

2013 SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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London Crossrail - Megaproject as Keyhole Surgery

With blue hoardings and construction diversions marking its route all across the capital from Heathrow to the Thames Gateway, the east-west Crossrail is Europe's largest construction project. Its planning history goes back 150 years to the origins of the Underground.

Michael Hebbert charts the shifts and turns of this long-delayed megaproject, highlighting the Canary Wharf factor, and looks forward to the completion of the Crossrail and the insertion of its stations into the urban fabric of the capital.

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