

Programme

0815–0900 Registration and Coffee

0900–0915 Welcome to the 4th Annual Realising Just Cities Conference (Room: Main Hall)

Beth Perry, Co-Director, Urban Institute (University of Sheffield), Sheffield-Manchester Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures

0915–0945 Realising Just Cities: An Overview of Activity And Impact (Room: Main Hall)

David Simon, Director, Mistra Urban Futures; Rike Sitas, Cape Town Platform Co-ordinator, Mistra Urban Futures and African Centre for Cities; Warren Smit, Cape Town Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures and African Centre for Cities; Jan Riise, Engagement Manager, Mistra Urban Futures

0945–1030 What Difference Did It Make? Stakeholder Views (Room: Main Hall)

Chair: Henrietta Palmer, Deputy Scientific Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Speakers:** Maria Sigroth, Head of Department Regional Planning and Environment, Gothenburg Region; Sharon Davis, Founder of Mums Mart and GM Savers; Peter Ahmad, Manager, City Growth Management, City of Cape Town; Sam Okello, Member of Kisumu City Board and Chairman Kisumu Local Interaction Platform; Barry Ness, Skåne Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures

1030–1100 Break (Room: Hadfield Hall)

1100–1230 Parallel Sessions

Realising just cities in the context of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (Room: Banqueting Hall)

Workshop Leader: David Simon, Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Speakers:** Carol Wright, Research Manager, Policy and Strategy Dept., City of Cape Town; Sara Pettersson, City Executive Office, City of Gothenburg; Mariana Cammisa, SDG Analyst, City Government of Buenos Aires; Michael Oloko, Deputy Director, Kisumu Local Interaction Platform, Jaramogi Oginga, Odinga University of Science and Technology; Tarun Sharma, Director, Nagrika; Joakim Nordqvist, Climate Strategist, Environment Dept., City of Malmö, and Malmö University; Sandra Valencia, Lead Researcher, SDG/NUA comparative project, Mistra Urban Futures **Rapporteur:** Barry Ness, Skåne Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures

How can we realise just cities in the context of Agenda 2030? Drawing on experiences at our different platforms, this session shows how local work aligns with and contributes to global goals. Topic areas include: solid waste management, transport, food, cultural heritage, sustainable welfare and poverty reduction. Questions include: how can we address the challenges of resource-constrained prioritisation of SDGs and basic needs—e.g. solid waste management? How can and do cities operate and innovate in relation to global agendas as part of multi-level governance arrangements of differing coherence and proactivity? How have these cities embedded sustainability and SDG mapping in different national and local contexts? How do cities approach climate change, vulnerability reduction, resilience strategies and adaptive transformation in relation to the global agendas?

Universities and urban development: knowledge in action (Room: Drawing Room)

Workshop Leader: Tim May, Professorial Fellow, University of Sheffield / **Speakers:** Zarina Patel, Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Town; Mercy Brown-Luthango, Senior Researcher, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town; Johan Larson Lindal, Research Assistant, Stockholm Node of Mistra Urban Futures; Beth Perry, Co-Director, Urban Institute, University of Sheffield & Sheffield-Manchester Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Rapporteur:** Olivia Bina, Mistra Urban Futures Board Member and Principal Researcher ICS-ULisboa

This workshop includes presentations which draw upon experiences of working in different contexts in the Mistra Urban Futures programme. Presenters will reflect on their experiences of working across boundaries and the opportunities and challenges posed in linking knowledge and action. In the process they will address the following: what are the issues raised for academic practice when working across boundaries with a commitment to producing social change? And what does this mean for the role of the university in urban development?

Small but diverse: the role of urban and rural communities in place-based diversity and inclusiveness (Room: Reception Room)

Workshop Leaders: Eva Maria Jernsand and Emma Björner, Researchers, University of Gothenburg / **Speakers:** Lillian Omondi, Lecturer, Maseno University; Emma Björner, Researcher, University of Gothenburg; Eva Maria Jernsand, Researcher, University of Gothenburg / **Rapporteur:** Adrian Ball, Chief Executive, Manchester Settlement and Action Research Collective member

The workshop will focus on the roles of networks, institutions and projects in urban and rural communities in generating diversity and inclusiveness. There will be three presentations on cases in different countries, focussed on impacts, challenges and opportunities of different types of initiatives. This will be followed by generating shared knowledge with participants in the session, through workshop activities.

1230–1330 Lunch and Networking (Room: Hadfield Hall)

Lunch will be served. Display tables for each of the Mistra Urban Futures platforms will aid networking and discussion. Please go to rooms for the afternoon sessions promptly for a 1330 start.

