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## Workshop

# Urban Neighbourhood Sustainability and Impacts from Covid-19 Research Findings and Future Directions for International Collaboration

15 – 16 February 2023

Seminar Room 237B  
Advanced Research Centre (ARC), University of Glasgow

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### Introduction

The Centre for Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods (SHLC) was set up in 2017 as a GCRF-funded international collaborative research project to address global urban challenges and grow research capacity in Africa and Asia. It focuses on understanding neighbourhood and spatial and socio-economic inequalities in fast growing cities and contributes to three UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals: 11: Make cities and human settlements sustainable; 3: Ensure healthy lives for all; 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

SHLC involves three schools of the University of Glasgow – Social and Political Sciences, Education and Health and Wellbeing; its eight excellent international partner teams are located in Bangladesh, China, India, Philippines, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania. There have been over 100 researchers trained, and the associated academic network has become an important international force for urban neighbourhood sustainability studies and a key resource for future research collaboration. The recently completed comprehensive survey of over 14000 households and more than 70 neighbourhood focus groups in fourteen Asian and African cities are unique and valuable datasets about neighbourhoods and their residents under the influence of Covid-19.

This workshop, supported by UKRI/ODA fund, will have two interrelated aims:

- a) To share SHLC research findings with partner teams, University of Glasgow researchers and wider international research communities, and
- b) To identify future research directions and facilitate further research collaboration between current SHLC team members and other international and University of Glasgow researchers.

### Delegates and Participation:

The number of participants of the workshop is expected to be around 50. They will include:

- 1) Representatives from each of eight SHLC international partner teams, and current and former SHLC UK members;

- 2) A number of invited international leading researchers in the subject area;
- 3) Researchers who are part of the UofG ARC theme group *Global Sustainable Development*;
- 4) Researchers working in this subject area in the wider University, especially colleagues involved in three of the College of Social Sciences' theme groups *Sustainability, Addressing Inequalities, and Challenges in Changing Cities*.

The presentations and discussion at the workshop will be broadcasted over a social media platform to other SHLC team members and wider research communities.

### Programme:

#### Day one: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Session	Time	Description
	9:00-9:30	Arrive, Registration, Tea & Coffee ARC: Ground Floor - Seminar Room 237B
	9:30-9:45	<b>Welcome</b> Professor Sara Carter Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Social Sciences
	9:45-10:00	<b>Introduction of SHLC project and workshop programme</b>  <b>Launch new SHLC Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Report: Neighbourhood Matters in <a href="#">Cape Town</a></li> <li>• City Report: Neighbourhood Characteristics and Inequality in the City of <a href="#">Johannesburg</a></li> <li>• The Urban Century: Trends and Patterns of <a href="#">Urbanisation in Asia and Africa</a></li> </ul> Professor Ya Ping Wang Director of SHLC
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>10:00-12:30</b>	<b>Urban and Neighbourhood Inequalities and Challenges for future research in Africa</b> Chair: Professor Debolina Kundu (20 minutes presentation followed by 10 min Q&A for each speaker)
	10:00-10:30	<b>What can be done to transform Cape Town - one of the world's most segregated cities?</b> Prof Ivan Turok University of the Free State, Bloemfontein
	10:30-11:00	<b>Proximate living: Everyday lived informality and COVID-19 in Gauteng, South Africa</b> Professor David Everatt Wits School of Governance, University of the Witwatersrand
	11:00-11:20	<i>Break - Tea &amp; Coffee</i>
	11:20-11:50	<b>Exploring Residents' Living Environment Across Kigali City Neighbourhoods, Rwanda</b> Dr Vincent Manirakiza Senior Lecturer, University of Rwanda
	11:50-12:20	<b>Social Determinants for Long-Term Illness in Urban Neighbourhoods: A Case of Dodoma and Dar Es Salaam Cities</b> Mr Ibrahim Msuya

