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1: Recent ForUm Events

Kuching, Malaysia

- In June 2018, our **ForUm group could meet again in Kuching, Malaysia**. The theme of our conference was: **National Urban Development Strategies in Southeast Asia**
- **Professor Dr. Lee Boon Thong**, Pro-Rector (em.) Nilai University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and **Dr. Arnold Puyok**, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, UNIMAS and Chairman of the Local Organising Committee for this ForUm conference made a wonderful event of our ForUm expert network possible! Please read yourself!
- The **conference** started from this **background**: The New Urban Agenda, adapted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development 2016 in Quito/Ecuador, is an action-oriented document which is supposed to set global standards for achieving sustainable urban development, 'rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities through drawing together cooperation with committed partners, relevant stakeholders, and urban actors at all levels of government as well as the private sector'. Though the urban challenge is of a global scope, developing countries as in the Southeast Asian region are facing specific challenges (e.g. through rapid growth and because of the heterogeneous political systems in the region) and have less financial and human resources to solve them. This specific context of cities, which is determined by political, economic and sociocultural factors, is not explicitly addressed in the New Urban Agenda.
- The **aim** of the conference was: facilitate knowledge transfer, knowledge sharing and discussions on the importance of national and regional urban development strategies in Southeast Asia for implementing the New Urban Agenda. Alumni from different Southeast Asian countries contributed to the discussion and development of strategies with their specific national and disciplinary knowledge.
- Huge **thanks** go to the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** for the constant support of our expert network and conference!



**ForUm Urban Experts Conference on
“National Urban Development Strategies in Southeast Asia”
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Kota Samarahan
17th-26th June 2018**

17 June 2018 Sunday	Arrival in Kuching
18 June 2018 Monday	
0830	Registration
0900	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Address by the Vice Chancellor of UNIMAS. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neilson Illan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, UNIMAS. Speech by Head of ForUm Network, Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, University of Cologne. Speech by the Chairman, Local Organising Committee, Dr. Arnold Puyok, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities.
0945	Group Photograph
1015	Tea break
1100	<u>Session 1: Introduction:</u> Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, “Habitat III, SDGs, New Urban Agenda – challenges of integration into national urban development strategies”. <u>Session 2A: National Urban Development Strategies in Malaysia</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Goh Hong Ching, “Localizing SDGs and NUA- how will this be achievable for Malaysian medium-sized cities?” • Prof. Dr. Lee Boon Thong, “The rabbit hole syndrome: Implementing the NUA Smart Cities objective”. • Ms Sarah Tin Joo Yen, “Development, livability and signs of climate change, Malaysia”.
1230	Discussants: Dr. Anselmo Mercado (Philippines) & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rini Rachmawati (Indonesia).
1245	Lunch
1345	<u>Session 2B: National Urban Development Strategies in Malaysia</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wong Swee Kiong, “Challenges faced and strategies towards a sustainable urban future in Kuching”. • Dr. Lawrence Tseu Sed Kong, “National urban development strategies in Southeast Asia - UN Sustainable Goal 11: the barriers to change in achieving sustainable urban transport”. • Datuk Dr. John Lau Pang Heng, “Citizen perception on fear of crime in Kuching”.

1515	Discussants: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noel Alegre (Philippines) & Dr. Ta Quynh Hoa (Vietnam).
1530	Tea break
1600	<u>Session 3A: National Urban Development Strategies in Indonesia</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rini Rachmawati, "Implementing New Urban Agenda in Indonesia: challenges and urban development strategies". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Djaka Marwasta, "Implementation of sustainable cities and communities in Indonesia: reflection of '100-0-100 Program' achievement".
1700	Session ends
19 June 2018 Tuesday	
0900	<u>Session 3B: National Urban Development Strategies in Indonesia</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Suryadi Jo Santoso, "City without slums and the National Affordable Housing - two strategic programs towards "City For All"". Ms. Nurul Fakriah, "The implementation of Kota Tanpa Kumuh (KOTAKU/City without Slums Program in Banda Aceh, Indonesia".
1000	Discussants for Sessions 3A & 3B: Dr. Hieu Nguyen Ngoc (Vietnam) & Dr. Goh Hong Ching (Malaysia).
1015	Tea break
1045	<u>Session 4: National Urban Development Strategies in Vietnam</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Le Thu Hoa, "The GrEEEn Cities approach and Green City Action Plans in Vietnam". Dr. Ngoc Ngyuen Hieu, "Transforming Vietnam national urban development growth model in the new era – resource allocation perspective". Dr. Ta Quynh Hoa, "Introduction on Vietnam National Urban Development Strategy to 2020, Vision 2030 - prospect and challenges in implementation". Ms. Le Thi Thuy Ha, "Vietnam urban green growth: challenges and actions".
1245	Discussants: Engr. Dexter Sumaylo Lo (Philippines) & Dr. Poline Bala (Sarawak)
1300	Lunch
1400	<u>Session 5: National Urban Development Strategies in Germany</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, "National urban development strategies in Germany – and the role of the Leipzig Charta".
1430	Discussants: Dr. Suryadi Jo Santoso (Indonesia) & Prof. Dr. Sekson Yongvanit (Thailand).
1445	<u>Session 6A: National Urban Development Strategies in Thailand</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Sekson Yongvanit, "Cooperation between PPP is a key success for Khon Kaen's Smart City Development". Dr. Chaiyan Rajchagool, "The growth of cities and their impacts on eco-political development: the case of Thailand".
	Tea break

1545	<u>Session 6B: National Urban Development Strategies in Thailand</u>
1615	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rattikarn Khambud, "Unplanned urbanization and natural disaster in Thailand". • Assist. Prof. Dr. Pornnarong Charnnuwong, "Tourism Potential in East West Economic Corridor of Thailand and Myanmar (from Khon Kaen to Mae Sot and Myawaddy)".
1715	Discussants for Sessions 6A & 6B): Prof. Dr. Lee Boon Thong (Malaysia) & Dr. Le Thu Hoa (Vietnam).
1730	Session ends
20 June 2018 Wednesday	
0900	<u>Session 7: Special Session</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas will brief on the WBGU, Prezi Comic on Urbanisation, DAAD, University of Cologne.
0930	<u>Session 8: National Urban Development Strategies in Lao PDR</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chanthasack Bottaphanith, "The Urban Development Strategy, Lao PDR". • Dr. Xayaphone Vongvilay, "Challenges and approaches for sustainable urban development in Luangprabang, Lao PDR".
1030	Discussants: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Djaka Marwasta (Indonesia)& Ms. Lorna Sibala-Manila (Philippines).
1045	Tea break
1130	<u>Session 9: Special session by Mr. Brian Trenaman, Director, DAAD information Centre, Kuala Lumpur.</u>
1230	Lunch
1400	<u>Session 10: National Urban Development Strategies in Cambodia</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Prak Angkeara, "The National Urban Development Strategy Framework for Cambodia".
1430	Discussants: Dr. Arnold Puyok (Sarawak) & Dr. Rattikarn Khambud (Thailand).
1445	<u>Session 11A: National Urban Development Strategies in the Philippines</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lorna Sibala-Manila, "Sustainable urban infrastructure development: institutional and urban governance issues in Metropolitan Cebu, Philippines". • Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noel Cornel Alegre, "Bicol Regional Development Plan 2017-2022: a snap shot of SDG's integration in the Philippine National Development Plan".
1545	Tea break
1615	<u>Session 11B: National Urban Development Strategies in the Philippines</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engr. Dexter Sumaylo Lo & Dr. Anselmo Mercado, "Urban waste management in a changing climate: the case of Bitan-ag Creek".
1715	Discussants for Sessions 11A & 11B: Dr. Chaiyan Rajchagool (Thailand) & Dr. Xayaphone Vongvilay (Lao, PDR).

1730	Session ends
21 June 2018 Thursday	
0730	Excursion to longhouse settlement – economic activities, outmigration, forest ecology (jungle walk), cultural life styles of the Bidayuh.
1230	Traditional Bidayuh lunch and return to UNIMAS
1530	<u>Session 12A: National Urban Development Strategies in Myanmar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Moe Moe Hlaing Myint, “Planning practice and regional development”. • Assoc. Prof. Ms. San San Moe, “The role of urban planning in Myanmar during its transitional period”. • Mrs. Thaw Tar Htet Htet Paing, “Urbanization trends in Myanmar”.
1700	Sessions ends
22 June 2018 Friday	
0900	<u>Session 12B: National Urban Development Strategies In Myanmar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daw Aye Aye Myint, Deputy Director-General, “Strategic urban policy in Myanmar: deconcentrated urbanisation, decentralisation and development corridors”. • Prof. Dr. Seng Aung, “Urbanization of hillside city, Pang Sau, Na Ga Land, Myanmar”.
1000	Discussants: Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas (Germany) & Assist. Prof. Dr. Pornnarong Charnuwong (Thailand).
1015	Proceed to Ministry of Local Government.
1215	Lunch
1315	Site visit to LKIM Tanjung Bako New Fishing Complex.
1500	<u>Session 13: Group discussions</u> - Interim observations and conclusions in comparing the different national urban strategies in Southeast Asia.
1600	<u>Session 14: Group discussions</u> - Interim reflection on comparative view of lessons learnt and cross-cutting issues in national urban development strategies in Southeast Asia: comparison of strategies, priorities, and leadership institutions.
1700	Session ends
1800	Excursion: Informal markets (“pasar malam”) in Siniawan – how fringe small towns are coping economically.
23 June 2018 Saturday	
0900	Excursion to the peri-urban fringe of Kuching: any strategies for development corridor projects in urban peripheries?
1230	Lunch and return to UNIMAS
1500	<u>Session 15: Group discussions</u> - Lessons learnt: shifting urban policies from secondary to tertiary sector development in urban peripheries.

