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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

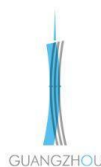
Asia, Earth's largest and most populous continent, which concentrates most of Metropolis members (currently 75), has faced an unprecedented speed of urbanisation during the past decades. Very rapidly, **small towns have evolved into megacities, and new forms of metropolitan cities are emerging**, in 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 of 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.

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Moderation

Lia Brum, Research & Policy Officer, Metropolis

Speakers

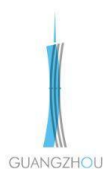
1. Dr. Bharat Dahiya, Director, Research Center for Sustainable Development and Innovation, School of Global Studies, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, and Extraordinary Professor, School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University. Co-author of the Asian Metropolitan Report.
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3. Dr. Mamta Dahiya, Professor - Research Track, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, SGT University, Gurugram, India. Co-author of the Asian Metropolitan Report.
4. Dr. Do Young Oh, Research Assistant Professor, School of Graduate Studies, Lingnan University, Hong Kong. Expert in charge of sourcing the metropolitan indicators.
5. Octavi de la Varga, Metropolis Secretary General

Metropolis members from each Asian sub-region:

6. Zhan Meixu, Deputy Chief Engineer of Planning and Research Center of **Guangzhou** Urban Planning and Design Survey Research Institute (GZPI), Senior Engineer – representing the Metropolis membership from **East and North-East Asia**
7. Dr. Ikhsan, S.Psi., MM, Municipal Assistant on Economy and Development Affairs of the **Surabaya City Government**, representing the Metropolis membership from **South-East Asia**
8. Prahlad Ghimire, Deputy Director, Planning and Monitoring, **Kathmandu Metropolitan City**, representing the Metropolis membership from **South and South-West Asia**
9. M. Fuat Özharat, Coordinator of the Foreign Affairs Department of the **Gaziantep** Metropolitan Municipality, representing the Metropolis membership from **Western Asia**

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Agenda

1. Overview of the Asian Metropolitan Report

By Bharat Dahiya & Mamta Dahiya: 10 min

2. Methodology for sourcing data from metropolitan scales

By Do Young Oh: 5 min

3. 1st round of Q&A

10 min

4. Metropolis members feedback about their metropolitan indicators

4.1. Guangzhou

4.2. Surabaya

4.3. Kathmandu

4.4. Gaziantep

Each speaker will be granted a slot of 10 minutes, to respond two questions:

- How important is it for your government to have access to data on the metropolitan scale to better plan and implement public policies and services?
- Could you briefly elaborate on specific indicators where your metropolis is highlighted in the [Asian Metropolitan Report](#)? (individual briefings have been sent out to each member with options of specific indicators)

5. 2nd round of Q&A

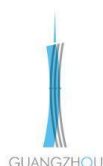
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6. Concluding remarks

By Octavi de la Varga: 5 min

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