		Research Scientist, Urban Health & GIS Specialist, Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania
	12:30-14:00	Lunch Tour of ARC
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>14:00-16:40</b>	<b>Urban and Neighbourhood Inequalities and Challenges for future research in Asia</b> Chair: Professor David Everatt (20 Min presentation followed by 10 min Q&A for each speaker)
	14:00-14:30	<b>The multifaceted relationship between neighbourhood and mental health in Asian and African Cities</b> Dr Shilpi Roy Associate Professor in Urban and Rural Planning, Khulna University, Bangladesh
	14:30-15:00	<b>Understanding Urban Inequality through a Spatial Lens - A case of Two Cities</b> Prof. Debolina Kundu National Institute of Urban Affairs New Delhi, India
	15:00-15:30	<b>Did COVID-19 discriminate? A comparative study on the pandemic's impact on households' livelihood based on seven cities from four developing countries in Asia</b> Dr. Yunxia LIU Assistant professor in Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, China
	13:30-15:50	Break – Tea and Coffee
	15:50-16:20	<b>Kapitbahayan, COVID-19, and a caring ethic: challenges and opportunities for neighbourhoods in the cities of Manila and Batangas</b> Prof. Mario Delos Reyes and Mr. Ryan Rivera School of Urban and Regional Planning University of the Philippines
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>16:20-17:00</b>	<b>Discussion, Reflection and Lessons for the Future</b> Chair: Professor Keith Kintrea Deputy Director of SHLC
	17:00-18:30	<b>Networking Reception - Wine and soft drinks (ARC)</b> Welcome by Professor Margery McMahan, Head of School of Education (All welcome)
	19:00	Dinner for SHLC partners and invited speakers (Grosvenor Hotel).

### Day 2: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Session	Time	Description
	9:00-9:10	<b>Introduction to day two</b> Professor Jude Robinson Theme Lead for Global Sustainable Development Advanced Research Centre (ARC)

<b>Session 4</b>	<b>9:10-12:30</b>	<b>SDGs, Urban and Neighbourhood Sustainability – The Global Research Perspectives and Future Agenda</b> Chair: Professor Simon Joss, Head of Urban Studies (20 Min presentation followed by 10 min Q&A)
	9:15-9:45	<b>PEAK URBAN: Creating and sharing new knowledge on sustainable cities</b> Professor Michael Keith Director, Centre on Migration Policy and Society, University of Oxford
	9:45-10:15	<b>Sustainable Development and Education: The Race Against Time, 1994-2023 / 2023-2048</b> Professor Josef Konvitz Honorary Professor in School of Education, UoG
	10:15-10:30	<i>Break – Tea and Coffee</i>
	10:30-11:00	<b>A tale of three cities: Gangs, drugs, and urban sustainability in Managua, Marseille, and Cape Town</b> Professor Dennis Rodgers Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Genève, SWITZERLAND
	11:00-11:30	<b>Leveraging urban policies for sustainable urbanization and reduced inequalities in the urban-rural continuum</b> Ms. Grace Githiri Programme Management Officer, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya
	11:30-12:30	<b>Panel Discussion: SDGs and Future Urban Research Agenda</b> Chair: Professor Mike Osborne  Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Michael Keith</li> <li>• Professor Cliff Hague,</li> <li>• Professor Josef Konvitz</li> <li>• Professor Dennis Rodgers</li> <li>• Ms. Grace Githiri</li> <li>• Professor Ivan Turok</li> </ul>
	12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>14:00-16:40</b>	<b>Future research and collaboration (All)</b> Chair: Professor Ade Kearns, Director of Research and Deputy Head of School of Social and Political Sciences
	14:00-16:00	<b>Facilitators:</b>  Fiona Heatlie, Head of Research Development - Strategic research leadership, College of Social Sciences Mary Ryan, International Development Research Manager, Glasgow Centre for International Development  <b>a) University of Glasgow Research Groups and Strategies (Detail TBC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Studies and SPSS - Professor Annette Hastings</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and PASCAL Observatory – Professor Mike Osborne, Professor Catherine Lido, Professor Mario Delos Reyes and Dr Shilpi Roy.</li> <li>• ARC theme for Global Sustainable Development: Professor Mia Perry</li> <li>• Addressing Inequalities Theme: Professor Srabani Maitra, Dr Cindy Gray and Dr Ana Cannilla</li> <li>• Challenges in Changing Cities Theme: Dr Neil Munro and Dr Ross Beveridge.</li> </ul> <p>b) <b>Roundtable discussion</b> on potential future collaboration and grant application (all)</p>
	16:00-16:15	<b>Address by the Principal</b> Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow
	16:15-16:30	<b>Reflection and Conclusion</b> Professor Jude Robinson and Professor Ya Ping Wang
	16:30-17:00	<i>Networking: Tea &amp; Coffee</i>

