



Event Details

Title of Event

Access to services and infrastructures in the context of urban violence

Organization Details

Organization: The British Academy

Organization Country: United Kingdom

Summary

The proposed panel will provide a reflection on the relation between violence and the provision of infrastructures and services. By 2030, it is estimated that nearly two thirds of the world's population will reside in cities . One of the challenges arising from this expectation is the increase of (armed) violence in a context of rapid urbanisation and the inherent challenges in terms of access to services and infrastructures as well as their acceptance by the communities. Inadequate or the absence of infrastructures and services can create opportunities for violence, exacerbate a sense of exclusion, and create vulnerabilities. The absence of community organisations, mobilisations and responses can lead to exclusion from infrastructures and services, including the justice system and law enforcement structure. Drawing on cases studies from urban communities and practitioners from Fortaleza and Karachi, the panel will introduce and discuss a new pilot project (Partnering Cities for More Secure Healthcare) aimed at enhancing the capacity of cities to cope with situations of violence which could lead to restrictions in terms of access to services. Through the reflections offered by the panel and the engagement with the audience, the event will examine the significance of essential public services, support within crises involving violence and emergencies as well as the acceptance of these services and infrastructures, in particular in a context of rapid urbanisation and heterogeneity of urban spaces. These reflections have implications for urban safety and for how to create and maintain sustainable and resilient cities, with the aim of informing relevant policies and interventions Finally, the event will serve to highlight the importance of cross-disciplinary discussions, and the particular value of the humanities and social sciences, in examining issues of access to infrastructures and services in a context of urban violence, and urban issues more broadly. It will support the ongoing dialogue by member states towards the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 and of the UN systemwide Guidelines and Human Settlements adopted at the Habitat Assembly in May 2019, and linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda.

Other Organization name

The International Committee of the Red Cross

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

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1	Iftikhar Ali	Shallwani	Speaker	Commissioner, Karachi
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4	Caroline	Knowles	Speaker	Urban Infrastructures of Well-Being Programme Director, The British Academy
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