

The Climate Crisis: Making Cities Resilient

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McGrath Centre, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, UK

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: Thursday, 17 July

9:00-9:30	Delegate Registration - Coffee & Tea	
9:30	Welcome and Introduction to the conference <i>Professor Ron Martin, University of Cambridge</i>	
9:45-10:45	Session 1: Keynote Speaker Chair: Professor Meric Gertler, President of the University of Toronto 'Going further and faster on climate action' <i>Dame Sharon White, Chair of Frontier Economics and Head of Europe for CDPQ</i>	
10:45-11:00	Tea & Coffee	
11:00-12:30	Session 2: PARALLEL SESSIONS Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	Session 2A: Political Economy at a geographical level (McGrath Centre) Chair: James Wood Mission-oriented innovation for climate change adaptation: mobilising and scaling local climate responses. <i>Diana Morales, Iryna Fil Kristensen and Rhiannon Pugh</i> How "just" is the "just" transition? A placed-based approach <i>Judith Clifton, Daniel Díaz-Fuentes, Marcos Fernández-Gutiérrez & Ana Lara Gómez</i> When the Cat is Away the Mice Will not Play: The Political Economy of the Carbon Emission Trading System <i>Helen X. H. Bao and He Tang</i>	Session 2B: Local Politics (Ramsden Room) Chair: Harry Garretsen Corporate Emissions and Electoral Participation: A City-Level Case Study <i>Giulia Rossello, Elisa Giuliani, Gabriele Pinto and Mauro Sylos Labini</i> "Fight where the enemy isn't": Regions as sites for science-based policy moves against the grain of prevailing politics <i>Chris Wallace</i> Social Housing, Metropolitan Transition and Environmental Constraints around Grand Paris Express Stations Districts <i>Antoine Gosnet</i>

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12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30 -15:00	Session 3: PARALLEL SESSIONS Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	Session 3A: Local Impacts (McGrath Centre) Chair: <i>Emil Evenhuis</i> <i>Understanding the Differential Impacts of Stringent Energy Codes on Housing Affordability and Equity</i> Dongxiao Niu, Justin Steil & Siqi Zheng <i>Just Transition, Double Bind, or Both? Climate Change Action by North American Community Land Trusts</i> Jason Spicer & Vince Wang	Session 3B: Climate Justice (Ramsden Room) Chair: <i>Stefania Fiorentino</i> <i>The impact of pilot policies for climate- resilient city construction on urban-rural income inequality: Evidence from China</i> Zuge Xing & Canfei He <i>Weathering the Crisis: Climate Change and Its Impacts on Athens' Tourism Sector</i> Tryfonas Christou, Panayotis Michaelides, Arsenios-Georgios Prelorentzos & Evangelos Sfakianakis <i>Consumption at What Cost? Amenity Complexity and Exposure to Urban Heat Island Effects</i> Riccardo Lucarno, Pier Luigi Novi Inverardi, Daniele Vettorato & Erica Santini
15:00-15:15	Tea & Coffee	
15:15-16:45	Session 4 <i>Lightning/ Quick Fire sessions</i> Chair: <i>Betsy Donald</i> <i>Sponge Cities for Flood Control: Implementation Challenges and Opportunities</i> Wendy Yang & Carolyn DeLoyde Tackling Climate Change in the Dispersed City: Disjointed Planning in Adelaide, South Australia Guy Robinson & Bingjie Song Implementing alternative economic development approaches to address the climate crisis: the possibilities and limits of 'pick and mix' Emil Evenhuis, Rich Crisp, Anne Green & David Waite Unpacking the Returns to Green Infrastructure Programs: Yihao Wu & Simon Han <i>Urban Sprawl and Emissions Across the World</i> Diego Astorga-Rojas, Juan Tomás Sayago & Juan Robalino	

16:45-17:30	<u>Session 5</u>
	<p><i>The Climate Challenges in a Geopolitical Context</i> <i>Roundtable discussion</i> Chair: Michael Kitson</p> <p>Panel includes: Stefania Fiorentino, Meric Gertler Amy Glasmeier & Ellen Quigley</p>
17:30	Conference Programme ends for the day

CONFERENCE DINNER

19:00 Pre-dinner drinks

19:30 Dinner

DAY TWO: Friday, 18 July

9:15-9:30	Morning Coffee & Tea		
9:30-10:45	<p><u>Session 6: Keynote speakers</u></p> <p>Chair: <i>Professor Amy Glasmeier, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i></p> <p>Cities and Environmental Change: From Crisis to Transformation <i>Professor William Solecki, City University of New York</i></p> <p>Promoting Resilience and Transformative Climate Action: The Role of Urban Climate Change Assessments <i>Professor Robin Leichenko, Rutgers University</i></p>		
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	<p><i>Identifying Future At-Risk Populations under Climate Change: Evidence from Biomarker Analysis of UK Biobank and Property Data</i> Mengqi Qiu & Franz Fuerst</p>
14:30-14:45	Tea & Coffee
14:45-15:45	<p><u>Session 9:</u></p> <p><i>Lightning/ Quick Fire sessions</i> <i>Chair: Siqi Zheng</i></p> <p><i>Assembling Urban Heat Resilience and the 15-minute City: Bridging Theoretical Gaps Through Policy Analysis</i> <i>Fujie Rao, Peiru Xiao & Dayi Lai</i></p> <p>The Role of Public Leadership and Peers in Collective Action Against Climate Change Jakob Famulok, Michael Kosfeld & Christine Laudenbach</p> <p>Reverse Economies of Scale (REOS) in Urban and Peri-Urban Energy Infrastructure Brandon Staats</p> <p>Uneven Resilience: Heatwaves, Consumption, and Regional Adaptive Capacities in Urban Area Bogang Jun, Donghyeon Yu, Hyoji Choi, Siqi Zheng</p> <p>Rethinking Urban Resilience: How Digital Infrastructure Drives Spillover Effects in China's Sustainability Transition Bangxi Li, Huiyi Litan, Chong Liu, Rong Ke</p>
15:45-16:30	<p><u>Session 10</u></p> <p><i>The Climate Crisis: Making Cities Resilient – a review</i> <i>Roundtable discussion</i> <i>Panel includes:</i> <i>Betsy Donald, Meric Gertler, Amy Glasmeier, Michael Kitson, James Wood & Siqi Zheng</i></p> <p>Conference Round up</p>
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