1600	<u>Session 16: Group discussions</u> - national standards of mediation and conflict resolution in urban areas.
1700	Session ends
24 June 2018 Sunday	
0900	<u>Session 17: Panel group discussions</u> - National development strategies and the New Urban Agenda in Southeast Asia: status quo and way ahead? Short presentations by ForUm representatives of participating countries.
1000	Tea break
1030	<u>Session 18: Group work</u> - Framing national urban development strategies: elements and requirements from the different countries in Southeast Asia.
1130	<u>Session 19: Group work</u> - Approaching an ASEAN-wide urban development strategy: possible contents, strategic alliances, process of establishing an ASEAN discussion on national urban development strategies.
1230	Lunch
1330	City centre walkabout – Chinatown, Kampong Boyan Malay village, Fort Margherita, Kuching Waterfront.
1830	Farewell dinner
25 June 2018 Monday	
0900	<u>Session 20: Group work</u> - Operational strategies: widening the expert network, publications, networks, institutional arrangements.
1030	Tea break
1100	<u>Session 21: Public Forum and Plenary Discussion</u> - Suggestions from the ForUm group – lessons learnt for national urban development strategies.
1200	<u>Session 22: ForUm conclusion</u> - Assessment of the expert seminar, outcomes, priorities, continuation of ForUm work and exchange.
1300	Lunch
1400	<u>Final session:</u> Individual bi-/multi-lateral discussion for cross country research and teaching projects, post-doctoral exchange programmes, curriculum development initiatives, follow-up joint publications, etc.
1500	Session ends.
26 June 2018 Tuesday	
Departure for home	

1: Recent ForUm Events

“Tracing our footsteps: urban ForUm journey in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia” (by Boy Mercado).

(June 17-26, 2018)

Theme: “National Urban Development Strategies in South East Asia”.

- On June 18, 2018, at the opening of the conference, we were warmly welcomed by Dr. Arnold Puyok, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, UNIMAS (who was also the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee for this ForUm meeting), and Prof. Datuk Mohamad Kadim Suaidi, Vice Chancellor, UNIMAS.
- Prof. Dr. Kraas, in her opening message has labelled affectionately the ForUm network as “our family of experts” (comprising some 150 members from Germany, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand), who have taken turns in hosting and organising previous conferences during the past years.
- During this Kuching Conference, a special presentation was made by Mr. Brian Trenaman (Director of DAAD Information Centre, Kuala Lumpur) who guided us through the DAAD programmes (scholarships, researches, conferences and funding aids).
- Like in past conferences, our “footsteps” leave “foot prints” of our academic presentations and discussions and together with the “outdoor” adventures and field visits provide a blending that has made the Urban ForUm so interesting, stimulating and meaningful to all the participants.

THE “ACADEMIC FOOTPRINTS”

- From June 18-25, 2018, we “walked” through thirty-four (34) presentations of about 30 minutes each, delivered by 31 participants, which included brief discussions by discussants as well as questions and comments from the audience.

The “Panoramic View”: June 18 Monday morning

- At the start, the presentation of Professor Dr. Frauke Kraas (University of Cologne, the lead-institution of the Urban ForUm) brought us up to a height where we could see the “panoramic view” of “Habitat III, Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Agenda – the Challenges of Integration into National Urban Development Strategies in Southeast Asia”. At this point, we recognise more than ever the fact that urbanisation and urban development is indeed so diverse, expansive, extensive and complex, that to achieve the goal -- that urban development be “all-inclusive”, “resilient” and “sustainable” -- is very challenging and perhaps even overwhelming.
- Nonetheless, in her conclusion, Prof. Kraas brought us to a positive, confident but provocative outlook -- “what should be done?” “How should we proceed in the future for urban development?” She suggested the following: i) integrate the strategies and approaches; ii) formulate clear concrete steps in the implementation; iii) change the unsustainable strategies and approaches; iv) give importance to a multi-level governance; v) have polycentric studies and an urban system perspective; vi) focus on local priorities; vii) that urban development be “people-first” or people-oriented” model.
- From the “top view”, we followed our “footsteps” to the ground to our own countries.



Visit and warm welcome in the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, Sarawak

First Leg in Malaysia - June 18 Monday morning

- We come to the first leg of our journey in Malaysia with four presentations by Dr. Goh Hong Ching, Prof. Dr. Lee Boon Thong, Ms. Sarah Tin Joo Yen, Dr. Wong Swee Kiong, Dr. Lawrence Tseu Sed Kong and Datuk Dr. John Lau Pang Heng.
- The Malaysians “walked us through” the country’s “planning system” that integrated the national, state and local systems in line with the sustainable development goals. The “walk” took us to a medium-size city of Selangor with its planning system and strategy in place to pursue “smart growth”. Further along the way, we were warned of “rabbit holes” (a critical assessment of how urban development “models” have been planned, implemented and “copied”), which could lead to serious inappropriate and expensive jumbo projects with unfavourable reproachable consequences.
- The Malaysian “footsteps” took us to view major cities such as Kuching, etc. coping with problems, issues and challenges of climate change, solid waste management, transport systems, traffic jams, threat of crime, dense population and urban poverty. On the walk, a burning on-going question looms: “How to engineer change in behaviour – a change from undesirable to desirable behaviour” to make cities better, more liveable, and to avoid the “rabbit holes”?

Second leg in Indonesia: June 18 Monday afternoon

- The Indonesians (Dr. Rini Rachmawati, Dr. Djaka Marwasta, Dr Suryadi Jantoso, and Ms. Nurul Fakriah) took us, not just for a stroll, but a long and interesting journey to some urban planning and development complexities in their cities of interest. We learnt that some 54% of the total population of Indonesia lived in urban areas. With the continuous influx of people to the cities, the Indonesian Government had installed a comprehensive multi-level Planning System and Strategies (“top-down”, “bottom-up”) to address urban development issues and challenges to make urban life “more liveable” for the people.

- Along the way, we were shown how a “snake” and a “butterfly” metamorphose as they are hatched from their eggs. As told, a snake remains “as is” as it grows bigger. In contrast, a butterfly transforms into a beautiful butterfly. Cities, hopefully, should be like butterflies. However, the issues of housing, sanitation, transportation, livelihood, implementation of plans and a host of other economic-social-cultural-political realities and concerns are complicated and costly. Some approaches offer potential solutions: “urban metabolism” or “human habitat”.
- In the ancient city of Banda Aceh, the “KOTAKU” strategy (city without slums) looks promising. A city ravaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, political and ethnic conflicts, Banda Aceh is emerging in current times more peaceful, liveable and its future looks brighter. It is indeed inspiring. Will it transform into a beautiful “butterfly”? With the conflicts resolved, and with a good “road map” towards urban development, the city is on the right track. But, it will be a slow even painstaking metamorphosis.

Third Leg in Vietnam: June 19 Tuesday morning

- The Vietnam journey through the country’s “National Urban Development Strategies” is led by four academicians - Dr. Ta Quynh Hoa, Ms. Le Thi Thuy Ha, Dr. Le Thu Hoa and Dr. Ngoc Nguyen Hieu. A “journey of million footsteps” starts with viewing the country’s vision, planning and strategy of urban development that extends to 2030. No doubt the “top-down” centralised nature of a one party-system in the country still dominates the landscape.
- However, the models presented -- “GrEEN Cities Action Plans and Approaches” and “Vietnam Green Urban Growth” -- have some semblances of a multi-stakeholders’ participation in the planning and implementation system to address the multi-dimensional issues that include: i) environmental degradation; ii) inefficient growth; iii) inequitable growth and poverty; iv) increased risks due to climate change; v) housing; vi) increasing urban population; vii) water and sanitation; viii) solid waste management; and ix) transportation.
- Solutions to the above challenges require enormous costs that put pressure on limited resources and the national budget. Questions arise: Where to get the resources? What are the priorities? How to manage debts? How to deal with prevalent corruption? Who makes crucial decisions (“top-down” and “bottom-up” tension)? Given these, the urban development journey will definitely not be a “walk in the park”.

Fourth Leg in Germany: June 19 Tuesday afternoon

- This journey took us to a “developed landscape” as Prof. Dr. Kraas presented the “National Urban Development in Germany: The Role of Leipzig Charta”.
- The “landscape” is one of comprehensiveness, starting with a brief historical glimpse of the transition from a “divided Germany” to a “united Germany” and the resultant dynamics of socio-economic-political transformation. Further on, Prof. Kraas led us to the “new Charta” showing “new directions”, and we found ourselves in “Leipzig Charta”, a model in urban development in Europe. Here, she guided us to see the Charta features that highlighted the following: i) use of an “integrated urban development approach”; ii) bringing about strong “social cohesion” by activating citizens and civil society participation; iii) linking cities with regions; iv) addressing disparities; v) preserving and protecting heritage; vi) land-use plan with “binding legal provisions”; vii) a planning system that practises a good blend of “top-down-bottom-up” processes – all of which are geared towards: a) the promotion and institution of social justice; b) access to mobility, etc.; c) growth, innovation and securing services for sustainability.

Fifth Leg in Thailand: June 19 Tuesday afternoon

- On this day, we came to “Amazing Thailand”, a country with wonders in many respects. The tourism industry has been one of its major contributors to development. On the other hand, the continuous growth of her cities (small, medium and mega cities) has had mixed impacts, favourable and unfavourable, especially on the people’s way of life.
- Our four academicians-colleagues from Thailand (Dr. Seksorn Yongvanit, Dr. Chaiyan Rajchagool, Dr. Rattikarn Khambud and Dr. Pornnarong Charnnuwong) led us to an interesting “journey” to see some of the impacts of urban development driven by forces some of which were planned, others unplanned and many haphazardly or poorly planned.

