

# ANNUAL REPORT 2010



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## INTRODUCTION

This is the first annual report of LSE Cities, and records the research, teaching and outreach activities carried out from 1 January to 31 December 2010. LSE Cities is one of the newest research centres at the London School of Economics and Political Science that contribute to its reputation as one of the leading universities in the world.

The centre builds on the activities carried out since 2005 by the Urban Age, a series of investigations into the spatial and social dynamics of global cities organised with Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society, and the Cities Programme, which offers masters and PhD degrees within the LSE's Department of Sociology. During 2010, all these activities have become housed under one roof in Tower Two at the heart of the LSE campus, with activities taking place in London and abroad. LSE Cities is funded by a five year grant from Deutsche Bank.

LSE Cities' mission is to study how people and cities interact in a rapidly urbanising world, focussing on how the design of cities impacts on society and the environment. Through research, conferences, teaching and projects, LSE Cities aims to shape new thinking and practice on how to make cities fairer and more sustainable for the next generation of urban dwellers, who will make up some 70% of the global population by 2050.

Extending LSE's century-old commitment to the understanding of urban society, LSE Cities investigates how complex urban systems are responding to the pressures of growth and globalisation, with new infrastructures of design and governance that both complement and threaten social and environmental integration.

In this first year of activity we focussed on understanding how cities have responded to the challenges of the global economic downturn, making the most of their assets as centres of exchange, growth and development. The research focussed on the 'next urban economy', concluding with a major two-day conference – the Global Metro Summit - which took place in Chicago in December 2010. Jointly organised with the Brookings Institution, the conference attracted over 500 delegates and major US and international speakers. LSE Cities carried out research on Barcelona, Torino, Munich and Seoul and collaborated on a study of how 150 metropolitan regions have performed before, during and since the recent global recession.

LSE Cities collaborated with other international institutions during 2010, including the European Institute for Energy Research (EIFER) at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (on a project on urban form and energy), the Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (on a comparative study of the Randstad and the South East of England), and Deutsche Bank Research (on the Global MetroMonitor study). Another major project was the coordination of two chapters on green cities and buildings for the recently launched report on the Green Economy by the United Nations Environment Programme.

The centre's outreach programme of lectures, seminars and conferences was a key feature of over twenty public events held at LSE and other venues, funded by the Ove Arup Foundation and the Alfred Herrhausen Society. Events included keynote lectures by leading urban specialists and mayors of world cities. The centre's new website and regular e-bulletins have helped extend our significant international network, as has a range of new publications and reports. The summary of new research on Mumbai, Sao Paulo and Istanbul was consolidated into a new comprehensive publication, *Living in the Endless City*, which will be published by Phaidon Press in mid-2011.

This report provides an overview of what LSE Cities has undertaken in 2010. It provides an opportunity for me to thank all those who have worked on the wide range of projects and, our core supporters, Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society.

Ricky Burdett  
Professor of Urban Studies  
Director, LSE Cities

## RESEARCH

Much of the research undertaken by LSE Cities in 2010 was a legacy of the Urban Age project (an annual series of conferences established in 2005), and efforts were required to ensure a smooth transition from a tightly defined project context into a much broader research platform. Under the guidance of the LSE Cities Governing Board, a research strategy has been developed under three overarching themes: 'Cities, Space and Society', 'Cities, Environment and Climate Change' and 'Cities and Governance'. In 2010 the centre focused its resources and research efforts under the first two themes with the series of projects and initiatives set out below.

### **Cities, Space and Society**

#### Next Urban Economy

The Next Urban Economy investigation is an ongoing analysis of new urban and metropolitan economies emerging after the current economic recession. Jointly developed by LSE Cities and the Brookings Institution, Washington D.C., research in 2010 investigated how the recession has altered the trajectory of growth in major metropolitan areas across the USA, Europe and, to a less extent, Asia. The project specifically examined the case study cities of Barcelona, Munich, Seoul and Torino, and the successful urban economic transformations these cities have led, underpinned by emerging economic sectors, good governance models and the promotion of effective approaches to urban policies. Within this context the research includes a special focus on the urban development potential of the "green economy" and innovation. The research was presented at the Global Metro Summit on 7-8 December 2010 in Chicago, and published in print, with additional publications forthcoming.