### List of Speakers and Panellists

Name	Organisation and Country	Relation with SHLC	Contact
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## List of Title and Abstract of Presentation

### Day 1 - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of February

10:00-10:30	<p><b>What can be done to transform Cape Town - one of the world's most segregated cities?</b></p> <p><i>Prof Ivan Turok</i> <i>University of the Free State, Bloemfontein</i></p> <p>The paper begins with a diagnosis of the extent and causes of current spatial inequalities in Cape Town. Contemporary processes tend to reproduce and reinforce historic forces and patterns. The paper proceeds to elaborate a conceptual framework that identifies various ways in which urban integration could be pursued. These include transport, housing and economic development. Current policies are considered alongside several bolder alternatives.</p>
10:30-11:00	<p><b>Proximate living: Everyday lived informality and COVID-19 in Gauteng, South Africa</b></p> <p><i>Professor David Everatt</i> <i>Wits School of Governance, University of the Witwatersrand</i></p> <p>COVID-19 seroprevalence data from a health and demographic surveillance site found very clear differences between people living in high rise apartments, township houses, and informal settlements (all close to one another). The highest infection rates were found among formal dwellers: those in informal settlements has far lower seroprevalence rates, contrary to popular expectations. This input will suggest that 'everyday lived urbanism' needs far</p>

	<p>better to account for the morphology of informal settlements, which are built to the design of the community, and (in this instance) offered far more open space and the ability to navigate 'own' spaces than any formal structures.</p>
11:20-11:50	<p><b>Exploring Residents' Living Environment Across Kigali City Neighbourhoods, Rwanda</b></p> <p><i>Dr Vincent Manirakiza</i>  <i>Senior Lecturer, College of Education</i>  <i>University of Rwanda</i></p> <p>Despite good urban initiatives and plans auguring sustainable and inclusive cities in developing world, there is still a remarkable inequality in terms of residents' livelihoods. The majority are still concentrated in unplanned neighbourhoods and unsuitable environment. This problematic was studied from the city of Kigali by analysing the level of satisfaction and inequality across five income categories of residents from the poor to the rich neighbourhoods. Results revealed the differences of residents living environment. However, contrary to the general perception of the livelihoods in informal neighbourhoods, dwellers are satisfied in their neighbourhoods. This suggests to deeply understand about their perception, and if their living conditions are well enough.</p>
11:50-12:20	<p><b>Social Determinants for Long-Term Illness in Urban Neighbourhoods: A Case of Dodoma and Dar Es Salaam Cities</b></p> <p><i>Mr Ibrahim Msuya</i>  <i>Research Scientist, Urban Health &amp; GIS Specialist, Ifakara Health Institute,</i>  <i>Tanzania</i></p> <p>Long-term illness may restrict one's ability to participate in social and economic activities. Medical expenditure for long-term illness is among causes of terrible household expenditure. Communicating information on social determinants for long-term illness is important in improving urban environment that may influence population health. Very little is known on how social determinants influence prevalence of long-term illness in urban neighbourhoods. This study aimed at examining social determinants that influences the prevalence of long-term illness in urban neighbourhood of Dodoma and Dar es salaam cities.</p>
14:00-14:30	<p><b>The multifaceted relationship between neighbourhood and mental health in Asian and African Cities</b></p> <p><i>Dr Shilpi Roy</i>  <i>Associate Professor in Urban and Rural Planning,</i>  <i>Khulna University, Bangladesh</i></p> <p>Neighbourhood settings play a crucial role in changes in lifestyle, living conditions, and access to resources and services, which can all impact mental well-being. This study conceptualises urban neighbourhoods as complex physical and social entities that create an objective and subjective environment for residents, the rudiments for mental well-being. The study, therefore, explores the relationship between neighbourhood environments and mental well-being</p>



