

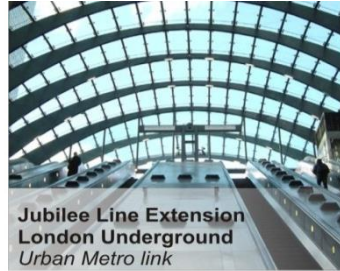
# OMEGA CENTRE

Centre for Mega Infrastructure Projects & Development

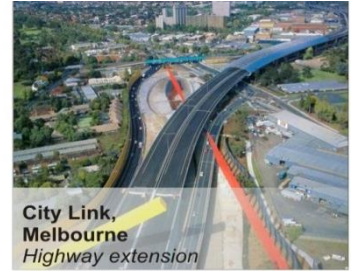
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**HSL- Zuid  
Brussels to Amsterdam**  
*Highspeed TGV railway*



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



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



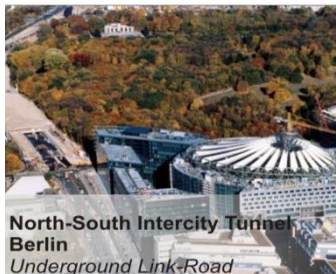
**Millau Viaduct  
A75, Midi-Pyrénées**  
*Highway bypass*



**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 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 looks 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.

# 2019 OMEGA SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019      London's Cross Rail 1: Progress & Prospects  
*Geoff Hobbs, Director of Public Service Transport Planning, Transport for London (TfL), London*
- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019      International Challenges & Lessons in Governance for Megaproject Planning, Appraisal & Delivery  
*Måns Lönnroth, Former State Secretary for Environment & Sometime Board Member of Volvo Research & Education Foundations (VREF), Gothenburg, Sweden*
- 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019      The Thames Tideway Tunnel & Developments in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Arrangements  
*Mike Pugsley, Finance and Commercial Director, Agilia Infrastructure Partners, London*
- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019      Nature, Scope & Scale of Global Infrastructure Knowledge Gap: A World Economic Forum Perspective  
*Vangelis, Papakonstantinou, Lead, System Initiative Shaping the Future of Long-term Investing, Infrastructure & Development, World Economic Forum (WEF), Geneva*
- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019      HM Treasury's New Green Book on Central Government Guidance for Appraisal and Evaluation: Implications for UK's New Mega Infrastructure Projects  
*Joseph Lowe, Editor of Green Book, Head of Economics Branch, Public Spending Group, HM Treasury, UK*
- To be confirmed:      Supply and Demand Issues of Cross-border Infrastructure Investment for Belt and Road Initiative: An OECD Perspective  
*Greg Medcraft, Director, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Paris*
- To be confirmed:      The Belt and Road Initiative in Eastern Europe: A Focus on Serbian Infrastructure Projects  
*Pedja Sovilj, Director, Infrastructure Delivery Unit, Office of Prime Minister, Government of Republic of Serbia*
- Time:**                      Typically Wednesdays, 17.30–19.00 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. People wishing to attend are required to reserve a place through Eventbrite

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 Dr. Marco Dean ([marco.dean.11@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:marco.dean.11@ucl.ac.uk)) or Prof. Harry T. Dimitriou, the Convenor of the OMEGA Seminar Programme ([h.dimitriou@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:h.dimitriou@ucl.ac.uk)).