

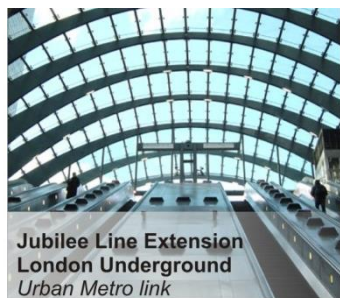
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Centre for Mega Projects in Transport and Development

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



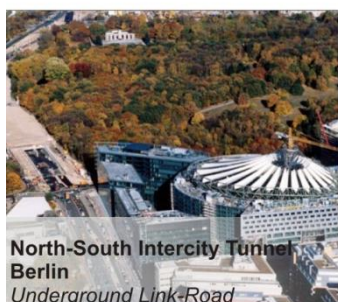
**Millau Viaduct
A75, Midi-Pyrénées**
Highway bypass



**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-Antirion Bridge
Bridge over the Gulf of Corinth



The OMEGA Centre Seminar Series was launched in January 2009 to focus on topics related to the planning, appraisal and evaluation of mega transport projects and their impacts on development.

The event allows the OMEGA Centre to present findings for

both recently completed and ongoing research projects, and to engage with a wider audience both from academic and industrial sectors.

The Centre has undertaken a wide range of research on several pressing issues related to "The treatment of Risk, Uncertainty and Complexity", "The Importance of Context" and "Sustainability" for the study of mega projects in transport and development. The seminar series invites a number of speakers who are involved in a variety of aspects of transport projects of this kind in order to encourage cross-disciplinary

collaboration and knowledge transfer.

Programmes of these seminars comprise contributions from the OMEGA Centre and external speakers including journalists, bureaucrats, planners, industry leaders, and academics. The OMEGA seminar series is open to everyone who is interested in these issues, especially those associated with major transport project development. The seminars are recorded and where permission allows they are published on the OMEGA Website.

By drawing on experts from many disciplines, we can stimulate debate and further discussions on certain crucial topics, such as transport infrastructure investment, challenges of sustainability, and financing mechanisms within the global market. The OMEGA Seminar Series can illuminate emerging issues surrounding the major transport projects and foster the generation of ideas on tackling problems, threats and risks in contemporary and future environments

2014 SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 29th January MEGAPROJECT: The Effective Design and Delivery of Mega Infrastructure Projects in the European Union
Prof. Naomi Brooks, School of Civil Engineering, University of Leeds, Leeds
- 5th February Some Plans for Megaprojects that Worked ... and One that Might: An examination of proposals in North-west England
Prof. Ian Wray, Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool, Liverpool
- 12th February Mega Infrastructure Projects and Sustainability: 21st Century climate change challenges
Jez Richardson, Head of Climate Change and Policy, URS/Scott Wilson, London/Basingstoke
- 5th March Effects of Policy and Institutional Design on Performance of PPPs for Mega Infrastructure Projects
Prof. Rosário Macário, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisbon
- 12th March UK Mega Infrastructure Projects and Value for Money: The NAO experience
Rebecca Sheeran, Audit Manager, UK National Audit Office, London
- 26th March Mega Transport Projects and the Sustainability Challenges: Some international perspectives
Barry Hutton, Private Planning and Transport Consultant, Sometime Head of the Planning School at University of West of England
- 30th April Politics and Megaprojects in London: what lessons have we learned?
Kulveer Ranger, Director, Past Transport Advisor to Mayor Boris Johnson, SERCO Group Plc. Hook
- 14th May The Management of Major Change Projects: Urban regeneration schemes
Peter Maden, Partner, E.C. Harris International/ ARCAIDIA, London
- 28th May The West Coast US fast train programme
Prof. Virginia A. Greiman, Boston University
- To be arranged Development of Risk Portfolio and Delivery Consequences on Project Quality, Time and Costs: Lessons learned from Gotthard Base Tunnel
Heinz Ehrbar, Sometime of Alpine Transit, Zurich
- To be arranged The Big Dig in Boston: A transport or urban regeneration project?
Fred Salvucci, Sometime Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Centre for Transport Systems, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Time: Typically Wednesdays, 5.30pm - unless otherwise specified

Venue: Room 401, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL

Wates House, 22 Gordon Street,

London WC1H 0QB Directions at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/locations/ucl-maps>

All are welcome and participation is free.

Further details about the OMEGA Seminar Programme can be found on the OMEGA Centre's web site (<http://www.omegacentre.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/outputs/seminar2.php>). Further details of each seminar will be circulated nearer the time; for enquiries and to join the mailing list, please contact Marco Dean marco.dean.11@ucl.ac.uk.