*Weblink to Next Urban Economy Publication:* <http://tinyurl.com/NextUrbanEconomy>

#### Global MetroMonitor

In partnership with Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program and Deutsche Bank Research, LSE Cities has developed the Global MetroMonitor. Expanding the model of Brookings' MetroMonitor, an interactive barometer of the health of America's metropolitan economies, this global dataset presents the diverse metropolitan landscapes of recession and recovery across different nations and world regions. The Global MetroMonitor, ranking the top 150 economically resilient cities in the world based on their growth in employment and economic output per person before, during, and after the global downturn, was published and launched on 30 November 2010.

*Weblink to Global MetroMonitor Report:* <http://tinyurl.com/GlobalMetroMonitor>

#### Urban Age City Surveys

This sequence of city surveys has analysed and compared how residents of different cities think about and are responding to the challenges of social inclusion, the environment, transport, security and urban governance. Adding to two representative surveys previously conducted with Ipsos/Mori in São Paulo and Istanbul, a third survey was carried out in Mumbai between February and June 2010. An expert essay on the findings of all the surveys, set within a comparative context alongside the 2007 London Survey, will be included in the forthcoming book *Living in the Endless City* (see below).

*Weblinks to São Paulo City Survey:* <http://tinyurl.com/SaoPauloCitySurvey> *and Istanbul City Survey:* <http://tinyurl.com/IstanbulCitySurvey>

## **Cities, Environment and Climate Change**

### Cities and Energy: urban morphology and energy demand

This joint research initiative in partnership with the European Institute for Energy Research (EIFER) at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, looks at the impact of basic building configurations, making a comparative study of heat-related energy efficiencies in five different 'types' of urban areas across London, Paris, Berlin and Istanbul. The objective of this research project has been to test established discourse on heat-energy demand and building typologies to a new level by exploring trade-offs and scaling effects in cities utilising morphological samples. In addition to collaboration with EIFER, project partnerships have been established with Universidade de Sao Paulo (USP) and Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI). A draft report will be published in Summer 2011.

### Randstad/South East England Seminar Series and Research Project

A comparative study on South East England (a mono-centric metropolitan region focussed on London) and the Randstad region in Holland (a poly-centric region encompassing Rotterdam, The Hague, Delft and Amsterdam) was commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency. The research aims to examine how polycentric and mono-centric metropolitan regions affect intra-regional connections, travel patterns and the utilization of green space differently, and whether their spatial infrastructure provides for more or less sustainable urban lifestyles and development patterns. LSE Cities has carried out original research on these two areas, which have been presented and discussed with international experts, at seminars held in London and Holland throughout the year. The research will be published in June 2011 and was presented at the Apeldoorn Conference, an event organised by the British Council and Dutch Foreign Office in March 2011.

*Weblink to Apeldoorn Conference:* <http://tinyurl.com/ApeldoornConference>

### United Nations Economy Programme (UNEP) Green Economy Report

The Green Economy Report (GER) is one of the three key elements emerging from the Green Economy Initiative announced by UNEP in 2008. Comprising 14 chapters on – amongst others – agriculture, forests, manufacturing, transport and waste, the GER sets out a macro-economic case for increasing public and private investments in the 'green sectors', with a special focus on employment opportunities. LSE Cities was commissioned by UNEP to coordinate the research and delivery of two main chapters and supporting and technical reports on Green Buildings and Green Cities. The report was launched on 25 February 2011.

Collaborators include: African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town; Madras School of Economics, Chennai; Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi; Cisco; Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment, LSE; Arup Hong Kong; International Building Organisation, Shanghai; Sao Paulo University; Institute of Energy Economics and Rational Use of Energy, University of Stuttgart; Clinton Climate Initiative, Istanbul; European Institute for Energy Research, Karlsruhe; Paladino and Company; UN-Habitat.

*Weblink to Green Economy Report:* <http://tinyurl.com/GreenEconomyReport>

## **Conferences, lectures, seminars and presentations**

In 2010, senior LSE Cities staff made presentations on the centre's research at a number of international conferences, seminars and events, including:

- Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University: *Linking the Social to the Physical, a discussion on the role of architecture in contemporary cities*, keynote lecture

