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2013 SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 6th March - 5:30pm Room 401 Bartlett School of Planning - UCL

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Infrastructure Project and Politics

Project appraisal is mainly a political process and not a simply computational exercise. International examples show that especially major infrastructure projects are likely to deliver the full range of agent of change benefits only when they are accompanied by a suitable and permanent institutional, policy and legislative frameworks throughout the project lifecycle.

Jay Jayasundara's presentation will attempt to describe critically the fundamental relationship between decision-making on infrastructure projects and politicians.

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All are welcome and participation is free.

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