	<p>through the latest evidence from thirteen cities in Asia and Africa. Neighbourhood wealth classes, types of cities, and economic state of the countries, continents and countries set five contexts for the exploration. This cross-sectional study performs the adjusted binary logistic regression model following a rigorous variable selection process. Respondents with several positive attributes of each of the four environments have higher likeliness or odds of having positive mental well-being outcomes concerning their reference category, with some exceptions. Quality of waste disposal service, better neighbourhoods service coverage, especially quality health service provision and educational opportunities, access to open space, safety, trustworthiness among residents and habit of exercise of the respondents are found to be the most influential attributes to have higher odds of good mental well-being in most of the contexts with some exceptions. In some contexts, dwelling types, living density, toilet ownership, high family solvency and tenure security are seen to impact respondents' mental well-being positively. In contrast, political leadership for neighbourhood management and neighbourhood-level associations are less likely to be associated with good mental well-being. Targeted and policy-based intervention can help create neighbourhood environments that promote mental well-being and build livable and more equitable cities for all.</p>
14:30-15:00	<p><b>Understanding Urban Inequality through a Spatial Lens - A case of Two Cities</b></p> <p><i>Prof. Debolina Kundu</i>  <i>National Institute of Urban Affairs</i>  <i>New Delhi, India</i></p> <p>Inequality is a multifaceted phenomenon with economic, social, spatial, environmental and political dimensions. Each dimension varies across culture, class, race, age, gender and religion. Spatial inequality is one of the dimensions which has gained importance, particularly under the widely adopted neo-liberal urban development regime. Spatial inequality affects mobility, infrastructure, housing as well as access to health and education. It determines narratives of the "core" and "periphery" and offers insights into the uneven distribution of resources, as well as their associated risks. The study highlights the nature and extent of spatial inequality across neighbourhoods in Delhi and Madurai. Based on the survey of around 2250 households spread across the two cities, the study brings to fore the drivers and degree of intra-city inequality in access to housing, basic amenities, education and health care facilities, which was further widened by COVID-19. It also elucidates the rapid spatial expansion of cities characterised by significant core-periphery disparities. Results indicate that class-inequality remains predominant in both the cities. Owing to the differential access to resources and varying nature of governance, the poor neighbourhoods faced more challenges during COVID-19 outbreak. The study advocates for a more inclusive financing and planning process at the city-level, especially with regard to the precarious neighbourhoods.</p>
15:00-15:30	<p><b>Did COVID-19 discriminate? A comparative study on the pandemic's impact on households' livelihood based on seven cities from four developing countries in Asia</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Yunxia LIU</i></p>

	<p><i>Assistant professor in Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, Tianjin, China</i></p> <p>COVID-19 has exerted and is exerting its influence on cities, neighbourhoods and households. However, little is known about the impacts on livelihoods at the household level, especially for big developing countries in Asia. This paper aims to assess the heterogeneous impacts of COVID-19 on households' livelihood, by examining changes in household heads' income, household income, household debts and life essential security after COVID-19; and identify vulnerable households that are more negatively affected, by checking households and housing characteristics of those vulnerable households, based on cross-country and cross-city evidence. Household questionnaire survey data (N=7804) were collected from 7 cities out of 4 countries in Asian (Dhaka and Khulna from Bangladesh, Datong from China, Delhi and Madurai from India, Manila and Batangas from the Philippines). Results show that COVID-19 does discriminate. It exacerbates the negative impacts on disadvantaged households. However, the specific predictors are different across cities and countries, due to different forms of inequality embedded historically. It's not the COVID 19, the disease itself worsen household livelihood, it's the economic and social system, and countermeasures lead to the heterogeneous impacts on livelihood.</p> <p><b>Keywords:</b> Livelihood; COVID-19; Asian developing countries; Inequality</p>
15:50-16:20	<p><b><i>Kapitbahayan, COVID-19, and a caring ethic: challenges and opportunities for neighbourhoods in the cities of Manila and Batangas</i></b></p> <p><i>Prof. Mario Delos Reyes and Mr. Ryan Rivera School of Urban and Regional Planning University of the Philippines</i></p> <p><i>Kapitbahayan</i>—informal solidarity-based practices, where one gets to "toil on another's behalf" and begins to "care" for one another, anchored largely on a collective identity, a sense of embeddedness, and an acknowledgment of a common hardship—stands out in many neighbourhoods in Manila and Batangas. This notably manifests within less privileged areas, where levels of exposure are higher and capacities to cope are much less.</p> <p>Using ethics-of-care as the lens, this presentation reflects on the work done by SHLC Philippines in Manila and Batangas over the past three years, capitalizing on the potential of neighbourhoods to humanize the way we tackle sustainability in the context of an increasingly uncertain world. Nuances within neighbourhoods, forming distinct yet fuzzy typologies based on wealth and form, will be presented, highlighting how these coincide with noticeable differentiations in terms of liveability, health, education, and economic opportunities.</p> <p>The presentation will conclude with how human-centred, synergistic partnerships—particularly those initiated by the academe with neighbourhoods as active, co-equal partners—could backstop neighbourhoods' informal practices with formal arrangements. The goal is to narrow the gap and make neighbourhoods more resilient to shocks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, by acknowledging and reinforcing informal, organic practices supported by dynamic and empathizing institutions.</p>

