Urban areas have been recognized as key elements for the future of global societies, as the locus of major social and environmental transformations and as drivers of positive and negative change.

We have a solid but fragmented basis for understanding urban areas, based on disciplinary contributions from the social sciences, humanities, and the natural and physical sciences studying global and local processes of urbanization.

What we need is multidimensional perspectives capable of addressing the complex interactions in space and time among the social, economic, political, cultural, physical and environmental dimensions of urbanization. These interactions constitute the driving forces behind the type, extent, and intensity of urban growth and conditions for the transition to a more sustainable future.

At the seminar, Fellows and a number of senior scientists identify a critical research agenda on sustainable urbanization and develop plans to continue work on this agenda after the seminar. Fellows are in the lead and determine priorities and action plans for their work.

AGENDA

Monday 25 March

Getting started and Fellows’ presentations on “What do you regard as the three most urgent questions for the urban age in the 21st Century?”

12-13: Welcome and tour of the university (meet at reception of the Residence building)
13-14: First lunch together: cafeteria, Residence building
14-15: Room: Sala de Uso Múltiple Manuela Saenz, Residence building, 1st floor
   Introduction, goals, overview of programme
15-1510: Short break
1510-1610 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions
1610-1630: Tea break
1630-1730: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions
1730-18: Plenary discussions on themes emerging
Evening: Free (dinner is served until 19hrs)

**Tuesday 26 March**

**Fellows' presentations on** "What do you regard as the three most urgent questions for the urban age in the 21st Century?" and visit

9-930: Breakfast
930-10: Room: Sala de Uso Múltiple Manuela Saenz, Residence building, 1st floor

Overnight reflections
10-11: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions
11-1115: Coffee break
1115-1215: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions
1215-1315: 4 presentations by Fellows plus reactions
1315-1415: Plenary discussion of themes emerging
1415-18: Lunch and visit to the equator
18-1830: Dinner

1830-1930: Public lecture Adriana Allen: Urbanizacion, riesgo y vulnerabilidad en el contexto del cambio climatico
Room: TBC
Lecture in Spanish, Fellows to decide if they want to attend

**Wednesday 27 March**

**Building an analytical framework for discussions**

9-930: Breakfast
930-10: Room: Sala de Uso Múltiple Manuela Saenz, Residence building, 1st floor
Overnight reflections
10-1045: Presentation Mark Swilling: "Global crisis, cities, urban infrastructure, material flows, smart city agenda" + questions
1045-1130: Presentation Andrea Lampis/Alberto Cimad amore: "Poverty, social inequality, social crises and the growing role of informal societies" + questions
1130-1145: Coffee break
1145-1245: Discussion after presentations Mark and Andrea/Alberto
1245-1330: Lunch
1330-1415: Lecture Adriana Allen: "Sustainable Urbanization or Environmentally Just Urbanisation? Rethinking the challenges ahead in a context of multiple scarcities and injustices" + questions
1415-1445: Lecture Roberto Sanchez (pre-recorded): "Urbanization and global environmental change", followed by Q&A by Skype
1445-1545: Discussion after lectures Adriana/Roberto
1545-1615: Tea break
1615-17: Presentation Edgar Pieterse (pre-recorded): "African urbanism"
17-18: Discussion to tie together themes of days 1, 2 and 3
18-1830: Dinner
1830- 2030: Public round table on "The Challenges of Sustainability in an Urban Age", with Mario Unda, Diego Mancheno, Manuel Chiriboga, Andrea Lampis, Mark Swilling
Room: TBC
Event in Spanish, Fellows to decide if they want to attend
Thursday 28 March
What are the 21st century urban imaginaries?
The programme for Thursday-Saturday is indicative. Based on the discussions on the previous days, Fellows and conveners will decide on the best method for moving from discussions into scientific work. Thursday is where the transition from discussing the state-of-the-art into critical and creative work starts. Activities focus on the future of urbanization in the first half of the 21st century, the regional differences and similarities of these processes.

9-9:30: Breakfast
9:30-10: Overnight reflections: mid-way evaluation and transition into joint work
10-11: Break-out group discussions
11-11:15: Coffee break
11:15-12:15: Break-out group discussions
12:15-13: Lunch
13-14: Plenary discussion
14-15: Break-out group discussions
15-16: Plenary discussions
Evening: Free (optional excursion)

Friday 29 March
Implications of the urban age for societies, the environment and opportunities for sustainable development

9-9:30: Breakfast
9:30-10: Overnight reflections
10-11: Break-out group discussions
11-11:15: Coffee break
11:15-12:15: Break-out group discussions
12:15-13: Lunch
13-14: Plenary discussion
14-15: Break-out group discussions
15-16: Plenary discussions
16:15-16:30: Tea break
16:30-18: Plenary discussion on focus of joint product(s)
19: Dinner at Pobre Diablo, meet at the entrance of the Residence building to walk over

Saturday 30 March
Joint project
Fellows complete plans for a joint product and possible other joint activities, and agree on a division of tasks to take them forward.

9-10: Overnight reflections
10-11: Break-out groups discussions
11-11:30: Coffee break
11:30-12:30: Plenary discussions and evaluation of seminar
12:30-13: Lunch
13: End of seminar
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