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 environment.
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23rd October 2019
The Railway Metropolis: How planners, politicians and developers shaped modern London, Michael Schabas, Partner, FCP Rail, London and Senior Advisor to Metrolinx, Toronto

20th November 2019
21st Century Megaproject Port Development & Logistics: Prospects & problems in the use of blockchain, Wolfgang Lehmacher, Sometime Director & Head of Supply Chain and Transport Industries, World Economic Forum, Geneva

4th December 2019
The Sizewell Nuclear Plant: Challenges and prospects of public-private-partnership, Amar Qureshi & Mike Pugely, Directors, Agilia Infrastructure Partners, London

11th December 2019
Defining Benefits on Mega Projects – A way through the fog, Paul Mansell, Independent Advisor to IPA UK; Visiting Senior Lecturer, Bartlett School of Construction & Project Management, UCL & Managing Director, ImpaQt Consulting Ltd

12th February 2020
How Government Built USA’s wealth and infrastructure: Lessons for 21st Century, Ian Wray, Visiting Professor, Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, University of Liverpool

25th March 2020
Toward More Holistic Approaches to Mega Transport Project Appraisal in Latin America: A review of selected IADB case studies, Juan Alberti, External Consultant to Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C.

Time: Typically Wednesdays, 5.30pm – 7.00pm 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 Helen Chen, Assistant to Convenor of the OMEGA Seminar Programme (sizhe.chen@ucl.ac.uk) or Prof. Harry T. Dimitriou, the Convenor of the OMEGA Seminar Programme (h.dimitriou@ucl.ac.uk).