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9:10-9:40	<b>PEAK URBAN: Creating and sharing new knowledge on sustainable cities</b>  <i>Professor Michael Keith</i> <i>Director, Centre on Migration Policy and Society,</i> <i>University of Oxford</i>
9:40-10:10	<b>Sustainable Development and Education: The Race Against Time, 1994-2023 / 2023-2048</b>  <i>Professor Josef Konvitz</i> <i>Honorary Professor in School of Education, UoG</i>  To project 25 years ahead, start by looking back 25 years. When sustainable development gained international recognition (Rio summit 1992), education was not on the list of priorities. Yet without education, individuals cannot understand, cope with, or adapt to the health, economic and environmental challenges we face. The learning gap of past decades was already wide when Covid came, aggravating the problem in middle and upper income countries. Covid "Learning loss" means that the generation coming of age will be relatively less resilient and productive. Sustainable development was grounded on inter-generational principles. The lecture concludes with questions about whether and how resources can be shifted. Years hence, people will ask why we did not do more, soon enough.
10:30-11:00	<b>A tale of three cities: Gangs, drugs, and urban sustainability in Managua, Marseille, and Cape Town</b>  <i>Professor Dennis Rodgers</i> <i>Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Genève, SWITZERLAND</i>  Drawing on recent research conducted in Managua (Nicaragua), Marseille (France), and Cape Town (South Africa) in the context of an ongoing 5-year ERC-funded project, this talk will explore how the comparative investigation of gang and drug dealing dynamics in these three cities reveals key issues for a 21st century urban sustainability agenda.
11:00-11:30	<b>Leveraging urban policies for sustainable urbanization and reduced inequalities in the urban-rural continuum</b>  <i>Ms. Grace Githiri</i> <i>Programme Management Officer, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya</i>  Urbanization has exacerbated the existing urban challenges such as poverty and inequalities. The two are intertwined and reinforce each other creating conditions of disadvantage to some communities and spaces constraining them from enjoying the benefits of sustainable urbanization. COVID-19 pandemic is a reminder that a better future and achievement of the agenda 2030 will require

	<p>governments at all levels to take bold actions through transformative policy actions. UN-Habitat has been supporting countries in urban policy processes in different contexts as a key instrument identified for monitoring progress in the indicator 11.a.1 and the New Urban Agenda (NUA). Urban policies provide a national development framework for productive, inclusive, resilient and sustainable development that cuts across urban, peri urban and rural areas. Urban policies create the conditions for good urbanization through the appropriate legal framework, municipal financing and planning and design which articulate horizontal and vertical coordination.</p>
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## Bio of Invited Presenters and Panelists

