

**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**

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

Saturday 23 May

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”

Lucy Earle, London School of Economics

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*

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