- La Biennale di Venezia, Architecture Saturdays, *The Architecture of the City*, a symposium on space, architecture and society, lecture and moderator
- Pavillon de l’Arsenal, Paris, From Haussmann’s Paris to the construction of the Metropolis: *The right to the city, yesterday and tomorrow: utopia and after*, keynote lecture
- Forum 2000 Conference, Prague: *The World We Want to Live In. What are the limits of Urbanisation?* keynote lecture
- World Health Summit, Berlin: *Megacities: Opportunities and Challenges for Health*, presentation and panel discussion
- British Library, London, The Story of London keynote debate: *London and the Olympics: Predicting the legacy of the twenty-first century*, presentation and panel discussion
- Future of Cities, ICLEI World Congress, Incheon, Korea: *Indicators of Progress – the Green Economy*, presentation and panel discussion
- Financial Times Property Conference, London: *The New World*, panel discussion
- Indian Ministry of Urban Development, London: *Transport and Mobility*, presentation
- Intelligent City Forum, Berlin: *Introduction of Urban Age Research*, presentation
- Manmade Tomorrow, Oslo: *Shaping the Contemporary City*, keynote lecture
- Dutch Government representatives, London: *Socio-economic and environmental impact of the 2012 Olympics on London*, presentation
- Shanghai Expo, British Council video conference: *City making as climate policy*, presentation
- Urban Transport Congress, India: *Integrated transport in London, Berlin and New York; According walkability and non-motorised transport its space in the urban mobility plan*, presentations
- World Cities Summit, Singapore: *Cities as Growth Engines in a Post-Crisis World; Making Cities Sustainable and Enduring: Strategies for Success*, keynote lectures
- Shell International Executive Workshop, London: *The impacts of urbanisation*, presentation
- SCUPAD Congress, Salzburg, *Green Industries overview*, lecture
- LSE, *The Sociology of Public Life: Cities and the Public Realm*, session moderator
- Auditorio di Roma, City of Rome, *Future of Rome Symposium*, keynote lecture
- ETH, Zurich, *Interdisciplinary Research on Cities*, keynote lecture
- Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow; *Mobility and Social Inclusion*, presentation
- Swedish government representatives, London, *Developments in Transport Policy and Inclusion*, presentation.

In addition, LSE Cities staff have contributed to workshops and seminars including at the Col·legi Oficial d’Arquitectes de Catalunya, Barcelona, Visual Investigations Workshop, New York University and Institut für Mobilitätsforschung, Munich.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

The first hard-back edition of *The Endless City* - a summary of research carried out by the Urban Age on New York, Shanghai, London, Johannesburg, Mexico City and Berlin published in 2008 – sold out of its 15,000 copies and a paperback edition was published by Phaidon Press in October 2010. A dedicated LSE Cities team has worked throughout 2010 on commissioning essays and preparing research material for a new publication, *Living in the Endless City*, that will be published in May 2011. The 438-page book, edited by Ricky Burdett and Deyan Sudjic, will focus on Mumbai, Sao Paulo and Istanbul with new comparative data and analysis on ten world cities

and contributions by leading experts on urban sociology, economics, environmental sustainability, transport and design.

The book will contain the following essays: *Living in the Urban Age*, Ricky Burdett and Philipp Rode; *The Architecture of the Endless City*, Deyan Sudjic; *The Economies of Cities*, Saskia Sassen; *Democracy and Self-Interest*, K. C. Sivaramakrishnan; *A Matter of People*, Darryl D'Monte; *Looking for the Bird of Gold*, Suketu Mehta; *The Static and the Kinetic*, Rahul Mehrotra; *The Long View*, Charles Correa; *Beyond the Maximum*, Geetam Tiwari; *Filling the Political Vacuum*, Jeroen Klink; *The Cultures of the Metropolis*, Gareth Jones; *Looking for a Shared Identity*, Jose de Souza Martins; *Worlds Set Apart*, Teresa Caldeira; *The Mirage and Its Limits*, Raul Juste Lores; *Living on the Edge*, Fernando de Mello Franco; *Bridging Histories*, Ilhan Tekeli; *The Hinge City*, Richard Sennett; *It's Istanbul (not Globalization)*, Hashim Sarkis; *The Violence of Change*, Asu Aksoy; *The Contours of Concrete*, Ömer Kanıpak; *Measuring Success*, Çağlar Keyder; *Understanding the Numbers*, Justin McGuirk; *Understanding What People Think*, Tony Travers; *Boundaries and Borders*, Richard Sennett; *No Frills and Bare Life*, Alejandro Zaera-Polo; *City Solutions to Global Problems*, Nicholas Stern, Dimitri Zenghelis and Philipp Rode; *Democracy and Governance*, Gerald E. Frug; *The Urban Earthquake*, Anthony Williams; *Uneven Landscapes*, Sophie-Body Gendrot; *From Utopia to Youtopia*, Alejandro Aravena; *Surviving in an Urban Age*, David Satterthwaite; *Getting to Work*, Fabio Casiroli; *Facing the Metro Challenge*, Bruce Katz; *On the Ground: Deutsche Bank Urban Age Awards*, Adam Kaasa.