- At the outset, we traced our Urban ForUm “footsteps” to Khon Kaen, a city envisioned, planned, strategised and on its way to becoming a “Smart City” -- “wealthy, healthy and happy”. In looking at the regional landscape of the Thailand-Myanmar East-West Corridor (from Khon Kaen City to Mae Sot and Mawlamyine), we were shown how development of this Corridor could boost the tourism industry that would have positive impacts on people’s lives.
- Onward on this “journey”, we took a turn to the country’s history with interesting photos, then to a narrow path that led to the evolution of the transport system (river, land and air) that had induced mixed positive and negative impacts on urban development, particularly Bangkok. Globalisation and urbanisation have always had an amazing historical relationship with political, economic, cultural, social and spiritual implications and consequences, like it or not.
- Further on, we were cautioned to watch out for “unplanned urbanisation” as cities tried to tread on and cope up with issues of land use, climate change and natural disaster.

Sixth Leg in Lao PDR: June 20 Wednesday morning

- We then embarked on a trip to Lao, PDR, a country of some 6.5 million people (33% residing in cities), with a GDP of \$1,970 and with a decreasing poverty rate now at 20%. First, we looked at the “road map” of “The Urban Development Strategy” for the whole country. Our “tour guides” were our able colleagues, Mr. Chanthasak Bottaphanith and Dr. Xayaphone Vongvilay.
- The “road map” looks comprehensive showing the over-all vision for 2030 – “Unique, Green, Liveable, Climate Resilient and Sustainable Cities”. How to achieve this vision will involve the following: i) urban planning; ii) infrastructure development and care for the environment; iii) addressing the housing issues and challenges; iv) capacity building to include enhancing people’s awareness and participation; and v) installing the legal frameworks. In so doing, the various government ministries will be the driving force primarily responsible and accountable for the organisation and implementation of the “road map”.

- A “show-window” in Lao PDR is Luang Prabang, a city declared by the UN as a “Heritage City”. Our “footsteps” slowed down here as we walked on the “Challenges and Approaches for Sustainable Urban Development” of Luang Prabang. The city and the various sectors (government, business, civil society) indeed have roles to play to make their city an “Ecologically Sustainable City”, preserving the city’s heritage characteristics. They recognised the need for a good, comprehensive and integrated city plan to be supported by strong well-defined legal frameworks. One of its interesting goals is to realise “environmental justice”, integrating the preservation and enhancement of the environment with equity concerns for an all-inclusive growth.

Seventh Leg in Cambodia: June 20 Wednesday afternoon

- Mr. Prak Angkeara (from the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, Cambodia), took us on an interesting “voyage” in his country. On the “walk” we learnt that Cambodia is on its “early industrialisation stage” moving towards the economic status of a “middle-income country”. Cities, especially Phnom Penh, are attracting rural people for employment purposes and the lure of an urban life style. As of 2008, the urbanisation level was at 27.1%.
- Growth and improvements, albeit slow, have been noted in the cities (e.g. infrastructure, roads and transport, water services, etc.) but there are on-going issues and challenges (e.g. solid waste management, sanitation, environmental degradation, etc. And so, “The National Urban Development Strategy Framework” has been put in place with a vision -- “Cities to be attractive, safe, secure, equitable development to improve the quality of life, welfare, culture, tradition and social capital for all”.
- The Strategy Framework is put on a historical context: i) Rectangular Strategy for growth, employment, equity and efficiency, Phase III 2013; ii) National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018; iii) National Policy on Spatial Planning 2011; iv) Sub-decree on Urbanisation 2014; v) National Housing Policy 2014; vi) The White Paper on Land Policy 2015; vii) National Policy on Incentive and Establishment of National Programme for Development of Affordable Housing 2017. Mr. Prak concluded: “A new National Planning Cycle is currently underway to be completed by year-end (2018), which should/will better incorporate these.”

Eight Leg in the Philippines: June 20 Wednesday afternoon

- The Philippines leg took our “footsteps” first to the Bicol Region, located in the north in Luzon Island (guided by Dr. Noel Alegre), then to Cebu in the central Visayas Islands (guided by Ms. Lorna Sibala-Manila), and lastly to Cagayan de Oro City in the southern Island of Mindanao (guided by Engr. Dexter Lo and Dr. Anselmo B. Mercado).
- In the Bicol Region “trek”, we had a glimpse of the Filipino Vision of Development - “...where all citizens are free from hunger and poverty, have equal opportunities, enabled by a fair and just society that is governed with order and unity; a nation where families live together, thriving in vibrant, culturally diverse, and resilient communities.”
- This vision guides the Bicol Region’s Development Framework with various development plans that incorporate the SDGs – Enhancing the Social Fabric, Reducing Inequalities and Increasing Growth Potentials with Ecological Integrity. We “hiked” through three over-arching plans, namely: 1) Physical Framework Plans and the Comprehensive Land Use Plans; 2) the Socio-Economic Development Plans; and 3) the Investment Programmes, which all other local plans link, align and make adjustments with.
- However, plans are plans, but they do not reflect the issues, experiences and realities “on the ground”. Furthermore, there are gaps between the plans and implementation, and the problems are aggravated by “politicking” or “no political will” to resolve them.
- We then journeyed to Cebu, the second largest city in the Philippines. Its rapid growth has led to the city stakeholders to develop “Road Map Development Plans” with “Vision 2050 - A vibrant, equitable, sustainable and competitive environment that embraces Cebu’s creativity and its cultural, historical, and natural resources, with strong citizen participation and responsive governance.” It’s a “jungle” of a road map as we walked through it; eventually it led to a major path – infrastructure development, particularly the transport system with big projects to improve it. The governance strategies are in place. Along the way, the “implementation ride” is rough and bumpy with obstacles.

- In Cagayan de Oro City, the journey stops at a creek, “Bitan-ag Creek”, that flows through several small Barangays (communities) and a central commercial district. Engr. Lo presented studies/researches showing occasional serious flooding of the creek causing damages and economic hardships to the affected areas and residents (many are informal settlers). Interventions from the city government and academic institutions reveal environmental and developmental issues, causes and effects of flooding. A Master Plan of the City’s waterways & watersheds system has been done that includes: i) “structural” (physical, engineering aspects); and ii) “non-structural” (social aspects). Dr. A. Mercado had suggested the Asset-Based-Community- Development (ABCD) model as a potential approach to strengthen citizen engagement with local government to deal with the complex physical-social-economic-political issues related to flooding.

Ninth Leg in Myanmar: June 21 Thursday afternoon

- The “walk” through the Urban Development strategy landscape in Myanmar is distinctively attracting. Our “walk guides”, all ladies (Deputy Director General Daw Aye Aye Myint, Ms. Moe Moe Hlaing Myint, Prof. Dr. San San Moe, Ms. Thaw Thar Htet Htet Paing and Prof. Dr. Seng Aung), took us up first to have a “bird’s eye view” of the National Urban Policy Framework and Strategic Urban Development of Myanmar” to see a grand vision: “To construct sustainable cities for long-term protection of the environment, improvement of public services, creation of public places and increase protection actions for cultural heritage.” Accompanying the vision are the Development Principles of: 1) equity; 2) poverty reduction; 3) administrative integration; 4) environment integration; 5) subsidiarity; 6) participation; and 7) efficiency.
- We also saw the overriding goal: “To create a spatially integrated and orderly development of urban settlements with adequate infrastructure, efficient institutions, effective legal framework and a sound living and working environment to support the socio-economic development of Myanmar, and the “Central Goals”: of: 1) economic development; 2) liveability; 3) sustainability; 4) urban-rural linkages; 5) preserving rural–urban balance; and 6) development of professional capacity in the area of spatial planning.

- Our “footsteps” then proceeded downwards to the “Planning Practice and Regional Development” landscape. We noted the urban-rural population, a 30:70% ratio with an increasing trend of migration towards the bigger cities (national population growth rate = 1.3%, urban population growth rate = 2.9%). The main reasons of migration are: a) for survival; b) for employment; c) get better education; and d) violent conflicts in their region. Other urban problems compound the challenge for urban development (e.g. transport and traffic, slums and housing, sewage and sanitation, flooding, and land use issues).
- All these have prompted the government to formulate a “Sustainable Urban Development Action Plan (2011-2030)” that covers: 1) Urban Planning and Development in Major Cities and Border Towns; 2) City Development Strategic Plan (Yangon, Mandalay) and Town Development Concept Plan (81+ urban centres); 3) One Million Housing Plan (2011 -2031) Provision of Affordable, Low Cost and Rental Housing; 4) Urban Infrastructure Services Improvement Programme; 5) Connectivity, Transport and Logistic (more and better roads and bridges); 6) Industrial Park Development, and going down further, 7) the Participatory approach in Town Development Concept Plan.
- As we “walked” on, the landscape changes and we came to a “hill-side city”, Pang Sau, in Naga Land. It is a city rich in history, culture, tradition and natural resources (land, a “Lake of No Return”, forests, etc.). The city has unlimited potentials for development given improvements in transportation, water services, electricity, housing, communications, good urban development planning, etc.

Tenth Leg: Final Sessions and Evaluation, June 25, Monday

- After the much needed brief overnight respite in a longhouse settlement with the Ibans (June 23-24), the Conference was back on the “academic road” again. This was the last day and we were winding up with group discussions and reports on: a) Lessons Learnt; b) Conference Evaluation; c) A forward look towards the 2019 Urban ForUm in Jakarta with the theme on “Approaching an ASEAN-wide Urban Development Strategies; and d) Country Reports.

