

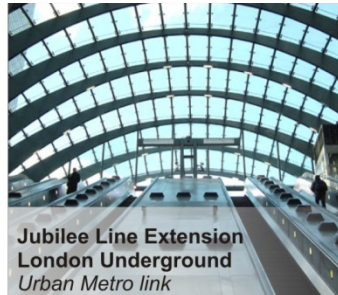
# omega centre

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  
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**City Link,**  
Melbourne  
Highway extension



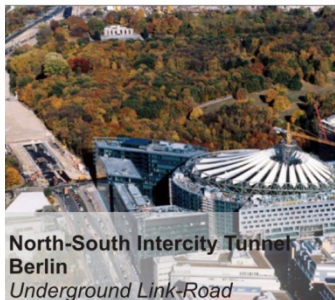
**Millau Viaduct**  
A75, Midi-Pyrénées  
Highway bypass



**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 delivery of mega infrastructure projects and their impacts on development.**

The Seminar Programme allows the OMEGA Centre to provide a platform to present findings of recently completed and on-going infrastructure projects globally, and to engage with a wide audience from academia and praxis.

The OMEGA Centre has undertaken a wide range of research and consultancy studies on several pressing issues related to: the treatment of "Risk, Uncertainty and Complexity" in project decision-making, the "Power of Context" on such decision-making, and the role of "Sustainability and Sustainable Development Visions" for mega project infrastructure investments.

The seminar programme invites speakers involved in a variety of aspects of mega infrastructure project developments with a view to encouraging cross-disciplinary collaboration and knowledge-transfer. Past and current contributions to the Seminar Programme draw from OMEGA Centre researchers, as well as external speakers, including: journalists, public officials, consultants, investment bankers, industry leaders and academics.

The OMEGA Seminar Programme is open to everyone interested in issues, challenges and achievements in mega infrastructure development across all sectors, especially those associated with major project developments overseas. The seminars are recorded and videoed, with outputs posted (subject to

permission) on the OMEGA Centre Website.

By drawing on experts from many disciplines, various sectors and different countries, the OMEGA Seminar Programme looks to stimulate debate on crucial topics, such as: infrastructure investments as agents of change, project challenges of sustainability and financing and technological opportunities for project developments within the global market.

The seminars especially look to foster the generation of innovative approaches to tackling/addressing current and future threats, risks and opportunities of contemporary megaproject decision-making and decision-making in future environments.

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## 2016 OMEGA SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February      Great British Plans & Megaprojects: Who made them and how they worked  
*Ian Wray, Visiting Professor in Planning, University of Liverpool, sometime Chief Planner, UK Northwest Development Agency (2000-2010)*  
Room 2.18 - Chadwick Building
- 24<sup>th</sup> February      Megaprojects in Athens in Times of Austerity: A contemporary perspective  
*Pantelis Skayannis, Professor of Infrastructure Policy, Director of Research Unit of Infrastructure, Technology Policy & Development, Department of Planning & Regional Development, University of Thessaly, Greece*  
Room LG01 - Central House
- 9<sup>th</sup> March            Megaprojects and Smart City Development: Steps in assisting promoters prepare bankable projects  
*Dr Eugenia Kazamaki, Head of Division, Smart Development Division, JASPERS, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg*  
Room LG01 - Central House
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March          Mega projects, transparency and measures of success: Reporting on UK major projects in government  
*Sandy Gordon, Audit Manager, National Audit Office, UK Government*  
Room G01 - Central House
- 4<sup>th</sup> May                The Intelligent Client for Mega Projects (TBC)  
*Amanda Clack, President Elect of RICS, Partner of Ernst Young and Head of its Infrastructure and Advisory Practice for the UK & Ireland, London*  
Room LG01 - Central House
- 11<sup>th</sup> May              Megaprojects and politics: Recent observations and developments with a focus on the infrastructure and development priorities of the new Mayor of London (election 5 May) (TBC)  
*Robert Gordon Clark, Executive Chairman, London Communications Agency, sometime Deputy Chief Executive of London First and London First Centre*  
Room LG01 - Central House
- 25<sup>th</sup> May              Innovation in complex megaprojects: Lesson from the UK  
*Prof. Andrew Davies, Bartlett School of Construction & Project Management, University College London*  
Room LG01 - Central House

**Time:** Typically Wednesdays, 5.30pm - 19.00 unless otherwise specified  
**Venue:** Central House, 14 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0NN  
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 website (<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](mailto:marco.dean.11@ucl.ac.uk)).