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## **CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

### **Global Metro Summit: Delivering the Next Economy**

Over 500 people attended the Global Metro Summit in Chicago on 7-8 December 2010. Organised by LSE Cities, the Brookings Institution Metro Policy Program and the Alfred Herrhausen Society, with media sponsor TIME Magazine, the summit brought together over 50 innovative speakers, including mayors, leading policy-makers from the US, Asia and Europe, representatives from the White House, academics and philanthropists from around the world to discuss the next urban economy. The programme included the mayors of Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Torino and Barcelona as well as the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Joan Clos, and José Serra, former Governor of São Paulo. The two-day event examined the changing economic landscape of cities and their metropolitan regions in the US and internationally,

identifying which policies and initiatives had succeeded in allowing cities to withstand the most severe effects of cyclical economic downturns.

New research by the Brookings Institution and LSE Cities presented at the event has been made available on a dedicated conference website, launched alongside the event.

*Weblink to Global Metro Summit website:* <http://tinyurl.com/GlobalMetroSummit>

*Weblink to Review of Global Metro Summit:* <http://tinyurl.com/SummitReview>

### **Weak Market Cities Programme: City Reformers' Group**

Organised in partnership with LSE Housing and Communities and ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, the City Reformers' Group is a learning network of active practitioners and policy-makers from 'weak market' de-industrialising cities across the EU and US. The group met to discuss key issues addressed by 'Transforming cities across Europe' including responses to economic crisis, resilience, sustainability and social division.

16 – 17 March 2010

*Weblink to City Reformers Group:* <http://tinyurl.com/CityReformersGroup>

### **Expert Seminar Series: “Environmental Sustainability | Design | Technology”**

These invite-only academic seminars, each led by an invited speaker from the private sector, provide a forum for innovative discussion around selected research topics such as integrated urbanism, connecting urban development through technology, and futurology.

*Urban Development Connected*

Nicola Villa, Senior Director, Connected Urban Development, Cisco Systems

9 April 2010

### **New York - London**

Hosted jointly with LSE London, a Round Table was held for guest speaker John Liu, New York City Comptroller. The event, chaired by Tony Travers of LSE London, brought together academics, politicians, developers, experts and representatives from New York and London, to discuss themes including: tax competition, transportation, investment and TIF's, migration, and value for money. 6 October 2010

### **NYLON (New York – London) seminars**

The centre continues its collaboration with NYLON. Founded by Professor Richard Sennett and Craig Calhoun, and hosted at NYU, the LSE and Goldsmith College, this international network of young researchers shares a broad interest in culture and qualitative research methods; seeking to integrate cultural analysis with an understanding of politics and political economy. A number of LSE Cities staff have participated in and led these seminars in 2010.

## **OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Websites**

The Urban Age website and LSE Cities web pages are becoming a major resource for the communication of events, research and related activities, and web traffic has increased steadily in 2010. Both websites receive a regular number of hits, with an average of 3,728 unique visitors per week to the Urban Age site and 320 unique visitors per week to the LSE Cities pages hosted by the LSE. In the run up to the Global Metro Summit these numbers increased significantly. A third website has been created to host all material related to the 2010 Global Metro Summit and will be maintained as a resource for research relating to metropolitan areas.

*Weblink to Urban Age website:* <http://www.urban-age.net>

Weblink to LSE Cities website: <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/lsecities>

Weblink to Global Metro Summit website: <http://tinyurl.com/GlobalMetroSummit>

Between July and September the Media Archive Project was set up to create a coherent and easily accessible archive of text, video and audio files compiled from previous UA conferences and LSE Cities events. Having been systematically catalogued and coded the material is now ready for dissemination through a new, interactive interface that is integrated into both sites and facilitates a range of search possibilities for online visitors. The centre's online presence has been further consolidated in 2010 with the launch of an online blog and use of social networking tools. Work continues to develop opportunities for effective data visualisation through animation and interaction.