On “**Lessons Learnt**”, the participants were divided into 4 groups to share their experiences. The following is an example from one group:

1. A stronger trend of the “international agenda” impacting on the “national-regional-local” urban development experience. Recommendation: the “local experience” (e.g. “Indonesia organism”) not to be overshadowed.
2. Differentials and disparities in rural-urban development always favouring the urban at the expense of the rural with negative consequences. Recommendation: a more balanced agenda and realistic planning strategies.
3. Some countries have a “jungle or a forest” of policies in urban development, and too many conflicting ones. Along with these is the “top-down” syndrome that lacks an “on-the-ground” base. Recommendation: more “top-down-down-up” multi-stakeholder planning and implementation process.
4. The term “New Urban Development” opens up “new ideas”, “new paradigms”, such as
 - a. “People-first” or “People-oriented” concept. Recommendation: that this concept be a priority goal in planning and strategy.
 - b. Resources or Assets-Based City Development Approach (ABCD), Recommendation: the positivism of this approach be highlighted in planning and implementation of urban development.
 - c. Regional planning among countries (in the case of Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar -- to address “borderless” development issues e.g. use of the Mekong River, and other resources), and to formulate “regional” legal frameworks.
 - d. The “rabbit hole” syndrome is a recurring concern and challenge: Recommendation: a call and a lesson to be heeded in urban development to avoid the “holes”.
5. “What is in a name?” Catchy names like “Smart City”, “Green City”- are they appropriate? Are they merely media hype? Are there other more appropriate names, perhaps more “local” that capture and describe a vision with the local character of the city, its wholesomeness, all-inclusiveness and liveability?

(After the sessions of this last day, the participants were given some time to do some shopping. We were taken to a huge shopping mall to buy some “goodies” to take home to our families and friends. The rest of the evening was “free” to each one’s liking).

THE “OUTDOOR FOOTPRINTS”

- The Urban ForUm has always included “outdoor” events or “adventures” (fieldtrips) to enable the participants to see the “realities” of life in the urban setting as well as those in the peripheries. The adventures are enjoyable and the participants welcome and look forward to them with much gusto because of the opportunities to interact with each other in more personal, informal, relaxed and casual ways.
- In the Kuching Urban ForUm, our “adventures” include: 1) the welcome fellowship dinner in a downtown restaurant (June 18); 2) sea food dinner up on a roof-deck (June 19); 3) dinner at a river-side restaurant followed by promenading by the relaxing esplanade along the Sarawak River (June 20); 4) excursion to the Anna Rais Longhouse settlement of the Bidayus (June 21); 5) a visit to the Ministry of Local Government and Housing Office (June 22); 6) site visit to the LKIM Tanjung Bako New Fisheries Complex (June 22); 7) evening excursion and dinner to a “pasar malam” informal market in Siniawan (June 22), 8) visit and an overnight stay in an Iban longhouse community, Nanga Kesit, Lubuk Antu (June 23-24); and 9) a farewell dinner and fellowship in a restaurant, Kuching (June 24).

June 18, Monday -- Welcome Fellowship Dinner

- The sumptuous dinner was followed by an informal introduction of the Urban ForUm (by Prof. Dr. Kraas) and the participants getting to know each other and renewing friendship with the new and “old-timers”. By country and by individuals, participants were presented briefly and asked 4 questions: a) What do you do professionally? 2) What do you want us to call you (to remember you by)? 3) What do you love to do? 4) What is your strongest wish? This was a good “breaking-in” and capped this first day nicely.

June 19, Tuesday -- Sea-food dinner on a roof-deck

- This was an unusual dinner – being treated to a combination of tasty dishes of sea-food (some clams, fish, shrimps, etc.) and local vegetables. This public open-space roof-deck restaurant is a popular place in Kuching. Other than the food, we got to see the “locals” enjoying a night-out dining with their families and their friends.

June 20, Wednesday -- Dinner and promenading by the river-side esplanade

- The Sarawak River in Kuching offers many attractions along its river banks. Hotels, shops, malls, restaurants, etc. locate along the river banks, including a spacious lengthy esplanade which is a favourite recreation place for locals and visitors. Our after-dinner walk and chats “hit several birds with one stone” for many of us: i) burning away some calories; ii) enjoying the sights by night, the brilliantly-lit great legislative building and the subtly-lit scenic Darul Hana bridge, the handicrafts and other wares, etc.; iii) tasting the local rice wine at a sidewalk shop; iv) learning a bit of history – the legacy left by the James Brooke family and the British in Kuching and Sarawak and with the Ibans; and v) witnessing a few ethnic pavement artists with their local musical instruments - the sape.
- This night was just pleasantly memorable.

June 21, Thursday -- Excursion to Anna Rais Bidayuh Longhouse settlement

- About a two-hour ride on the UNIMAS bus, took our group to the Anna Rais longhouse settlement of the Bidayuh tribe of Sarawak. Our articulate tour guide, Mr “Ringin” explained that the Bidayuhs have been living in this settlement for some 300 years (9 generations). The longhouse is a jointed string of about 60 family-rooms built on stilts with wood and bamboos from the forests. Today, we saw some rooms built of concrete materials adding “modernity” to the otherwise still very traditional longhouse made of natural forest materials.
- A sip or two of tuak, home-brewed sweet rice wine, welcomed us. Then the guide took us to a traditional appropriate technology - a sugar cane juice extractor made of a heavy hardwood log. A woman demonstrated how the log is rolled to-and-fro crushing the sugar cane stalks with the juice flowing into basins or pails below. It is an interesting contraption that certainly works. Some of the juices are processed into brown sugar for home consumption and for the market.

- We proceeded to the longhouse walking on bamboo and/or wooden planks and Ringin led us to the chief's house and explained more of the Bidayuh culture and way of life as cohesive self-contained communities, food gatherers, hunters and warriors. Nearing lunch time, the group was shown how rice was cooked in bamboo tubes before the kind hosts served us a sumptuous lunch (bamboo-cooked rice, hot chicken-vegetable soup, fish and healthy dishes of local vegetables and herbs ("cang kuk"), bamboo shoots, etc.. This was followed by entertainment -- a group dance, an artist playing his bamboo instrument with two young pretty girls showing their traditional dancing skills.
- This cultural episode in a rural setting made the Urban ForUm so unique and fascinating.

June 22, Friday -- Ministry of Local Government and Housing, Sarawak

- This Ministry is housed in a huge multi-storeyed building. The Office of the Minister is on the top floor with a panoramic view of the environment and the hills beyond. The Minister welcomed us and he shared with the group some of the Ministry's roles, plans and strategies for development, but was more generous sharing his personal experiences related to his political life and works (some positive and pleasant, others not so). He appeared to be confident, happy and serious with his role and responsibilities as one of the key leaders of the State of Sarawak. We thanked him and wished him and the State "all the best".

June 22, Friday -- The LKIM Tanjung Bako New Fisheries Complex

- The UNIMAS bus took us to this newly-built modern Fisheries Complex. We learnt that deep-sea fishing and the fishing industry in Sarawak has an enormous potential to contribute to economic development. Hence, the government (Fisheries Development Authority) and a private investor have entered into a partnership to construct this Complex. This Complex is actually a re-location to its present site in Tanjung Bako from the former obsolete inadequate port in Bintawa.
- This modern integrated Complex offers fishermen and the industry a multi-component facility (i.e., landing, storage, marketing, offices, etc.).

June 22, Friday -- The “Pasar Malam” in Siniawan

- The visit and dinner at this “night market” (pasar malam) took our Urban ForUm group to a glimpse of the history of Siniawan. We learn that this one-street place (about 100 or so meters long) located not too far from the river, used to be a small settlement of Chinese miners who mined gold, etc. in the area. For a time, the settlement was abandoned until a local artist revived the settlement primarily for its historical value. The two-story houses were repaired retaining their originality. Eventually, the ground floors converted into shops and eateries and the street became a huge dining place.
- The pasar malam has now become a popular tourist attraction visited frequently by local and foreign visitors. While there, some of us had our first taste of a local favourite dish called “kolo mee” (sautéed noodles with chicken and vegetables).
- Three interesting visits for one day – we learnt a lot about the places, the company, and we are moving on and looking forward to the next day’s adventure.

June 23-24, Saturday-Sunday -- An Overnight Stay in an Iban Longhouse, Nanga Kesit, Lubuk Antu

- The thrill and excitement of this adventure gripped the group. It started with a long 5-hour bus-ride with a brief stop-over at a rural market place for a lunch break. Proceeding, we stopped by a river and there a 30-minute motorised “sampan”-ride going upstream took us to the remote Iban settlement and the stilted longhouse, our lodging place for the night, at Nanga Kesit, Lubuk Antu. We were in the midst of nature at its best. The weather was as good as it could be.
- We found the Iban host-families busily engaged in preparing for our visit – tea, coffee, coconut water drink, cooking our dinner and welcoming our group led by Tuai Rumah (lady chieftain of the longhouse community). We settled down, some of us passing the time singing, others curiously loitering around the longhouse and its surroundings, a few took a dip in the chocolate-coloured but refreshingly cool river, and others were just “hanging around”, chatting and resting.
- The Iban women at the kitchen were having a happy time while working. They invited us for a drink of rice wine. Outside in an open space, some of the Iban men chatted with us as they chopped with their parangs to open the coconuts for a refreshing drink, while others displayed their music and songs.

