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ASIA IN THE METROPOLITAN ERA: TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

Wednesday 10th November, 11:30 - 13:00 (Barcelona time, [click here for other time zones](#))

Overview

Asia, Earth's largest and most populous continent, which concentrates most of Metropolis members (currently 75), has faced an unprecedented speed of urbanisation during the past decades. Very rapidly, **small towns have evolved into megacities, and new forms of metropolitan cities are emerging**, in processes that placed national and local leaders in front of a series of new challenges in terms of needs, investments, and governance.

Based on the insights of the newly published Asian Metropolitan Report, the second edition of Metropolis regional reports which build on the data provided by our 38 metropolitan indicators launched in 2019, this session will **promote an open debate regarding the current and future state of metropolitan spaces in Asia**, seeking to inspire decisionmakers and practitioners in the Asia region to explore innovative, sustainable, and inclusive solutions to metropolisation phenomena.

The session will consist on **quick rounds of questions and answers** between the authors of the Asian Metropolitan Report and representatives from the Metropolis membership in the four Asian sub-regions.

Moderation

Lia Brum, Research & Policy Officer, Metropolis.

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Speakers

Authors of the Asian Metropolitan Report:

1. Dr. Bharat Dahyia, Director, Research Center for Sustainable Development and Innovation, School of Global Studies, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, and Extraordinary Professor, School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University (TBC)
2. Mamta Malik, Professor - Research Track, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, SGT University, Gurugram, India (TBC)

Metropolis members from each Asian sub-region (ideally, representatives in charge of departments of statistics and/or voluntary local reviews):

3. Representative from **Guangzhou** (representing East and North-East Asia)
4. Representative from a Metropolis member in **South-East Asia** TBC (Bhopal, Lahore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kathmandu, Mashhad, Tabriz or Tehran)
5. Representative from a Metropolis member in **South and South-West Asia** TBC (Bangkok, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta or Surabaya)
6. Representative from a Metropolis member in **Western Asia** TBC (Amman, Baghdad, Beyrouth, Gaziantep, Istanbul or Ramallah)

Detailed agenda to be disclosed by the end of October

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