Architecture and Planning
University of New Mexico

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Session IV: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
The Evolution of Irrigation Urban Landscapes of the American Southwest
Moises Gonzales
Resource Center for Raza Planning
Community and Regional Planning
University of New Mexico

Contemporary Urban Design in Chinese Cities
Tingwei Zhang
Senior Fellow, UIC Great Cities Institute
Urban Planning and Policy
University of Illinois at Chicago

Session V: 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
The Concept of Commons in the Rio Grande Watershed
José Rivera
Resource Center for Raza Planning
Community and Regional Planning
University of New Mexico

Red Earth Realities and Blue Sky Thinking:
Frontiers of Mining, Governance and Community in Western Australia
Clare Mouat
Human Geography and Planning
University of Western Australia

Responsible City: Corporate Social Responsibility and Cities in Turkey, Europe, Middle East and West Asia
Ali Ercan Özgür
Khadir Has University
Istanbul, Turkey

Discussion: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
People and Places: Comparing Cities across the Globe

Reception: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Convener:
Teresa Córdova, Director
UIC Great Cities Institute

Discussants:
John-Jairo Betancur
Urban Planning and Policy
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Andy Clarno
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Tim Imeokparia
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Glenda Garelli
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Our Vision

Formulate solutions to tackle the multi-dimensional challenges of the changing socio-political economy of cities and their metropolitan regions.

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

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