- The evening events started with a sumptuous dinner (I must say the Ibans have great culinary skills preparing hearty healthy meals). After dinner, we gathered around to witness the Iban show of traditional warrior dance by the men and graceful dance of women and young girls to the beat of percussion music (brass gongs, bamboo drums and instruments). This is an “entertainment” that is weaved into their culture. In fact, they do celebrate annually a “gawai” (a big festival). This evening was a mini “gawai” specially meant for us.
- Then, a display of Iban handicrafts followed, inviting the visitors to look and see expecting some sales. Then back again to more music and dancing with the visitors. In a big gawai, the festivity will go on until morning with drinking and other merry-making activities which last for days. But for us, it is time to take a night’s rest. We “hit the floor” to try to get some sleep, at least a good rest after a hectic but wonderful day.
- This word is “wonderful” for this overnight adventure with the Ibans. But “all good things come to an end”, as the saying goes. After breakfast the following day, we were on our way for a short hike with our bags and backpacks to cross the river over on a suspension footbridge to where our UNIMAS bus was parked. We “hit the road” again for the return trip to Kuching, another 5-hour travel. We arrived in Hotel 56 at about 16:40.

June 24, Sunday -- The Farewell Fellowship Dinner

- This farewell fellowship dinner was not one of sadness but of joy, to celebrate the accomplishment of this conference. We gathered for dinner topped with a delightful treat of cold ice cream, and then warmed with a programme of dancing and songs.
- The first number is a line-dancing by the ladies. We saw their graceful gyrations to the tune of our favourite Indonesian song “Bengawan Solo”. The men refused to be outdone with their own line-dancing to the song of “Islands in the Stream” (Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton). Oh yes, the Urban ForUm scholars are dancers too.
- The contributions by countries followed, a song here, a dance there, and a short skit by Professor Kraas and Professor Lee. The final songs were by Boy Mercado’s “Alleluja” and the group singing of “Que Sera Sera”. All’s well that ends well.
- We are grateful to our organizer-host in Kuching, University Sarawak Malaysia (UNIMAS), and the supporting staff (Pauline, Angelina, Eva, Hannan, Dr. Wong, Elvin and Anthony) for their hospitality and care for us during our stay.

Addendum

Kuching Urban ForUm Song (composed by Boy Mercado and sung to the tune of “It’s a small world after all”)

Verse 1:

All our cities have “rabbit holes”.
To fix them's tough but possible.
Let's do our part to heed that call,
It’s a small world after all.

Chorus: It’s a small world after all. (4 X)

Verse 2:

We're family in the Urban ForUm.
We study, share the urban phenomenon.
When we share we show we care,
For our cities and people who live there. (Chorus)

Verse 3:

Urban development strategies,
We discuss in Kuching, an appropriate place.
Our leaders and Kuching staff are super --
We’re all super after all. (Chorus)



Official visit in the **Ministry of Local Government and Housing, Sarawak**

ForUm members had an intensive exchange about the connections between national urban policies and local level decisions – with deep insights particularly in the fields of infrastructural and housing development.





ForUm members are **always active**: during city excursions (after long conference hours), in the peri-urban field, exploring the housing situation in newly built urban environments, in sun and rain, evenings and mornings ...





ForUm members know each other very well, exchange on theories, topics, methods, perspectives, good and questionable practices, learn from each other about different urban realities, academic challenges, planning issues – and enjoy friendship beyond borders.



2: Celebrating Success of ForUm Members



Sekson Yongvanit



Tabea Bork-Hüffer



Sukamdi

Professor Dr. Sekson Yongvanit

Prof. Sekson was in the first Summer School in 2005 in Cologne followed by 14 other participations in 2006 (Indonesia), 2007 (Philippines & Cambodia), 2008 (Thailand), 2009 (Malaysia), 2010 (Germany & Laos), 2011 (Philippines & Myanmar), 2012 (Germany & Myanmar), 2015 (Myanmar), 2017 (Thailand), and 2018 (Malaysia).

Promoted as Professor in 2017...

After his graduation from the University of Cologne (Diplom) and University of Tübingen (PhD), Sekson returned to Khon Kaen University in Thailand as a lecturer. Little did he know that his charisma, loving character, intellectual capacity and academic industry was soon to propel him to earn him well-deserved academic recognition. He was awarded by Khon Kaen University with the Outstanding Award in Research as well as the Outstanding Award in Social Activities.



Not only that, he also won the Best Lecturer Outstanding Award at the national level from the Association of University Staff of Thailand. And in 2017, he was promoted to become a full Professor in Geography. He says that participation in the ForUm activities and the concomitant exposure to international academics are the main factors that have enriched and fortified his career and is most thankful to ForUm and DAAD. Even after his retirement, the university continued to invite him to teach full-time and be in charge of the University's postgraduate programmes.

“Yin-dee-duai” Professor Dr. Sekson!!!

Dr. Sukamdi

Dr. Sukamdi was one of the participants in the first Summer School in 2005 in Cologne, Germany. Since then he has participated in 6 other ForUm meetings in 2006 (Indonesia), 2007 (Cambodia), 2008 (Vietnam), 2009 (Germany), 2009 (Malaysia) and 2010 (Indonesia).

Dr. Sukamdi has held many leadership positions in his university but he has always chosen to go about his work in a very humble demeanour. He graduated from Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands, with a PhD in Social Science. His research interests centre on urbanisation, internal and international migration, poverty and employment, family planning, population and development studies.

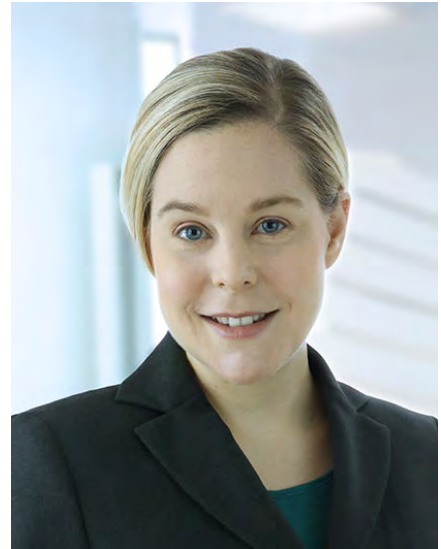


He is currently the Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Geography, Gadjah Mada University. His previous responsibilities include being the Deputy Director, Centre for Population and Policy Studies (CPPS) from 1994 to 2004; and after that as its Director until 2008. Then he was appointed as the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at the Faculty of Geography from 2009-2012. He was also the Head of the Faculty's Population Laboratory, a position he is also currently holding in addition to being the Head of the Doctoral Programme in Geography. In spite of his heavy responsibilities, Dr. Sukamdi has many consultancy experiences at both national international levels - for example, the World Bank, UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), AFP (Advance Family Planning), Bappenas (National Development Planning Board), and BKKBN (National Family Planning and Population Body). Still he humbly labels himself as "simply working as a researcher at the Center for Population and Policy Studies". His publications are too many and richly diverse to list out but suffice to say that ForUm meetings were livelier with his piercing questions and matured perspective resulting from his rich experience of research endeavours in those many fields.

"Syabas, Dr. Sukamdi".

Prof. Dr. Tabea Bork-Hüffer

Prof. Tabea participated in the ForUm meeting 2012 (Germany) and was one of the organisers of the 2018 summer school in Cologne. Since her long-term stay as Teaching Fellow at the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, she has been and is in close contact with colleagues particularly in Singapore and Malaysia.



Now Professor at the University of Innsbruck ...

After her studies of Geography, Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Universities Bonn, Cologne and Queen's University Belfast (2002 – 2007), Tabea was Research Associate (2007 – 2011) and Scientific Coordinator and Postdoctoral Fellow of the German Research Foundation's (DFG)-Priority Program 1233 "Megacities – Megachallenge: Informal Dynamics of Global Change" (2012) at the Department of Geography, University of Cologne. In 2008 and 2010, she was Teaching Fellow at the Geography and Planning School, Sun-Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). From 2013-2016, she worked as Alexander-von-Humboldt Fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore.

Her doctoral thesis "Migrants' Health Seeking Actions in Guangzhou, China. Individual Action, Structure and Agency: Linkages and Change" (2012), passed with summa cum laude at the University of Cologne, was published in the reviewed book series "Megacities and Global Change". In 2018, her Habilitation on "The Politics of Space and Place in Urban Asia: Mobilities, Migration and Digitisation" followed at the University of Cologne.

After a period as Interim Professor at the Institute of Geography, Innsbruck University (2017 – 2018), she was appointed Full Professor at Innsbruck University in 2018.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch, liebe Tabea!

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3: Country Report from Cambodia

Prak Angkeara

- Contributed to the National Urban Strategies and Framework for SDGs and participated in work about the role of local government in urban areas in Cambodia.
- Supported the Ministry for Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC) target publications: The Rectangular Strategy Phase III, National Strategy Development Plan (2014-2018) and Sector Policies: The National Policy on Spatial Planning, The White Paper on Land Policy, The National Housing Policy and The National Urban Development Strategy Framework.
- Participated in the alumni networks with colleagues in Indonesia.
- Spiced our ForUm conference with deep insights into Cambodia.



"Rindu teman-teman "



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4: Country Report from Indonesia

Dr. Rini Rachmawati

- Attended the 14th Asian Urbanization Conference on "Sustainable Development Goals in Asia" held in Bangkok, where she presented a paper on "The use of branchless banking in Yogyakarta peri-urban areas, Indonesia" (January 11-13, 2018).



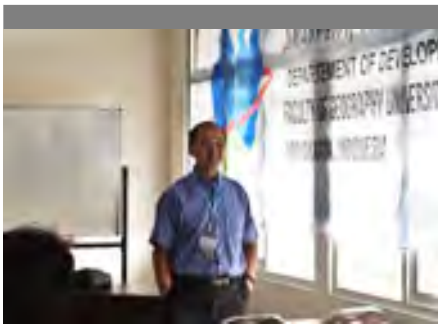
Prof Kraas, Dr Rini Rachmawati, Dr Amorn Kritsanaphan & Monsicha Bejrananda at the 14th Asian Urbanisation Conference, Bangkok (2018).

