UNU-WIDER Workshop
Beyond the Tipping Point:
Latin American Development in an Urban World
Buenos Aires, Argentina
22-24 May 2009

Friday 22 May

8.30-9.00 Registration

9.00-10.30 Session I Welcome and keynote address

Welcome
Beatriz Cuenya, CEUR-CONICET
Jo Beall, London School of Economics and Political Science
Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University

Keynote address
“Urban quality of life: More than bricks and mortar”
Eduardo Lora, Inter-American Development Bank

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Session II Keynote papers

“Separate but equal democratisation? Participation, politics, and urban segregation in Latin America”
Dennis Rodgers, University of Manchester

“Bicycles and guns: Successful policy innovation in three Colombian cities”
Francisco Gutiérrez Sanín, IEPRI

12.30-2.30 Lunch

2.30-4.00 Session III Rural-urban migration and differentials

“Is internal migration bad for receiving urban centers? Evidence from Brazil (1995-2000)”
Céline Ferré, The World Bank

“Geographic concentration in urban areas. A quantile decomposition of the urban-rural labor income gap: the case of Uruguay”
Fedora Carbajal, CEDLAS and CEUR-CONICET; and Marcelo Bérgolo, CEDLAS and CEUR-CONICET

4.00-4.30 Break
Saturday 23 May

4.30-6.00  Session IV Wellbeing and poverty in the city

“Well-being at the sub-city level: The Buenos Aires neighborhood quality of life survey”
Guillermo Cruces, Andrés Ham and Martín Tetaz, CEDLAS and CEUR-CONICET

“Promoting social rights and tackling the intergenerational transmission of poverty: lessons learned from the implementation of Ciudadanía Porteña”
Irene Novacovsky, presented by Laura Guardia, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, Ciudad de Buenos Aires

9.00-10.30  Session V Urbanization and macro-trends

“Growth and recovery in a time of default: Lessons from the role of the urban sector in Argentina”
Michael Cohen, New School University

“Cocaine cities: Exploring the relationship between urbanization and the drug trade in South America”
Ignacio Navarro, California State University

10.30-11.00  Break

11.00-12.30  Session VI Urban space and public space

“The plural production of urban space in Latin America: Legal pluralism, generational change and urban violence”
Roberto Briceño-León, Laboratorio de Ciencias Sociales

“Significance of public space in the fragmented city: Designing strategies for urban opportunities in informal settlements of Buenos Aires city”
Flavio Janches, Arquitectos: Blinder Janches & Co

12.30-2.30  Lunch

2.30-4.00  Session VII Urban inequality and social mobilization

“Challenges for Latin American cities: Improving diagnosis or the need to shift the understanding urban inequality from fixed enclaves to mobile gradients”
Paola Jiron, University of Chile

“Irregular urbanization as a catalyst for radical social mobilisation: The case of the housing movements of São Paulo”
4.00-4.30  **Break**

4.30-6.00  **Session VIII Borders and trade**

“Cross-border practices: Actors and commodities at the tri-border region”
*Jose Carlos G. Aguiar, Leiden University*

“Trade openness and city interaction”
*Mauricio Ramírez Grajeda, Universidad de Guadalajara and Ian M. Sheldon, The Ohio State University*

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**Sunday 24 May**

9.00-10.30  **Session IX Urban utilities—water and gas**

“Public-private cooperation for the provision of piped gas in poor neighborhoods of Buenos Aires: institutional framework and impacts”
*Cynthia Goytia, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Ricardo Pasquini, UTDT and CEF, and Pablo Sanguinetti, CAF and UTDT*

“Access to water networks in poor informal settlements in Lima, Peru”
*Ana-Maria Fernandez-Maldonado, Delft University of Technology*

10.30-11.00  **Break**

11.00-12.30  **Session X Urban planning and transport**

“Building a new suburban planning trend in Mexico. The case Casas-Geo”
*Cristina Inclán-Valadez, London School of Economics and Political Science*

“Pricing passenger travel in Mexico City for reducing vehicular emissions and traffic congestion”
*Govinda R. Timilsina, The World Bank and Ian W.H. Parry, Resources for the Future*

12.30-1.00  **Session XI Closing**

*Jo Beall and Ravi Kanbur*