<p><i>Prof Ivan Turok</i> <i>University of the</i> <i>Free State,</i> <i>Bloemfontein</i></p>	<p>Ivan is the SHLC Co-PI at Cape Town, South Africa. He holds the South African DSI/NRF research chair in City-Region Economies at the University of the Free State. He is also Distinguished Research Fellow at the Human Sciences Research Council. He is the former Editor-in-Chief of the international journal 'Regional Studies', and currently Editor of the journal 'Area Development and Policy' and 'Development Southern Africa'. He is Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow, UK. He was recently Chairman of the City Planning Commission for Durban. Ivan is an urban and regional economist/planner with over 30 years' experience. He is an occasional adviser to the United Nations, OECD, African Development Bank, UNECA, European Union and several national governments. He is the author of over 150 academic publications, journal articles, book chapters and books. His research covers various aspects of city and regional economic development, labour markets, urbanisation, urban policy and affordable housing.</p>
<p>Professor David Everatt, Wits School of Governance, University of the Witwatersrand</p>	<p>David is the SHLC Co-PI in Johannesburg. An historian by training, David rapidly became involved in socio-economic and political research after returning to South Africa in 1990, when the political situation changed. David has over 25 years of applied socio-economic research, most often involving primary (usually quantitative) data. He has worked in South Africa and across much of Anglophone Africa, focusing on governance, youth, democratic transitions, M&amp;E, urban governance, race and nonracialism, politics and political contestation, with a particular focus on youth within this broader palette. He is a long-standing member of the International Sociological Association's 'sociology of youth' committee, where he was Vice-President: Africa and the Middle east for 14 years. He has previously worked in the NGO and private</p>

	<p>sectors. David was the founding Director of the Gauteng City-Region Observatory (GCRO), an urban observatory that was a partnership between the universities of the Witwatersrand and Johannesburg, the Gauteng Provincial Government and the South African Local Government Association. Widely regarded as among the best-performing urban observatories globally, the GCRO played a key role in generating fresh primary data, using geo-coded GIS and other visualisation techniques in order to convey the complexities of post-apartheid urbanism and generate political concern with urban issues in South Africa. David has served on a wide range of policy, advisory and implementation structures in South Africa, and is a member of the National Statistics Council.</p>
<p>Dr Vincent Manirakiza Senior Lecturer, College of Education University of Rwanda</p>	<p>Vincent is the SHLC Co-PI in Rwanda and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Rwanda. He has a PhD in the field of population and development with specialisation in the area of urbanisation and a MA in Development studies (Specialised Master in Development, Environment and Communities). He has a wide teaching and research experience. Teaching concerns the Human Geography and methodology of Geography. Research and consultancy interests include urbanisation &amp; urban studies, development policies, education, environment and land issues. His emphasis is on the concepts of inclusiveness versus public policies and the population living conditions in both urban and rural settings. The focus in urban area is on the causal link between urban policies and informal settlement and their spatial and socio-environmental impacts; and in rural area, the challenges related to legal land access and ownership. He is Quality Assurer of Geography and Social Studies books for Rwanda Education Board (REB), member of Rwanda Urban Planning Institute (RUPI).</p>
<p>Mr Ibrahim Msuya Research Scientist, Urban Health &amp; GIS Specialist, Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania</p>	<p>Ibrahim a SHLC team member in Tanzania. He is an Urban and Regional Planner, and Architect (Specializing in Urban Design) and he is working as an Urban Health and GIS Specialist at Ifakara Health Institute Dar es salaam Tanzania. Ibrahim is responsible for studying, analysing, and mapping neighbourhood characters on the case city and town, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma respectively, in SHLC project based in Tanzania. His research interests are urban design and urban health especially in integrating GIS by spatial monitoring of health systems challenges through innovations in cities. With knowledge of urban planning and architecture, Ibrahim has previously been involved in different project teams as an individual consultant and a team member, in preparation of different cities Master Plans (Dodoma Capital City and Dar es Salaam) and Neighbourhoods, with major role of integrating urban built and unbuilt environment features through geo-spatial analysis. He has also been working as a researcher on health, education and urban spaces researches in different institutions. Ibrahim is completing his PhD at the moment.</p>
<p><i>Dr Shilpi Roy</i> <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>in Urban and Rural</i> <i>Planning,</i> <i>Khulna University,</i> <i>Bangladesh</i></p>	<p>She is an Associate Professor of Urban and Rural Planning Discipline at Khulna University, Bangladesh. Besides her teaching role, Shilpi has worked with international and national organisations on urban planning and policy evaluation concerning sustainable, healthy, and learning cities and neighbourhoods. She is currently the In-Country Lead and Co-investigator of three international projects, including the Centre for Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods (SHLC) project. She is also the focal point in Bangladesh for the UNESCO-IIEP 'Local challenges, global imperatives: cities at</p>