- Attended the 9th World Urban Forum (WUF 9), held in Kuala Lumpur where she delivered a paper on "The major challenges in implementing the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in Southeast Asia (Indonesia) and the concrete actions" at the panel discussion with the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) and GIZ organizer on "Unlocking the transformative power of cities: priorities for action" (February 7-13, 2018).



Prof Kraas, Dr Rini Rachmawati, Dr Nguyen Ngoc Hieu and Mrs Aye Aye Myint at the German Pavillon Event World Urban Forum (WUF9) in Kuala Lumpur.

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Prof Lee Boon Thong as Lecturer in SCVR Summer Course Program in UGM.



Dr Goh Hong Ching as Lecturer in SCVR Summer Course Program.



Assoc. Prof. Dr Le Thu Hua (National Economics University, Vietnam) as Lecturer in SCVR.

5: Country Report from Laos PDR

Saykham Thammanosouth



- Since her promotion as Deputy Director-General of Public Works and Transport Training Institute (PTTI) in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) in December 2015, Saykham Thammanosouth has organised and trained some 300 MPWT staff in issues pertaining to urban planning and management, road project management, and climate change adaptation for road infrastructure. To-date some 12 training sessions have been held all over the country under her supervision.



6: Country Report from Malaysia

Dr. Goh Hong Ching

- Was appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Design and Built Environment (JDBE), from 2016-2018.
- Involved as case study lead in the project on “Building capacity for sustainable interactions with marine ecosystems for health, wellbeing, food and livelihoods of coastal communities”, 2018 - 2021, UKRI-GCRF.
- She was the Principal Investigator for the project on “Using nexus thinking to empower community-based management of mangrove fisheries”, Newton-Ungku Omar Fund, 2017 – 2019.
- Just completed a consultancy project on “A study of potential new areas to be gazetted as State of Johor marine parks (2016 – 2018)” for the Department of Marine Parks Malaysia.
- She was also the consultant in the “Status report of the Mersing Marine Park Islands and indicative proposal for the establishment of a marine protected area (MPA) network, 2016 – 2019”, Department of Marine Parks Malaysia.
- Invited speaker on “Beyond urban forest - the multiple and holistic roles of FRIM serving the city of Kuala Lumpur”, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines. (26/06/2017 - 30/06/2017).
- Was invited as a Guest Lecturer at the Smart City, Village and Region Summer Course, in Universiti Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, where she spoke on the “The concept of city, village and region” (07/08/2017 - 15/08/2017).
- Organised an International Workshop on “Regional workshop on governance analysis” in conjunction with Exeter University, 27 Aug. – 29 Aug, 2018.
- Gave an oral presentation on “Mangrove ecosystem services: contributions to the well-being of coastal communities in the Klang Islands”, Greenwich University, 6 – 7 Sept, 2018.
- Organised the Regional Governance Analysis Workshop, Bangsar South, 27-29 Aug, 2018.



Stakeholder workshop 1 conducted for research project NetComFish, 14 Jun 2017





Stakeholder workshop 2 conducted for research project NetComFish, 22-25 Jan 2018



Prof. Dr. Lee Boon Thong

- Was invited as a Guest Lecturer at the Smart City, Village and Region Summer Course, held in Universiti Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, where he spoke on the issue of “Smart cities? The case of Putrajaya and Cyberjaya in Malaysia”, 7 -15 Aug. 2017.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lim Yoke Mui

- Was involved in a research project on “Human capital availability in built heritage: a case study of George Town Historic City, Penang” under a USM Short Term Research Grant, Dec 2015 – Aug 2018.
- Is currently involved in a research project on “Formulation of cost estimating model for conservation works of heritage shop house”, under the USM Bridging Grant, Aug 2018 – Feb 2020.

Tan Thean Siew

- Since his retirement in 2003, he has continued to practise as a Consultant in town planning and transport planning in several planning studies and projects for the government as well as for the private sector.

Dr Wong Swee Kiong

- Together with other researchers from UNIMAS, Dr. Wong was among the facilitators for the Leadership Training for Telecentre Programme for Orang Asli (indigenous community) in Pahang and Kelantan held at Kuala Lipis, Pahang, Malaysia on 25-29 November 2018. This is one of the local community empowerment programmes carried out by UNIMAS under the research project entitled “Telecentre Programme among Orang Asli in West Malaysia” funded by Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister’s Department, Malaysia.



Group photo with the indigenous communities (Dr. Wong is standing third from the right).

Dr. Wong Swee Kiong motivating the local indigenous communities during the leadership training session.



A local community engagement session held in one community leader's house.

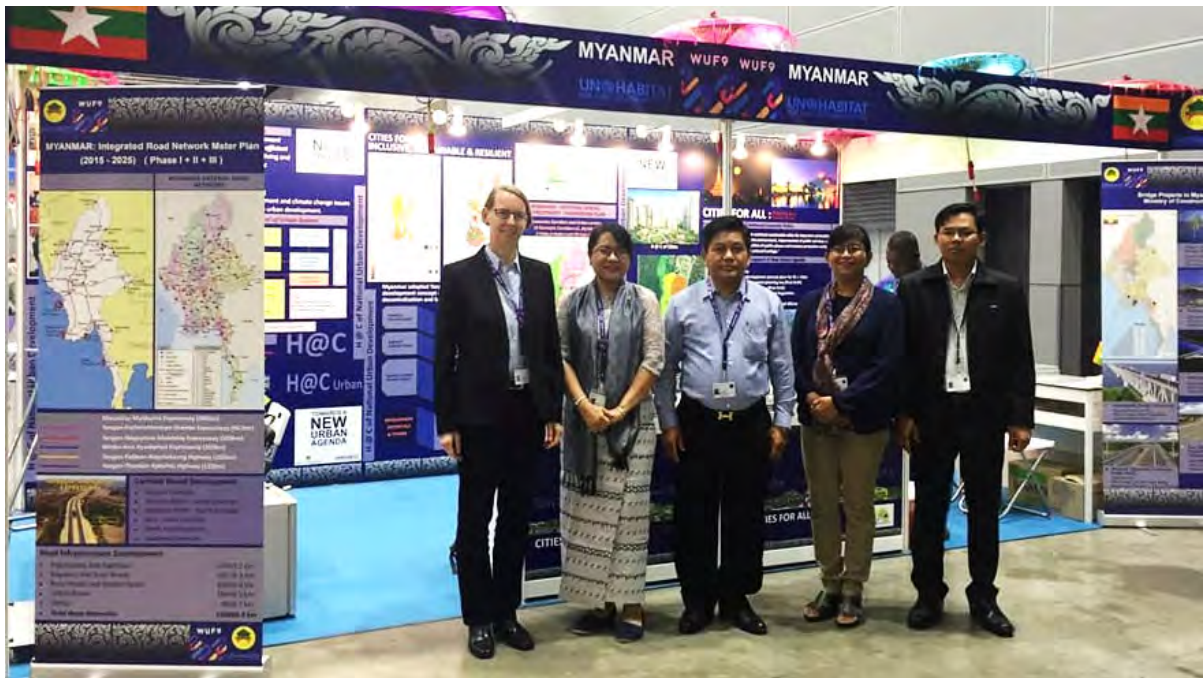
7: Country Report from Myanmar

Deputy Director General Daw Aye Aye Myint

- Have been involved with numerous research activities such as the “Urban heritage map of Mandalay, Taunggyi, Mawlamyine and Pyinmana - Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (since 2018 and on-going) with Prof. Frauke Kraas; “Urban diagnosis, National Urban Policy, urban legislation, spatial planning and balanced spatial distribution Myanmar” (in collaboration with UN-Habitat, MLIT (Japan) and DUHD of MOC, Myanmar (since 2016 until present); “The Myanmar urban network system 81+ Cities” (in conjunction with the University of Cologne and the Department of Urban and Housing Development (DUHD)/Ministry of Construction (MOC), Myanmar (since 2014).
- Have also been very active in teaching and training activities such as the Swedish Association of Local Authorities-funded training programme on “SymBioCity approach, sustainable urban development capacity building” (on-going in the 3 cities of Dawai, Kalay, Kalaw); “Urban planning and urban development strategies in the capacity building training programmes”; and the Public Lecture on “Urban legislation, introduction of urban and regional development planning law in Myanmar (for SymbioCity Programme of SKL International).
- Attended the “First Spatial Platform (SPP)” Meeting in Fukuoka, Japan (31 July – 1 Aug 2018).



- Attended the World Urban Forum 9 in Kuala Lumpur organised by UN-Habitat (7 - 13 Feb. 2018). Met many ForUm friends.



- Participated in the National Consultation Workshop on “Towards an Urban Policy Myanmar” (jointly organised with UN-Habitat and MOC/Myanmar) (14 Dec. 2018), held in Nay Pyi Taw.



Secretary Daw Hlaing Maw Oo

- Has been involved in various Urban Planning and Management Activities, Urban and Disaster Risk Studies and Projects carried out by Yangon City Development Committee with DPs including the Study on “Multiple Risk Management in Yangon/Myanmar” undertaken by Universities of Cologne and Yangon, YCDC, MEI, City of Cologne, StEB Cologne.



- Has undertaken the responsibility of the Project Director in Myanmar Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management (SEA-DRM) Project of the World Bank mainly undertaking, Urban Flood Risk Management of Yangon City; Safer Public Facilities and Critical Infrastructure; and Project Management.
- Visited Centre for Livable Cities in Singapore and participated in the winding up of the Deep Dive Planning Workshop held from 15th to 19th Jan 2018 with the aim of forming Urban Planning Authority for Yangon.
- Participated in the Information Tour, “Smart City”- innovative solutions for the megacities of tomorrow, at the invitation of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany (Berlin, August 19-25, 2018).
- Participated as a speaker at the 7th United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) Congress held with the theme “Innovation-driven Development for Sustainable Cities” in Surabaya, Indonesia, at the invitation of UNICEF for the topic Child Friendly Cities (12-15 September 2018).
- Visited Sydney, Australia to study Risk based construction permitting System of Sydney from 18th to 23rd November 2018.