1330–1500 Parallel Sessions

Building capacity for co-production: training the next generation of scholars and practitioners (Room: Drawing Room)

Workshop Leader: Henrietta Palmer, Deputy Scientific Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Speakers:** Henrietta Palmer, Deputy Scientific Director, Mistra Urban Futures; Zarina Patel, Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Town; Eva Maria Jernsand, Researcher, University of Gothenburg; Maddy Hubbard, Co-production Project Manager, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership; Katie Finney, Facilitator, Amity and Action Research Collective member; Jeni Vine, PhD Researcher, University of Sheffield / **Rapporteur:** Sean Cooke, City of Cape Town and University of Cape Town

If we are serious about co-production as a way to solve societal problems and realise urban justice, what kind of capacity development is needed for future scholars and practitioners? This workshop will explore different approaches to developing the competencies for co-production amongst practitioners and researchers. We will draw on different perspectives in the room and offer reflections from experiences across our platforms. The workshop will start with an open discussion on what competences are needed, and how to develop them, followed by a panel discussion presenting and sharing learning from four different geographical contexts and situations. Key questions and themes that emerge from the panel will then form the provocation for smaller discussion groups.

Agenda 2030 and public finance: who pays for sustainable cities? (Room: Goodwin Room)

Workshop Leaders: Sylvia Croese and Liza Cirolia, Researchers, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town / **Speakers:** Frida Leander, Sustainability Strategist, City of Malmö; Dan Ong'or, Director Environment, Research, Policy and Strategy, County Government of Kisumu; Liza Rose Cirolia, Researcher, African Centre for Cities / **Rapporteur:** Michael Oloko, Kisumu Platform Co-ordinator, Mistra Urban Futures

Global policy agendas such as Agenda 2030 allocate a central role to cities as sites and actors in achieving sustainable development. Whilst there has been a lot of attention to the different ways to plan for the implementation of the SDGs, there has been less focus on how this can be financed at a local level. Drawing on the experiences of researchers and policymakers across different cities, this session will reflect on the different approaches that cities are taking and on the fiscal structures, mechanisms, architectures that need to be in place to get SDG financing right.

Participatory cities and alternative models of urban development (Room: Banqueting Hall)

Workshop Leader: Beth Perry, Co-Director, Urban Institute (University of Sheffield) & Sheffield-Manchester Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Speakers:** Bert Russell, Research Associate, Urban Institute, University of Sheffield; Sanna Isemo, Gothenburg Platform Co-ordinator, Mistra Urban Futures; Vicky Habermehl, Research Associate, Urban Institute, University of Sheffield; Sara Ferlander, Associate Professor of Sociology, Södertörn University and Global Utmaning, Sweden / **Rapporteur:** David Rogerson, Policy Principal, Greater Manchester Combined Authority

The UN has made a commitment to 'meaningful participation' at all levels as a fundamental precondition for realising just cities. But what does this actually mean in practice? This session will present research findings and hear from work across the platforms that sought to reveal different interpretations of and methods for creating more participatory cities. There will be a short activity for participants to share their own experiences and ideas about 'meaningful participation'. What examples can people identify of 'meaningful' participation in different urban contexts? What participatory methods and tools can be used to value different kinds of knowledge in urban processes? What is the role of movements and coalitions in developing participatory cities?

What is meaningful collaboration? Reflections from work on food systems and urban regeneration (Room: Reception Room)

Workshop Leader: Warren Smit, Cape Town Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Speakers:** Per-Arne Nilsson, Senior Environmental Strategist, City of Malmö; Joakim Nordqvist, Researcher / Climate Strategist, Malmö University/City of Malmö; Monika Månsson, Project Manager, City of Malmö; Gunilla Almered Olsson, Professor in Human Ecology, University of Gothenburg; Mirek Dymitrow, Research Coordinator, Mistra Urban Futures, Chalmers University and University of Gothenburg; Charlie Spring, Research Associate, Urban Institute, University of Sheffield; Gareth Haysom, Researcher, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town / **Rapporteur:** Kerstin Hemström, Research Officer, Mistra Urban Futures

The workshop draws on experiences from two recent MISTRA supported collaboration and co-production projects. The workshop is made up of three aligned components. The first session aligns with a general understanding of co-production, that of the collaboration between academics and policy makers in the pursuit of sustainable neighbourhood development. The second area of work investigates co-production between academics from different contexts and regions. Both sessions raise interesting questions about process, power, voice, values, disciplinary positions, immediacy and contextual dynamics. These questions will be opened up to wider discussion with the audience through an interactive final session.