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<p>Prof. Debolina Kundu, National Institute of Urban Affairs New Delhi, India</p>	<p>Debolina is the SHLC Co-PI in India. She is a Professor at the National Institute of Urban Affairs, India and has over 25 years of professional experience in the field of development studies. She has worked as consultant with the ADB, LSE, IIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCAP, KfW, GIZ, Urban Institute, Washington and East-West Centre Honolulu on issues of urbanization, migration, urban development policies, municipal finance, social protection, governance and exclusion. At NIUA, she is the Country Investigator - India for the GCRF Centre for Sustainable Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods supported by UK Research and Innovation and leading several projects supported by UNICEF. She is a member of various committees formed by central and state governments from time to time, including the Fifth Delhi Finance Commission. She has several articles published in books and journals. She recently edited a book on National Urban Policies (Springer) and currently working on a 'Handbook on Urbanisation in the Global South'. She is currently the chief editor of journals - Environment and Urbanisation, Asia (SAGE) and Urban India (NIUA).</p>
<p>Dr. Yunxia LIU Assistant professor in Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, Tianjin, China</p>	<p>Yunxia is a SHLC team member in China's Nankai University team. Her research interests include urban and neighbourhood transformation, urban population and housing, and green governance. She has several publications in journals such as Applied Geography, Environmental Impact Assessment Review, Energy Policy, Carbon Management, etc. She reviewed papers for journals including World Development, Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice, Applied Energy, Journal of Cleaner Production.</p>
<p>Prof. Mario R. Delos Reyes, School of Urban and Regional Planning University of the Philippines &amp; Centre for Neighbourhood Studies Philippines</p>	<p>Mario is a Professor and former Dean at the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP SURP). He is currently the President &amp; CEO of the Centre for Neighbourhood Studies (CeNS) Philippines, a research and technology organisation committed to the sustainable and resilient transformation of communities and neighbourhoods. He is the International Co-Investigator and In-Country Lead Investigator for the Philippines of the Centre for Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods (SHLC). Prof Delos Reyes was recently appointed by the university as the Co-Director of the PASCAL (Place and Social Cohesion and Learning) Asia. He was awarded the Scientist 3 under the UP Scientific Productivity System for CY 2021-2023, and received the Meritorious Public Service Award in the field of environmental governance both approved by the UP Board of Regents.</p>
<p>Mr. Ryan Randle B. Rivera, Department of Community and Environmental</p>	<p>Ryan is a faculty member of the Department of Community and Environmental Resource Planning, College of Human Ecology, UP Los Baños. He is also a volunteer for the Neighbourhood Innovation and Solutions Division of the non-profit organization, Centre for Neighbourhood Studies. Ryan's research interests are in the fields of strategic foresight, local governance, land use</p>