Prof. Dr. Nyo Nyo

- From 2017 onwards, a research project for the Urban Heritage in Mandalay City is conducted. So far, more than 200 buildings in Mandalay, Amarapura, Myitgne and Patheingyi areas have been recorded according to the establishment period, Kingdom, purpose, value and recent situation of the buildings.



- Two workshops were held at the University Research Centre (URC), University of Mandalay, in Sept. 2017 with the support of the Institute of Geography, University of Cologne. The organizers invited the Mandalay Regional Government for the Development Workshop for the Mandalay Region. The second workshop was related to the Education for Sustainable Development. Seven High School Heads were invited.
- In December 2018, the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies jointly organized with the University of Cologne (Germany) the Third Regional Knowledge Conference at the Universities Research Centre. In total 12 research papers were presented by scholars from different departments. The research papers are selected for an intended future publication. The selected papers are in editing process.



Prof. Dr. Zin Nwe Myint

- Spent six months at the University of Cologne as first part of a long-term Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) Georg-Forster Scholarship. Main work focuses on the urban heritage location of Mrauk-U, Rakhine State/Myanmar. Furthermore, she intensively studied international academic research and teaching procedures and regulations and gained knowledge about academic self-administration.



- Joined the research project “Multiple Risks Management in extreme events in fast growing (mega) cities in Myanmar” as one member of the Myanmar academic lead partner University of Yangon.



- During the time at the University of Cologne, she studied different urban planning and development principles, including the mega-urban area of the Rhein Ruhr Area. Also, urban development principles in several metropolises and cities in several parts of Germany were studied intensively.



Prof. Dr. Khin Khin Soe

- Joined several fieldworks as part of the German Myanmar research project “Multiple Risks Management in extreme events in fast growing (mega) cities in Myanmar” as member of the University of Yangon, the Myanmar academic lead partner. Participated in several workshops.
- Attended the International Conference on “Transformation Processes in Myanmar III” in Yangon, jointly organised by the Universities of Yangon and Cologne with a presentations.



Prof. San San Moe

- Attended the Summer School on "Urban Transformation for Sustainability in South and Southeast Asia,, (17.9.-26.9.2018) at the Institute of Geography, University of Cologne.
- Visited her former supervisor at the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT) at the University of Applied Sciences Cologne (Sept. 2018)



- Attended the International Conference on "Transformation Processes in Myanmar III" in Yangon, jointly organised by the Universities of Yangon and Cologne (15.12.2018) with the paper "Tourism Development in a Nature Protected Environment: Indawgyi Lake Area"



Tin Tin Kyi

- Participated as member of lead partner YCDC in the German Myanmar research project “Multiple Risks Management in extreme events in fast growing (mega) cities in Myanmar” (University of Cologne, Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar Environment Institute and University of Yangon, together with four Myanmar partner cities, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Taunggyi and Mawlamyine).
- Attending the connected workshop and field visits in Cologne and surroundings in March 2018: German Federal Agency for Technical Relief, Fire Brigade City of Cologne, Stadtentwässerungsbetriebe Köln, DKKV etc.



Dr. Zin Mar Than

- Since Nov 2017: Scientific coordinator in the German Myanmar research project “Multiple Risks Management in extreme events in fast growing (mega) cities in Myanmar” led by Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas (Institute of Geography/University of Cologne), jointly conducted by Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar Environment Institute and University of Yangon, together with four Myanmar partner cities, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Taunggyi and Mawlamyine.



- July- Dec 2018: Research work in the project “Empowering Civil Society and Governmental Agencies to Mainstream Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service Values into Development Plans for the Chindwin River Basin, Myanmar (CBES)”, jointly conducted by Stockholm Environment Institute and Myanmar Environment Institute.
- Field research in Oct 2018 on “Tourism Development in a Nature Protected Environment: Indawgyi Lake Area, Kachin State, Myanmar” and in July 2018 on “Tourism Development in Thandaunggyi, Kayin State, Myanmar”
- Teaching course (from Feb 2018 to Dec 2019): “Social Research Methods, Social and Environmental Impact Assessment” at Myanmar Environment Institute.
- Teaching at the Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL): Research Methods in Social Science and the Use of SPSS (Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences) in Empirical Research

Dr. Zin Mar Than

- Attended the workshop (16.03.2018 – 22.03.2018) on “Multiple risks management in extreme events in fast growing (mega)cities in Myanmar” held in Cologne, Germany.



- Attended the conference “Strengthening research in global health in disaster risk reduction and climate change in the ASEAN region” (19.07.2018 – 20.07.2018), funded by DAAD, Manila, Philippines.
- Attended the International Conference on “Transformation Processes in Myanmar III” in Yangon, jointly organised by the Universities of Yangon and Cologne (15.12.2018) with the paper “Tourism Development in a Nature Protected Environment: Indawgyi Lake Area”
- Attended the German Alumni Annual Meeting “Ecosystem Values: Water, Soil, Food, and Biodiversity” funded by DAAD, 16-18 Nov. 2018



8: Country Report from Philippines

Lorna Manila

- Attended the Seminar on Finance and Economic Administration in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, PROC, July 13 – Aug 03, 2017.

Imelda Baleta

- Was involved in the ADB's "Future Cities Program". Published a guide from this Program entitled Engaging with Cities of the Future: A Perspective (see <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/363671/engaging-cities-future.pdf>).



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9: Country Report from Thailand

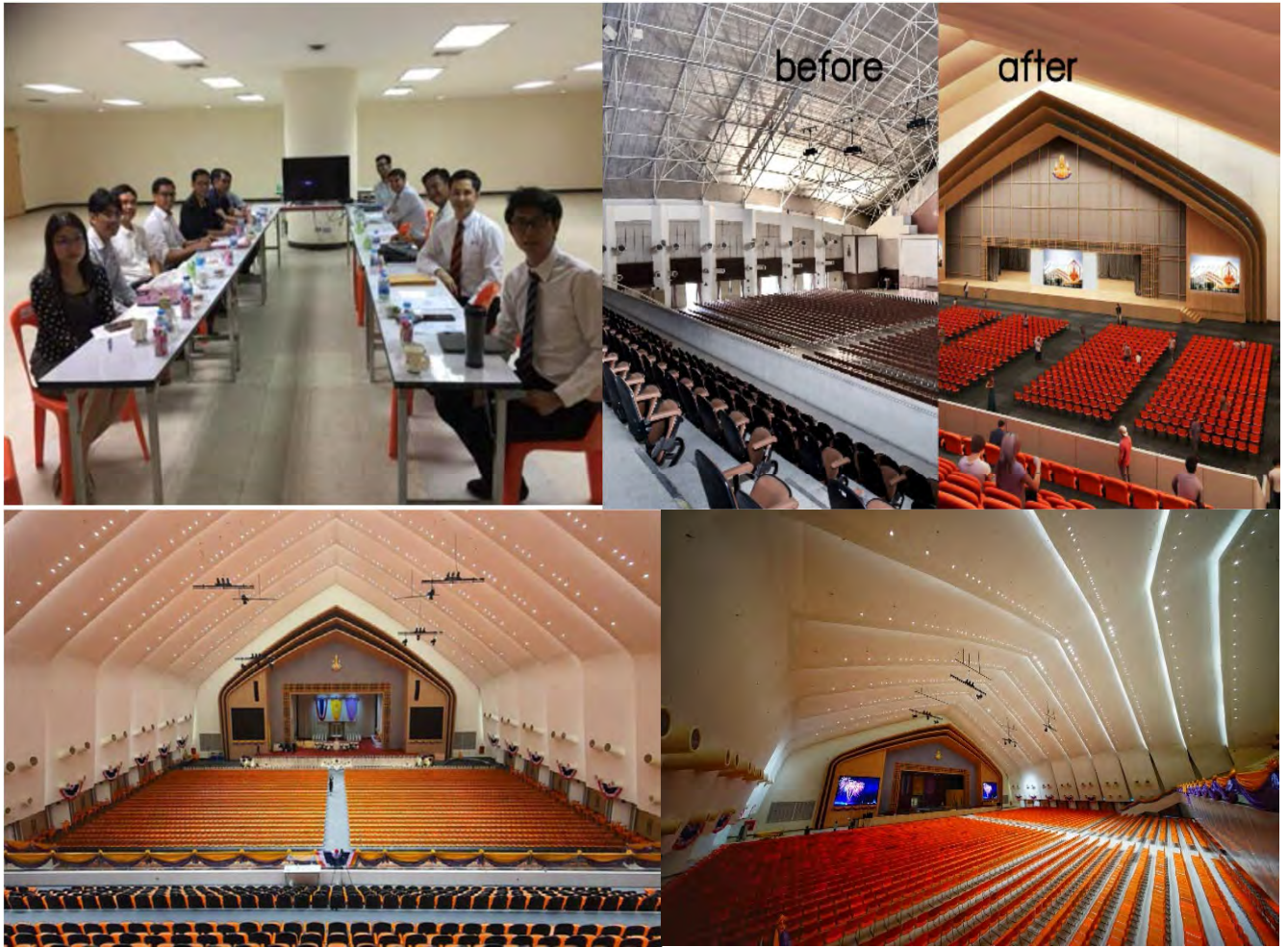
Asst. Prof. Kitapatr Dhabhalabutr

- Was awarded a research fund from the National Research Council of Thailand on “Community participation in architectural design and planning as a method for World’s Ramzar Site Conservation and Development: case study Nong Kud Ting, Bungkarn Province, Thailand.”
- Attended the Workshop on Urban Development Project of Baan Phai District, Khon Kaen Province for Challenging Future Urbanization”, Khon Kaen (December 2018-April 2019).



