HCRI/GURC Urban Risk and Humanitarian Response Conference 5-7 March 2014

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Convened by the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) and the Global Urban Research Centre (GURC), University of Manchester, and running throughout the main ICUH 2014 event this conference programme will explore the theme of urban risk and humanitarian response.
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WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

11:00-12:30, Cobden 3
Opening Plenary: Urban Risk and Humanitarian Response

Welcome and Introduction
Dr Tanja Müller, HCRI, University of Manchester
Professor Diana Mitlin, GURC, University of Manchester

Health impacts of urban conflicts and violence
Professor Caroline Moser, Emeritus Professor, University of Manchester

Fire and rescue services in the protection and preparedness of vulnerable urban poor communities
Steve Jordan, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, member of the UK Fire and Rescue Service
Humanitarian Aid Charity, Operation Florian

Understanding the urban poor’s vulnerabilities in sanitation and water supply
Barbara Evans, University of Leeds, Chair of the United Nations joint monitoring programme on Water and Sanitation, Strategic Advisory Group

Chair: Dr Alfredo Stein, GURC, University of Manchester

14:00-15:30, Cobden 2
Stress in the City I: Emergency and Rescue

Increase road fatalities and their overall impact in terms of health
Emma Maclennan, Eastern Alliance for Safe and Sustainable Transport

Community Safety Project in Mitjana, Uganda
Keith Trotter, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

UK International Search and Rescue team and its response to the 2011 Japan Tsunami
Neal Pickersgill, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Fire protection issues for the UNHCR refugee camp Dabaab, Kenya
George Bryant, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Chair: Geoff Hayes, UK Rescue Organisation
Ambivalence of urban humanitarianism I: Refugee settlements as places of permanence and transition

Between longing and belonging: the dynamics of place making of IDPs in Colombia
Mateja Celestina, HCRI, University of Manchester

Precarious lives in multiple margins: an asylum seekers place in Thessaloniki in 2013
Despina Syrrī, Symβiosis, Greece

Prolonged emergencies and the development of humanitarian epistemic communities: the Thai border camps, 1096-1996
Prof Bertrand Taithe, HCRI, University of Manchester

Chair: Dr Tanja Müller, HCRI, University of Manchester

THURSDAY 6 MARCH
9:00-10:30, Exchange Hall
Plenary Session
Professor David Satterthwaite, Senior Fellow, International Institute for the Environment and Development (David is the HCRI/GURC invited speaker for a general conference plenary)

Professor Michael Eriksen, Dean, School of Public Health, Georgia State University

Professor Johan Mackenbach, Chair, Department of Public Health, Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Netherlands

11:00-12:30, Cobden 1
Climate change and urban insecurities I

Support systems and tools for urban health management
Umamaheshwaran Rajasekar, Taru

Climate Change and Health burdens on the most vulnerable populations in Vietnam
Dang Thu Phuong, Challenge to Change

Climate Change and Urban Health in India: Examples from Delhi
Rais Akhtar

Chair: Dr David Dodman, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

11:00-12:30, Cobden 2
Urban Violence and Conflict: Exploring the response to urban violence

Humanitarian action in contexts of urban violence
Elena Lucci, Independent Consultant (via Skype)

Inequality of Security in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Verena Brähler, University College London

Exploring urban land conflict: A case study from provincial Mexico
Dr Melanie Lombard, Global Urban Research Centre, University of Manchester

Chair: Dr Kirsten Howarth, HCRI, University of Manchester
11:00-12:30, Cobden 3
**Stress and The City II**

*Crossing boundaries in the management of risk in urban informal workplaces: Research and action in Durban, South Africa*
Professor Frances Lund and Laura Alfers, WIEGO

*Water and sanitation facilities for the urban poor*
Dr Selmin Jahan, Senior Assistant Coordinator, Eminence

*Healthy Kitchens: a scoping review and qualitative study to identify interventions to improve urban slum kitchens*
Dr Helen Elsey, Public Health Specialist Registrar, University of Leeds

Chair: Professor Diana Mitlin, GURC, University of Manchester

14:00-15:30, Cobden 1
**Climate Change and Urban Insecurities II**

*Climate change impacts and adaptation responses in Greater Manchester: connections to health and wellbeing*
Dr Jeremy Carter, University of Manchester

*The impact of the uncertain on the unknown: assessing the probable effects of climate change on urban health in low- and middle-income countries*
Dr David Dodman and Donald Brown, International Institute for Environment and Development IIED

*Management of post flood re-emerging infections: Surat city experience*
Vikai Desai

Chair: Dr Alfredo Stein, GURC, University of Manchester

14:00-15:30, Cobden 2
**The ambivalence of urban humanitarianism II: Urban disaster response**

*Urban or rural humanitarianism, an irrelevant alternative?*
Dr Rony Brauman, HCRI & CRASH

*Urban disaster response - fit for purpose?*
Graham Saunders, IFRC

*Preparing for disaster in a complex urban system: The case of the Kathmandu Valley*
Samuel Carpenter, British Red Cross (via Skype)

*The New Urban Humanitarianism: framing a humanitarian right to the city?*
Dr Simon Reid-Henry, Queen Mary, University of London

Chair: Dr Tanja Müller, HCRI, University of Manchester
14:00-15:30, Cobden 3
Stress and The City III

If I did not pray, the jinn would press me down even further: ethnic and cultural determinants of help seeking among ethnic minorities in Britain
Dr Rubina Jasani, HCRI, University of Manchester

Abuse and Mental Health in seven urban cities in Europe
Jutta Lindert, Professor of Public Health, University of Emden

Addressing the mental health consequences of urban violence and conflict: adapting and testing a low-intensity intervention for common mental disorders in Peshawar, Pakistan
Anna Chiumento, NWDTC PhD Student, University of Liverpool

Urban traffic noise and mental health: Current state of research and results from the Heinz Nixdorf Recall study
Esther Orban Centre for Urban Epidemiology, Institute of Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology, University Clinics of Essen, University of Duisburg-Essen

Chair: Dr Maura Duffy, HCRI, University of Manchester

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

11:00-12:30, Cobden 1
Ambivalence of urban humanitarianism III: Refugees, Inequalities and Humanitarianism

Institutional resistance to the transnational political activities of refugee groups: The anti-politics of refugee NGOs towards Sudanese activists in Manchester
Cathy Wilcock, University of Manchester

Tremors and large waves: loss of memories and threat in the context of the Chilean reconstruction - The case of Talca and Constitución
Dr Jorge Inzulza, University of Chile

Chair: Dr Tanja Müller, HCRI, University of Manchester, UK

11:00-12:30, Cobden 3
Film screening: Hot Cities - Climate Bites

Chair: Dr David Dodman, IIED

14:00-15:30, Cobden 3
Closing Plenary

Urban Risk and Humanitarian Response: reflecting on urban realities and specificities
Professor Diana Mitlin GURC, University of Manchester

Climate change and its health impacts on the urban poor
Dr David Dodman IIED

Linking research and humanitarian challenges in urban areas
Graham Saunders, IFRC

Chair: Dr Tanja Müller, HCRI