



## Event Details

### Title of Event

Future cities and new economy series: Interdisciplinary Dialogues 1 on economic opportunities and shared prosperity driven by Technological Innovations

### Organization Details

**Organization:** Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society (COMPAS), Anthropology Department, University of Oxford

**Organization Country:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### Summary

Today, cities occupy just 2.6% of the earth's crust, but are home to more than 50% of the world's population, generate more than 80% of the world's GDP and use 75% of the world's natural resources. The majority of this growth will occur in cities, with an estimated 66% of the global population living in urban areas by 2050. This event has the unique breadth and depth of expertise through its multi-stakeholder networks to drive change and provide a global platform that will enable city leaders to debate the city governance, policies and regulation required to enable action, resulting in vital investment in the delivery of innovative, sustainable and affordable urban infrastructure and services. The multiplier effect of mobilizing the required investment will be manifold in improved human-centric, high-quality, sustainable, affordable urban services.

Nowadays, the influence of emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, 5G, electric vehicles, driverless cars and drone technologies, are shaping our urban life, and have increasingly become the hotspot of multiple discussions portraying innovation as crucial to improve the productivity, inclusivity, and equity of opportunities in the business environment; or to develop a greener and more environmentally friendly urban policy.

This Interdisciplinary Dialogue and Networking Event provides stakeholders and experts with a space open for discussion on some of the most relevant topics concerning new technologies, new economic opportunities, urban governance, innovation, and the sustainable future of our cities. In recent years, technological change—digitization, the rise of robots, artificial intelligence—that is seen to favor capital and higher-level skills at the expense of ordinary workers. The adoption of AI and automation will drastically decrease job opportunities, and the low-income community is most vulnerable to that change. It's our top concern that how society can adopt, manage, and adapt to the new solutions to contemporary and upcoming challenges will define the cities of the future. In this dialogue, stakeholders will discuss but not limited to the following questions:

- How new technologies will trigger a cycle of economic growth?
- Where are the new business opportunities and new jobs?
- How will wealth be distributed smartly to reduce income and spatial inequalities in the cities?
- What is the government's role in better urban governance and policies in smarter cities?
- How do we reform the traditional Private-Public Partnership model to cope with new urban challenges?
- How are autonomous vehicles affecting urban planning and environmental policies?

## Other Organization name

UN-Habitat, Chengdu Municipal People's Government, Oxford Programme for the Future of Cities and PEAK Urban

### Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

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1	Michael	Keith	Director of the PEAK Urban Research programme, co-ordinator of Urban Transformations, and co-Director of the Oxford Programme for the Future of Cities	University of Oxford
2	Tim	Schwanen	Director of the Transport Studies Unit	University of Oxford
3	Stephen	Goldsmith	Former Mayor of Indianapolis, Former Deputy Mayor of New York	Harvard Kennedy School
4	Zhiyong	Fu	Vice Director at China-Italy Design Innovation Hub	Tsinghua University
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