1500–1515 Mini Break

1515–1645 Parallel Sessions

Practices, processes and politics of city-academic partnerships (Room: Drawing Room)

Workshop Leader: Rike Sitas, Cape Town Platform Co-ordinator / **Speakers:** Sam Okello, Member of Kisumu City Board, City of Kisumu; Sean Cooke, PhD Researcher, City of Cape Town and University of Cape Town; Sylvia Croese, Researcher, African Centre for Cities, Mikael Cullberg, Head of Governor's Chancellery, Gothenburg; Vaughn Sadie, Assistant Researcher, African Centre for Cities / **Rapporteur:** Alexandra McVicar-Payling, Sheffield-Manchester Platform PhD Researcher

The importance of engaged scholarship is being recognised across the globe. In response, there has been a proliferation of different kinds of city-academic partnerships in many cities. City municipalities and universities have recognised the mutual benefits of collaborating on a range of issues – from developing responses to climate change; to better understanding how to finance development; to developing cultural plans that respond to the desires of residents. Mistra Urban Futures local interaction platforms have been engaged in different kinds of these collaborations. Through an interactive set of activities, this session seeks to generate lively collective discussion about the practices, processes and politics inherent in the work we have undertaken between the university and the city.

What do we need to do differently to co-produce knowledge and action with residents, activists and communities? (Room: Banqueting Hall)

Workshop Leader: Sophie King, Sheffield-Manchester Platform Co-ordinator / **Speakers:** Sharon Davis, Mums Mart; Maria Allen, Mums Mart; Tina Cribbin, On Top of the World; Hannah Berry, Greater Manchester Housing Action; Isaac Rose, Greater Manchester Housing Action; Jack Makau, Slum/Shack Dwellers International Kenya / **Rapporteur:** Lyla Mehta, Mistra Urban Futures Board Member and Professor, Institute of Development Studies

This workshop will be an opportunity to hear directly from local residents and activists across the cities of Manchester and Salford about their experiences of knowledge co-production with academics and professionals. We will also be joined by a representative from SDI Kenya who has partnered with Manchester community groups. Together with attendees, we will be exploring questions such as: what are the most important ingredients of effective knowledge co-production partnerships? What different considerations are necessary when working with grassroots communities compared to middle class activist networks or mature urban social movements? And what are the most common challenges that need to be addressed to meet diverse objectives?

Co-production at pace: reacting to a climate emergency (Room: Reception Room)

Workshop Leaders: Ryan Bellinson and Jenny Patient, Sheffield-Manchester Platform PhD Researchers / **Speaker:** Jez Hall, Director, Shared Future CIC / **Rapporteur:** Carol Wright, Manager Research, City of Cape Town, Policy and Strategy Development

In the present escalating discourse surrounding the climate emergency, this workshop will explore co-production's potential role for translating the emergency into action

in a variety of different contexts. Taking inspiration from two PhD research projects with municipal authorities and trade unions, this workshop will draw on other examples of relevant co-produced climate actions in other spheres. Interviews with key participants will set the scene, introducing the climate emergency and co-production. A 'live' example will demonstrate the potential and challenges of co-producing climate action. There will be time for follow-on discussion, including wider examples and reflecting on ways forward. We welcome researchers exploring co-production or sustainability, policy-makers and activists, and others with an interest in the topic—even if you are new to the idea of co-production.

1650–1720 What Have We Heard? Summing Up The Parallel Sessions (Room: Main Hall)

Chair: Rike Sitas, Cape Town Platform / **Coordinator:** Mistra Urban Futures, the rapporteurs will be invited to summarise the parallel sessions and share their reflections

1720–1750 Panel: How Can We Support Local Action To Address Global Challenges and Realise More Just Cities?

Chair: Beth Perry, Co-Director, Urban Institute (University of Sheffield) & Sheffield-Manchester Platform Director, Mistra Urban Futures / **Speakers:** David Simon, Director, Mistra Urban Futures; Caroline Wanjiku Kihato, Visiting Associate Professor, Graduate School of Architecture, University of Johannesburg and Mistra Urban Futures Board member; Vanessa Toulmin, Director City and Culture, University of Sheffield; Mark Whitworth, Sustainability and Climate Change Service Manager, Sheffield City Council

1750–1800 Closing Remarks and Thanks

Mistra Urban Futures is an international research and knowledge centre for sustainable urban development. We believe that the co-production of knowledge is a winning concept for achieving sustainable urban futures and creating accessible, green and fair cities.

Realising Just Cities is the name of our research and action programme delivered by our local interaction platforms in Cape Town, Gothenburg, Kisumu, Sheffield-Manchester and Skåne between 2016–2019.

What are you taking away from this conference?

How can we support local action to address global challenges and realise just cities?

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