Weblink to LSE Cities Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/LSECitiesFacebook>

### **E-communications**

E-bulletins have been published in March, July and November and circulated to a distribution list which currently stands at 8,770 subscribers and increases steadily. In addition to the bulletins, e-blasts are circulated to all subscribers, drawing their attention to upcoming events, recent publications and opportunities available, on a more frequent basis.

Weblink to subscribe to e-bulletin: <http://tinyurl.com/Ebulletinsubscribe>

### **LSE Cities Public Lectures**

The centre has organised and hosted a programme of public lectures and events in 2010. Two main lecture series have included 'Running Cities', which explores innovative governance in cities around the world and 'Shaping Cities', which examines the complexity of architectural practice in the face of exponential urbanism. In addition to core funding allocation for our outreach delivery, generous support was received from the Ove Arup Foundation in 2009/10 to deliver a series of lectures around the theme of 'Cities and the Environment', identifying the challenging complexities of sustainable urbanism and uncovering the city solutions they hold. Videos and podcasts of lectures and presentations are made available for download from the Urban Age website.

### **2010 Lectures and Events**

#### *Phoenix Cities – surviving financial, social and environmental turmoil in Europe and the US*

Lord Richard Rogers, Architect, Rogers Harbour Stirk +Partners; Bruce Katz, Head of Metropolitan Policy Program and Vice-President, Brookings Institution; Professor Anne Power, Professor of Social Policy, LSE; Julia Unwin, Chief Executive of the Foundation and the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust.

16 March 2010, as part of the LSE Housing & Communities, LSE Cities and Joseph Rowntree Foundation public discussion.

#### *'Requiem for Detroit?' - film screening and public debate*

G. Asenath Andrews, Principal of the Catherine Ferguson Academy for Young Women; Stuart Gulliver, Professor of City Development, University of Glasgow; Bruce Katz, Head of Municipal Metropolitan Policy Program and Vice-President, Brookings Institution; Richard Sennett, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, LSE

19 March 2010

*The Future of UK Cities*

The Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Olympics and London (Labour); Bob Neill MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government and Planning (Conservative); Simon Hughes MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (Liberal Democrat).

Chaired by Tony Travers. Followed by a screening of the Prime Ministerial Live Debate.

29 April 2010

*Kinetic City: Designing for Informality in Mumbai*

Rahul Mehrotra, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University and Principal, Rahul Mehrotra Associates, Mumbai. Chaired by Ricky Burdett.

18 May 2010, as part of the 'Shaping Cities' series

*Beirut Normal*

Hashim Sarkis, Aga Khan Professor of Landscape Architecture and Urbanism, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University. Chaired by Ricky Burdett.

25 May 2010, as part of the 'Shaping Cities' series

*Climate Change: The City Solution*

Ritt Bjerregaard, former Mayor of Copenhagen. Chaired by Ricky Burdett.

Supported by the Ove Arup Foundation

1 June 2010, as part of the 'Running Cities' series

*Mexico City: Inclusive Actions towards Sustainability*

Marcelo Ebrard, Mayor of Mexico City. Chaired by Professor George Philip, LSE.

2 June 2010, as part of the 'Running Cities' series

*Book launch - Cities Under Siege. The New Military Urbanism by Stephen Graham*

Stephen Graham, Professor Cities and Society, Newcastle University. Respondent Gareth Jones, Senior Lecturer in Geography, LSE; Chaired by Fran Tonkiss, Director, Cities Programme, LSE.

7 June 2010

*Lagos: Confronting Change in a Global City*

Babatunde Fashola, Governor of Lagos. Chaired by Ricky Burdett.

19 November 2010, as part of the 'Running Cities' series

*The Future of Architecture and Urbanism*

Lord Richard Rogers, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners. Chaired by Ricky Burdett.

29 November 2010, as part of the 'Shaping Cities' series

**Deutsche Bank Urban Age Award 2010**

193 applications were received for the fourth Deutsche Bank Urban Age Award, the highest number received since the Award was established in 2007. On 22 July the Award was presented to the Asamblea Comunitaria de Miravalle (Miravalle Community Council), Mexico City, a community-based project that runs a comprehensive set of cultural, health, environmental, educational and employment programs within a low-income neighbourhood on the outskirts of the city. The jury, composed of seven international urban experts and local personalities with an in-depth knowledge of the different urban communities within the city, included Ricky Burdett and was chaired by architect José Castillo.

