

24 May 2021

Suryono Herlambang  
University Tarumanagara, Indonesia

### Letter of Appreciation

Dear Pak Herlambang,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to be panelist in the "Re-Imagining the Urban in the Post Pandemic Era" workshop on 19 and 20 May 2021. This workshop is part of the series leading up to the physical Symposium scheduled to take place in 2022 in Singapore. The discussions that emerged from the series have been invaluable and it has served the original intent to promote knowledge sharing between regional partners and encourage discourse on emergent health issues.

Your sharing has been enriching and I speak for fellow participants and panelists to say that we have all benefited from your experience and knowledge. Looking ahead, we remain hopeful that international travel will resume. We will provide you with periodic updates once planning for the Symposium in Singapore commences.

The series of sessions have been recorded online and are available on the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities website <https://lkycic.sutd.edu.sg/news-and-events/events/webinar/webinar-re-imagining-the-urban-in-the-post-pandemic-era-health-and-citizen-participation-in-southeast-asia-and-latin-america-2/>. The videos are also uploaded on YouTube for easy viewing and sharing.

Finally, I wish all of us will have a productive, safe, and healthy 2021. We look forward to welcoming you to Singapore in 2022.

Yours truly,



**Harvey NEO, PhD**

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# Re-imagining the Urban in the Post-Pandemic Era:

Health and Citizen Participation  
in Southeast Asia and Latin America

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Questioning the Future of the  
Urban Futures

9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. (GMT +8)

Marco Kusumawijaya

Founder and Director

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## STATE AND CITIZEN

Dialectics of Power,  
Responsibility, and Reality of the  
Pandemic

19 MAY

9 A.M. to 2 P.M. | GMT +7

10 A.M. to 3 P.M. | GMT +8

9 P.M. to 2 A.M. | CST

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Authoritarianism:  
Emergency Governance?

10:00 A.M. — 11:00 A.M. (GMT +8)

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Nationalism, Economic  
Response, and Measures

12:00 P.M. — 13:00 P.M. (GMT +8)

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Health Awareness:  
The New Civic Duty?

14:00 P.M. — 15:00 P.M. (GMT +8)

## IMAGINING THE POST-PANDEMIC CITY

Shifting Conversations, Calls for  
Action, and Critical Dialogues

20 MAY

9 A.M. to 2 P.M. | GMT +7

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Infrastructural Reform:  
Accessible, Inclusive Health

10:00 A.M. — 11:00 A.M. (GMT +8)

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Justice and Resilience:  
Vulnerability and Inclusivity

12:00 P.M. — 13:00 P.M. (GMT +8)

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Urban Re-imagination:  
Filling the Void

14:00 P.M. — 15:00 P.M. (GMT +8)

# STATE AND CITIZEN

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Dialectics of Power, Responsibility, and Reality  
in the Pandemic Era

“The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. For in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom”.

John Locke

Power is central to stakeholder dynamics and interactions within cities. The way that power is exercised can affect citizens' ability to partake in democratic initiatives and determine their access to essential health resources.

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought issues of power to the fore. While acknowledging that power is indispensable to effective pandemic response, evidence of state power abuse raise critical questions about the boundaries and expectations of governance.

What safeguards should be put in place to ensure flexibility, transparency, and accountability during times of pandemic?

Are democratic values a disposable and unattainable social conquest during of health emergencies?

How does this affect health resiliency of cities?

This forum will provide a timely discussion of urban governance in times of pandemic.

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# WORKSHOPS

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## AUTHORITARIANISM: EMERGENCY GOVERNANCE

Moderator: Harvey, Rafael, and Winston

Panelist: Prof. Luis Angel Guzman, Prof. Sherwin Ona

This forum explores discourse on the politicization of the Covid-19 pandemic. It explores questions of corruption, accountability and transparency, and the nature of democracy during times of crises.

## NATIONALISM, ECONOMIC RESPONSE, AND MEASURES

Moderator: Harvey, Rafael, and Winston

Panelist: Natharoun Ngo, Ica Fernandez

The pandemic has triggered spatial and trade lockdowns. At a national scale, nationalism manifests itself in both socio-economic dimensions. At the regional scale, supply chains are being restructured. At the society level, issues point to a widening of existing social chasms led by accounts of structural racism towards foreigner labour, retrenchment, or hiring

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## HEALTH AWARENESS: A NEW CIVIC DUTY?

Moderator: Harvey, Rafael, and Winston

Panelist: Prof. Ranjit Singh Rye, Prof. Erwin Alampay

Like most pandemics, Covid-19 has prompted increased health awareness. People are more conscious about hygiene and many are taking necessary precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones. While some believe that old habits die hard, some say that changes are here to stay.

# IMAGINING THE POST-PANDEMIC CITY

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## Shifting Conversations, Calls for Action, and Critical Dialogues

“I speak of the city that dreams us all, that all of us build and unbuild and rebuild as we dream, the city we all dream, that restlessly changes while we dream it, the city that wakes every hundred years and looks at itself in the mirror of a world and doesn't recognize itself and goes back to sleep”.

Octavio Paz

Will the day ever come when cities wake up from a seemingly interminable traumatic dream or are thoroughly awakened from the lethargy in which the pandemic seems to have confined them?

Will the present for urbanites be an awakening or the conscious embracement of the everlasting current numbing disruption?

Yet, in this unprecedented context, we foster a conversation among urban regions rather than cities. The goal is to identify trends and patterns, but also dreams and aspirations and how

they will feed the imagination of the urban in both Southeast Asia and Latin America.

Focusing on resilience and health, participants will visualize the physiognomy of cities and the role of citizens. Building on discourses on infrastructure and urban data as well as on the need of drafting a new (urban) contract, panelists will ultimately contribute to the discussion on the future of the urban and its sustainability on both sides of the Pacific.

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## INFRASTRUCTURAL REFORM: ACCESSIBLE , INCLUSIVE HEALTH

Moderator: Harvey, Rafael, and Winston  
Panelist: Prof. Alejandra Vives Vergara, Suryono Herlambang,  
and Wahyu Kusuma Astuti

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There have been calls for “Build Back Better” initiatives to create a more resilient and healthier city. The pandemic has changed socio-economic behaviour. For example, people choosing to spend their leisure time in open spaces instead of indoor malls, and people working from home instead of going to the office. For many cities, the need for safe distancing has also prompted a shift towards more sustainable forms of transportation.

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## JUSTICE AND RESILIENCE: VULNERABILITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Moderator: Harvey, Rafael, and Winston  
Panelist: Khun TOLA, Steven ELLIS

The pandemic has highlighted class inequality and exposed the vulnerabilities and hardships faced by marginalized communities. Of paramount importance is the reality that no one is safe till everyone is safe.

## URBAN RE-IMAGINATION: FILLING THE VOID

Moderator: Harvey, Rafael, and Winston  
Panelist: Marco Antonio Sardillo, Prof. Widyawati Sumadio

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The Covid-19 pandemic has led to dramatic loss of human lives worldwide. Many have lost their livelihoods and many more are at risk of doing so. How should cities and their inhabitants grapple with new concepts of normality amidst widespread economic and social disruption? What must or could be done to safeguard urban futures?