Workshop on urban development project of Baan Phai District, Khon Kaen (2019)

- He also chaired the building construction inspection of several mega projects at Khon Kaen University Thailand - the interior renovation of KGU Golden Jubilee (300 MB) (January 2018 – February 2019); the interior renovation of KGU Fine Art Theatre (40 MB), Banyan Tree Garden (30 MB) from 2017 to April 2018.



Chairing of the building construction inspection of KKU Golden Jubilee (300 MB)

- Asst. Prof. Kitapatr Dhabhalabutr was also involved in the Feasibility Study on KK.1 Land Investment and the Appropriate Development for BAAC.



- He also collaborated in the project on “KKU-CP ALL No single use plastic” service from all convenient stores in KKU Campus, together with CP All Thailand (January-May 2018).

10: Country Report from Vietnam

Le Thi Thuy Ha

- In 2017 and 2018, she was the Project Manager of numerous projects such as the Vietnam Urban Green Growth Plan; planning of the waterway network in the urban transport system in the Mekong Delta; social housing models for workers in industrial parks in big cities in Vietnam; and developing solutions to protect urban lakes against climate change (2017 – 2018).
- Again in the following 2 years from 2018 and 2019, she was the Project Manager in several significant projects such as “Mainstreaming green growth urban development into the City Master Plan in Vietnam based on a case study of Tra Vinh city, Tra Vinh province.” (sponsored by Global Green Growth Institute); “Investigation of the urban sociology of Kim Lien Residential Quarter in Hanoi”, as part of the project on “Renovating and rebuilding Kim Lien residential quarter” under the Action Plan of the Hanoi People's Committee on the renovation of all old apartment buildings in the inner city of Hanoi”; and the development of ecological urban criteria.
- She was also one of the draftees of the Decision on “Actions for the Vietnam Urban Green Growth Plan with Vision to 2030” (2017-2018).
- She was invited as the keynote speaker in the “Green Cities Conference: Leveraging Regional Cooperation and Integration for a Green Cities Network in ASEAN”, organised by ICLEI SA - Asia LEDS Partnership and ADB in Melaka, Malaysia (2017).



Green Cities Conference

Keynote speaker of Green Cities Conference on leveraging regional cooperation and integration “Urban green growth in Vietnam – initial results and practical implementation”

Dr. Ta Quynh Hoa

- Established a joint master programme with HTWK – Applied Science University of Leipzig (Germany) which will facilitate collaboration between NUCE and German universities in education and research.



Certificate awarding ceremony in the joint programmes between NUCE and German Universities (July 2018).

- Joined Erasmus + and the Network of European and Asian Universities to facilitate educational qualities and knowledge mobilisation



The kick-off meeting of Turning Point Project funded by Erasmus+ held in Desto University, Bilbao, Spain (May 2017)



- Attended the DAAD alumni meeting in May 2018 in Hanoi where Prof Kraas was also present with a keynote.



Alumni meeting: Environment and Health – Recent Trends (Hanoi, 2018)

- Dr. Ta also facilitated the collaboration of her University with international partners through several meetings and forums.



Meeting with the Mayor of Copenhagen city (NUCE, May 2018)



Italian design day : crafting creative Italian – Vietnam partnership (NUCE, April 2018)

- Involved with a collaborative research project with the University of Montreal (Canada) on “Bridging the gap: new towns and village-based urbanisation in Hanoi (Vietnam)”, 2016-2017.
- Participated in the international project on "TRY SPACES of public space for young people" in collaboration with the University of Montreal (Canada), School of Paris de la Vilet (France), and University of Mexico (Mexico), 2017-2022.



Webinar: The role of urban planners in disaster risk reduction (NUCE, Nov. 2017)



Seminar on "Cities for the 21st Century", with the famous architect, Jan Gehl from Denmark



Workshop on "Traditional and Modern Bamboo structures" with Australian partner

Dr. Le Thu Hoa

- Awarded the research grant from the Vietnam National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) for the project on “Estimating economic benefits associated with air quality improvements in Hanoi City: an application of a choice experiment” (2018 – 2020).
- She is also involved in several important projects funded by UNDP s namely: “Studying the legal framework for regulating the level of investment on the environment in various types of investment projects” (2017 – 2018); “Research on the potential for public - private partnership for low carbon development in Vietnam”, under the Project “Capacity building and institutional innovation for green growth and sustainable development in Vietnam (CIGG)” (2018 – 2019); “Assessing the investment for waste recycling and proposing policies to encourage investment in line with green growth orientations in Vietnam” (2018- 2019); and “Biodiversity financial initiative (Biofin) in Vietnam” (2017-2021).
- Was invited as a Guest Lecturer at the Summer Course on “Training on Smart City, Village and Region” at the Department of Development Geography, Faculty of Geography, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (August 2017 & 2018).
- Attended several international conferences such as the 13th International Conference on “People, Culture, Digital Connectivity and Social Changes” in Khon Kaen, Thailand (Nov. 2017); 9th International Conference on “Socio-Economic and Environmental Issues in Development” in Viet Tri, Vietnam (May 2018) and the 14th International Conference on “Humanities and Social Sciences toward Environment” in Khon Kaen, Thailand (Nov 2018).



13th International Conference HUSO: People, Culture, Digital Connectivity and Social Changes, (Nov. 2017), Khon Kaen, Thailand.



9th International Conference on "Socio-Economic and Environmental Issues in Development", Viet Tri, Vietnam (May 2018).



Summer Course on "Smart City, Village and Region", at the Department of Development Geography, Faculty of Geography, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (August 2017)



Summer Course on “Smart City, Village and Region”, Department of Development Geography, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta (August 2018)



14th International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences Toward Environment, Khon Kaen University, Thailand (Nov. 2018)

11: Country Report from Germany

Summer School: Urban Transformations to Sustainability in South and Southeast Asia



**Call - DAAD Summer School for PhD students
'Urban Transformations to Sustainability
in South and Southeast Asia'**

17th to 26th of September 2018, University of Cologne/Germany

From 17.9.-26.9.2018, the Institute of Geography at the University of Cologne held a summer school on "Urban Transformation for Sustainability in South and Southeast Asia". It aimed at the scientific and methodological transfer of knowledge for young researchers from South and Southeast Asia on the highly topical effects of rapid urbanisation and transformation processes. During the event, an overview of the global urban transformation processes and their dynamics as well as theoretical-conceptual approaches to their analysis and explanation were given. Four thematic areas were deepened in terms of content and theory:

(1) urban health and (2) migration to cities as sectoral topics with a cross-cutting character that are crucial for the quality of urban life, as well as (3) governance and (4) digitisation as process-oriented topics.

Lecturers were: Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, Dr. Birte Rafflenbeul, PD Dr. Carsten Butsch, Dr. Mareike Kroll (all: Institute of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany) and Prof. Dr. Tabea Bork-Hüffer (Institute of Geography, Innsbruck University, Austria). Guest lectures were held: Prof. Dr. Josef Nipper (University of Cologne), Dr. Thomas Claßen (University of Bielefeld), Eva Schweitzer (The Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBSR)).

Participants were 20 doctoral students from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore and Vietnam as well as two doctoral students from Germany. Thanks to our large ForUm network, we were able to attract very qualified young researchers to the Summer School. In ten days, in addition to intensive lectures, group work and discussions, they were able to establish close networks among themselves.



Visit in the International Office, University of Cologne, with Tilman Pfeiffer – 20 students, 8 nations



Urban excursion to the Ruhr area, Dortmund: Germany, good practice combining heavy industry's past with modern quality of life in renewed urban quarters for young families and professionals.

**DAAD**Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

Programme of the Summer School
"Urban Transformations to Sustainability in South and Southeast Asia"
University of Cologne, Institute of Geography

Location: Otto-Fischer-Str. 4, Cologne, "South Building", Room 3

Organizer: Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, Dr. Birte Rafflenbeul, PD Dr. Carsten Butsch, Dr. Mareike Kroll (all: Institute of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany) and PD Dr. Tabea Bork-Hueffer (Institute of Geography, Innsbruck University, Austria)

Guest lecture by: Prof. Dr. Josef Nipper (University of Cologne), Dr. Thomas Claßen (University of Bielefeld), Eva Schweitzer (The Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBSR))

17.09.2018 (Monday): Introduction
<p>Morning (9.00-12.30; Carsten Butsch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aims of the summer school, introduction of lecturers and participants, presentation of individual research interest (poster presentation by the participants) Presentation of the program, contents and context; learning objectives and methods <p>Afternoon (13.30-16.30; Frauke Kraas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory lecture: Urbanisation in South and Southeast Asia: Challenges of Sustainable Transformation Discussion on the challenges of urbanisation in South and Southeast Asia <p>Evening (17:00-open end; Frauke Kraas, Carsten Butsch):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhine River cruise with welcome dinner Dinner at the brew house restaurant "Gaffel am Dom" (18.30 p.m.)
18.09.2018 (Tuesday): Focus topic 1: Urban development, sustainability and transformation
<p>Morning (9.00-12.30; Frauke Kraas, Birte Rafflenbeul)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminar: Sustainable Urban Development - Conceptual Approaches and Political Processes (SDGs (BR), New Urban Agenda (FK) etc.) Presentations by participants with urban development as the main topic (Muhammad Nelza Mulk, Iqbal and San San Moe) <p>Afternoon (13.30-17.00; Frauke Kraas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking excursion: Visit to the University of Cologne, the International Office (Dr. Susanne Preuschoff) and the Graduate School of Geo Sciences (GSGS) (Dr. