

# omega centre

Centre for Mega Projects in Transport and Development

A global Centre of Excellence in Future Urban Transport  
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**HSL- Zuid  
Brussels to Amsterdam**  
*Highspeed TGV railway*



**Jubilee Line Extension  
London Underground**  
*Urban Metro link*



**City Link,  
Melbourne**  
*Highway extension*



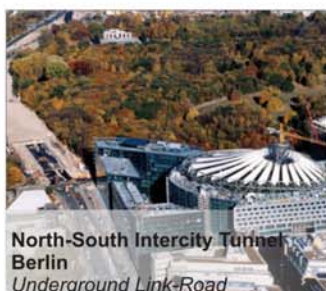
**Millau Viaduct  
A75, Midi-Pyrénées**  
*Highway bypass*



**Shuto Expressway  
Greater Tokyo Area**  
*Metropolitan Expressway*



**Big Dig  
Boston, Massachusetts**  
*Highway tunnel*



**North-South Intercity Tunnel  
Berlin**  
*Underground Link-Road*



**Monorail  
Chiba**  
*Urban Metro link*



**Rion-Antirrhion Bridge  
Bridge over the Gulf of Corinth**



## The second series of OMEGA Centre Seminar will be launched in February 2010 on topics related to planning, appraisal and delivery of mega projects and their impacts on development.

This event will allow the OMEGA Centre to present findings of our UK-based case studies and engage the public both from academic and industrial sectors.

The Centre has undertaken a wide range of research on several pressing issues related to "Treatment of Risk, Uncertainty and Complexity", "The Importance of Context" and "Sustainability" for the study of mega projects in transport and development. We will invite a number of speakers who are involved in a variety of aspects of major infrastructure investments in this kind in order to encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration and knowledge transfer.

By drawing on experts from many disciplines, we can stimulate debate and further discussions on certain crucial topics, such as major infrastructure funding and financing, visions and challenges of sustainability and climate change, and the 21st Century trends under the force of globalisation. This event can illuminate emerging issues surrounded the major infrastructure projects and foster generation of ideas on tackling problems, threats and risks in contemporary and future environments.

Programmes of these seminars comprise contributions from the omega centre and external speakers, including journalists, bureaucrats, planners, industry leaders, and academics. This event will open to everyone who is interested in these issues, especially those associated with major infrastructure developments. All these seminars will be recorded and published on the omega website.

## 2010 OMEGA SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 17th February**      **Stakeholder involvement in mega projects and how to create win-win situations**  
*Dr. Ulf Dahlsten*, Research Associate, LSE, UK
- 17th March**        **Appraisal Process for policies, programmes and policies in central Government for major public infrastructure investments**  
*Joseph Lowe*, Head of Economics Branch Public Services and Growth Directorate, HM TREASURY, UK
- 19th May**          **Get it Right before you build it: the story of the JLE and Canary Wharf**  
*Jim Berry*, Transport Advisor, Olympia & York, UK
- 20th October**     **Development and Evaluation of Transport Options for London Docklands**  
*Jon Willis*, retired transport planner/engineer, GLA/TfL, UK
- 17th November**   **The Real Story behind Canary Wharf's Major Transport Projects**  
*Peter Twelftree*, Director, Steer Davies Gleave, UK
- 15th December**   **The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: An Overview of the PPP Experiences from Taiwan's Rail Projects**  
*Prof. Oliver F. Shyr*, Assistant Professor, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

**Forthcoming contributors to be finalised: Peter Freeman (World Bank), Dr. Fred Salvucci (MIT) and Prof. Susan Fernstein (Harvard University)**

**TIME: Wednesdays 17:30-19:00**

**VENUE: room 401 (4th floor), Bartlett School of Planning, UCL**

Wates House, 22 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0QB. Directions available at:  
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/about-ucl/location/maps/>

Further detail for each seminar will be released nearer the time.

**All are welcome and participation is free.** For further details and enquiries please contact Yen-Ning Tseng (email [yen-ning.tseng@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:yen-ning.tseng@ucl.ac.uk) / tel. 020 7679 4877).