*Weblink to Deutsche Bank Urban Age Award 2010:* <http://tinyurl.com/DBUAAward>

## **Urban@LSE**

Urban@LSE provides a web-based resource for academics working on urban related projects across the School, as well as activities that aim to enable colleagues to connect and engage.

These have included:

- Urban@LSE Graduate Students Workshop – an informal and discussion-oriented one-day workshop that invited the School’s urban graduate community (PhD & MSc students) to discuss, compare, relate and interrogate the core themes that cut across their respective research, articulated around four panels. The event was organised and moderated by PhD students.
- Welcome Reception - the now annual ‘Urban@LSE’ Welcome Reception, held for urban related LSE staff and students in October.
- ‘City Screens’ – a series of evening presentations of films selected for their representation of cities, for students from three different MSc programmes, curated by urban related teaching faculty in the Geography Department and Cities Programme.

## **Press and Media**

During 2010 LSE Cities has made contributions to a broad range of press and media, which are all featured in the centre’s online press archive. In 2010, these have included:

BBC Radio 4 - In Our Time: The History of the City Part 2

The Financial Times – Future of Cities Special Report

The Times - Smart Cities Special Insert

*Weblink to LSE Cities Press Archive:* <http://tinyurl.com/PressArchiveLSECities>

In 2010 artist Travis Kirton incorporated elements of the 2009 Urban Age publication, Istanbul: City of Intersections, into a major new artwork. Text and data from the publication, which accompanied the 2009 Urban Age conference in Istanbul are used in Kirton’s artwork, ‘TypeCity:Istanbul’ exploring Istanbul and future visions of the city.

*Weblink to TypeCity:Istanbul:* <http://tinyurl.com/TypeCity>

## **EDUCATION**

### **Cities Programme**

In 2010, 22 students graduated from the MSc City Design and Social Science. Doctorates were awarded to Melissa Fernández-Arriagoitia and Attila Szanto, and three new doctoral candidates entered the PhD programme in October.

In March, the MSc students visited Istanbul to study development and design issues in a critical urban context, focusing on the proposed development of the Haydarpaşa train station and container port site on the Sea of Marmara. The study trip, with associated teaching and a design charette in London in May, was generously supported by the Ove Arup Foundation.

In July the Cities Programme launched its annual Studio publication, Olympic Fringe, focusing on six sites surrounding East London’s Olympic development.

*Weblink to Olympic Fringe Publication:* <http://tinyurl.com/OlympicFringe>

In September, the Cities Programme welcomed a strong cohort of students from around the world onto the MSc: 24 new students, plus five returning part-time students. The 2010/11 Studio focus is ‘High Street 2012’, the six-kilometre thoroughfare in London’s East End running from Aldgate through Stratford.

In October Cities PhD students participated in the third Writing Cities workshop at Harvard University, as part of an ongoing LSE-Harvard-MIT postgraduate network on this theme. The first volume of papers from this initiative, Writing Cities 1, was launched at LSE in July and Harvard in October.

*Weblink to Writing Cities:* <http://writingcities.net>

At the end of 2010 Robert Tavernor retired from his post at LSE to focus on his consultancy work, but continues to supervise his current PhD students and to maintain close teaching and research links with the Programme as Emeritus Professor of Architecture and Urban Design.

In 2010 both the Director and Executive Director convened and taught graduate courses 'Cities by Design' and 'City Making' respectively. We are grateful to the Ove Arup Foundation for supporting a teaching fellowship for the Executive Director to co-convene the 'City Making' course.

### **New York University**

In August, Ricky Burdett was invited to become Global Distinguished Professor within the Institute for Public Knowledge (Faculty of Arts and Sciences), New York University. Under this annual appointment the Director will lead a number of activities at NYU with a view to becoming part of an extended faculty. In November he led a master class for design professionals and researchers.

## **GOVERNING BOARD**

Stuart Corbridge (ex-officio Chair from September 2010), *Pro-Director for Research and External Relations, LSE*

Ricky Burdett, *Director, LSE Cities and Professor of Urban Studies, LSE*

Rahul Mehrotra, *Professor and Chair of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University*

Wolfgang Nowak (co-Chair), *Managing Director, Alfred Herrhausen Society*

Philipp Rode, *Executive Director, LSE Cities and Senior Research Fellow, LSE*

Nicholas Stern, *IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE*

Ute Weiland, *Deputy Director, Alfred Herrhausen Society*

Sarah Worthington (ex-officio Chair to September 2010), *Pro-Director for Research and External Relations, LSE*

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