

EXPERT DIALOGUES ON

RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE CITIES

**EXPLORING URBANISATION
OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA**

ACF DIALOGUES

ACF Dialogues is a platform for academics, practitioners, and policymakers to engage and expand their networks with expert communities in Asian countries. The events will be covered under Chatham House rules to promote open, candid discussions among these experts on critical development issues faced by countries in the region.

The ultimate objective of these dialogues is to promote granular and focused development-sector collaboration across India, China and South East Asia, and develop comprehensive regional perspectives and bodies of knowledge.

Audience for these dialogues will be by invite only, and selective.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

Catalyze Collaboration

Organic and sustained cross-country expert collaboration via mutual exposure to a larger body of work and sector experts

Build Networks

Build thriving networks for knowledge transfer among experts across borders in development sectors

Nurture Intra- India Ecosystems

Bringing experts together from diverse backgrounds and sectors on one platform

Continued Conversations

Each dialogue event will have a follow-up session among the participants to enable sustained interactions and action

THEME: RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE CITIES

The Dialogue series on ‘Resilient & Inclusive Cities’ aims to bring together academics, practitioners, policy professionals and other key stakeholders from India, China, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia to engage substantively with each other on three critical development concerns for cities

Migrant Workers

Urban Sanitation

Air Quality

As experts discuss, debate and build on each other’s experiences in a closed-door format, the ACF Dialogues aim to generate action-oriented insights that can be leveraged by relevant stakeholders - government bodies, think tanks and academic institutions. In this way, the Dialogue Series will enable knowledge networks and cross-regional sector understanding.

- **Experts from India, China and South East Asia, matched based on areas of expertise interact & share experiences, ideas, and challenges**
- **Two sessions on each topic, the follow-up session is an opportunity to dive deeper into the challenges**
- **Chatham House rules to allow for informal yet substantive discussions**
- **Lightly-structured, moderated discussion. Emphasis on challenges, interventions, and solutions in the form of briefs, newsletters, etc.**
- **By-invite audience consisting of influencers in respective sectors**



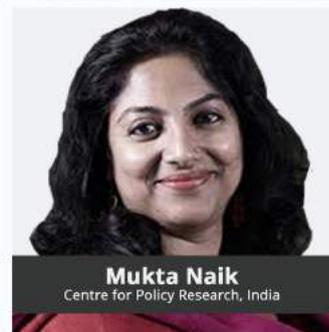
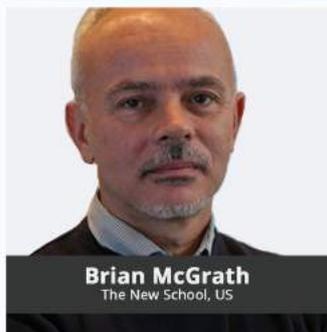
MIGRANT WORKERS

Agenda for the discussion:

- What has COVID taught us about role of migrants in cities and services available to them?
- What are the regional patterns of migration, internal and cross-border? What economic activities/sectors are migrants concentrated in?
- What are some promising cases from India and China, SAARC and ASEAN in terms of integrating migrant workers into city plans, policies, and services?
- What needs to be done to better integrate migrant workers ? How can they contribute better ? How should cities be designed to enhance their engagement ?



PARTICIPANTS



SESSION TIMINGS

SESSION 1

JANUARY 16, 2021
(SATURDAY)

8:00 – 10:00 AM EST

6:30 – 8:30 PM IST

SESSION 2

FEBRUARY 20, 2021
(SATURDAY)

8:00 – 10:00 AM EST

6:30 – 8:30 PM IST

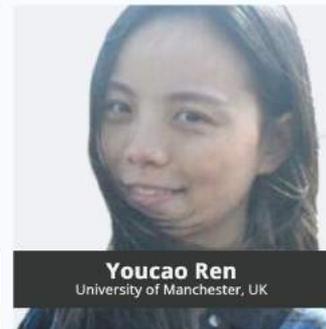
URBAN SANITATION

Agenda for the discussion:

- Inculcating good hygiene at an individual level. Example - How can we inculcate good handwashing habits?
- Managing Sewage Systems – How are cities facing challenges in treating their sewage? How is sewage best recycled?
- Managing Sewage Systems – How can technology be leveraged in sorting, managing and recycling sewage generated in cities?



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SESSION TIMINGS

SESSION 1

JANUARY 23, 2021
(SATURDAY)

8:00 – 10:00 AM EST

6:30 – 8:30 PM IST

SESSION 2

FEBRUARY 27, 2021
(SATURDAY)

8:00 – 10:00 AM EST

6:30 – 8:30 PM IST

AIR QUALITY

The Dialogue on Air Quality is in collaboration with Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), one of India's leading think tanks aiming to enrich policymaking with innovative approaches for a sustainable, secure and inclusive society.

Agenda for the discussion:

- How should governments prepare themselves to manage air pollution and achieve local, national and international targets set for the next decade?
- What stringent measures should governments take to curb pollution? What best practices can be contextualized from successful case studies?
- How can Industry and Government complement each other's work to reduce air pollution caused by transportation and road dust?



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SESSION TIMINGS

SESSION 1

JANUARY 30, 2021
(SATURDAY)

8:00 – 10:00 AM EST

6:30 – 8:30 PM IST

SESSION 2

MARCH 06, 2021
(SATURDAY)

8:00 – 10:00 AM EST

6:30 – 8:30 PM IST



Asian Century
FOUNDATION

ABOUT ASIAN CENTURY FOUNDATION

Founded in 2019, the Asian Century Foundation (ACF) is a non-profit organization working with the mission of encouraging and enabling knowledge sharing the Asian region. ACF's work is focused on developmental areas of priority to India.

With the global center of gravity shifting towards the continent, the Asian Century refers to the emerging economic and demographic influence of the countries in the region. ACF's purpose is to deliver the promise of this Asian Century by increasing mutual understanding amongst countries and leveraging each other's knowledge and experience in socio-economic development.

We aim to achieve this by creating avenues for collaboration and knowledge sharing among academia, scholars, practitioners, and policymakers.

THANK YOU

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