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<p>Professor Michael Keith, Director, Centre on Migration Policy and Society, University of Oxford</p>	<p>Michael is Director of the PEAK Urban Research programme. Until October 2019, he was the Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford. He was until 2021 co-ordinator of Urban Transformations (The Economic and Social Research Council portfolio of investments and research on cities), and is the Co-Director of the Oxford Programme for the Future of Cities. He is also Co-Investigator of the Open City research project. His research focuses on migration related processes of urban change. His most recent works include ‘Urban transformations and public health in the emergent city’, and African Cities and Collaborative Futures, both published by Manchester University Press and the Unfinished Politics of Race, to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2022.</p> <p>He has experience outside the academy working in the community and voluntary sector and as a politician for twenty years in the East End of London, leader of a London local authority and founder, chair and board member of a wide range of urban regeneration companies and public/private partnerships. He has also several decades experience in the voluntary sector, initially in organisations focusing on racism.</p>
<p>Professor Josef Konvitz, Honorary Professor in School of Education, UoG</p>	<p>Josef Konvitz joined the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in 1992 after nearly twenty years on the history faculty of Michigan State University. As an historian he published extensively on French cartography, France in the 17th and 18th centuries, and port cities in 20th century America, Scotland and France. Upon retiring from the OECD in 2011, Konvitz was appointed Honorary Professor, University of Glasgow. He is Research Affiliate for policies and innovation for resilience at the Montreal-based New Cities Foundation. Cities and Crisis, his fourth book, was published in January 2016 by Manchester University Press (distributed in North America by Oxford University Press). He is currently writing a book on how Jewish issues in France and the United States have been shaped by security concerns related to war, international law, immigration and identity, and urban development.</p> <p>Konvitz holds degrees from Cornell University (BA with Honours in History, 1967), and Princeton University (PhD in History, 1973). He was a Wilson Center Fellow (1987), and has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities (1979, 1985). He is the author of books on urban history and the history of cartography, and of dozens of articles and book reviews in these fields.</p>
<p>Professor Dennis Rodgers</p>	<p>Dennis is a social anthropologist by training, specialised in the interdisciplinary and comparative study of urban issues, more specifically conflict and violence, spatial governance and planning, infrastructure, urban politics, as well as the</p>



<p>Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Genève, SWITZERLAND</p>	<p>political economy of development, qualitative research methods, alternative forms of representation, the historiography of urban theory, and the relationship between art, culture, and the social sciences. Prior to joining the Institute, Dennis held appointments at the Universities of Amsterdam, Glasgow, Manchester, and the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research focuses on issues relating to the dynamics of conflict and violence in cities in Latin America (Nicaragua, Argentina) and South Asia (India). Much of his work involves the longitudinal study of youth gangs in Nicaragua but he also works on the political economy of development, the politics of socio-spatial segregation, participatory governance processes, the historiography of urban theory, and the epistemology of development knowledge. In 2018 he was awarded a five-year European Research Council Advanced Grant for a project on “Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands: Towards a Comparative Global Ethnography” (GANGS), which aims to systematically compare gang dynamics in Nicaragua, South Africa and France.</p>
<p>Ms. Grace Githiri Programme Management Officer, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>Grace manages the Urban-Rural Linkages Programme which includes implementation of Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles, work related to SMART Villages, Food Systems and Nutrition, Small and Intermediary Cities, etc. She oversees capacity building tools, advocacy, related partnerships and general project and programme management. She also supports the National Urban Policies Programme on thematic areas, including health, climate change and their intersection with legislation and governance. Prior to joining UN-Habitat, Grace worked for Slum Dwellers International (SDI) as a programme officer in Kenya where she led community trainings, informal settlements spatial planning and mapping, project management and research, and co-authored several papers on food security in Nairobi’s informal settlements. Grace has a Master’s degree in Sustainable Urban Development with specialization in Food Security and Nutrition from the University of Nairobi.</p>
<p>Prof Cliff Hague Emeritus Professor of Planning and Spatial Development, Heriot-Watt University</p>	<p>Cliff is the Chair of SHLC International Advisory Committee. He is Emeritus Professor of Planning and Spatial Development at Heriot-Watt University. Since 2004 he has worked as a freelance consultant and author, mainly internationally. He co-authored the Scientific and the Synthesis Reports for the 2008- 13 European Observatory Network on Territorial Cohesion and Development. In 2014-15 he undertook work for UN-Habitat in the West Bank of the occupied Palestinian territory, including leading an International Advisory Board that reviewed planning in the West Bank. In 2016-17 he was part of a Smart Cities project in Angola for British Expertise International. His latest book is Leading Change: Delivering the New Urban Agenda Through Urban and Territorial Planning, which was published by UN-Habitat in 2018, and commissioned by the South African Local Government Association. He is a former President of the Royal Town Planning Institute and of the Commonwealth Association of Planners. He is a fellow of the Academy for the Social Sciences, and was awarded an OBE in 2016 for services to Planning.</p>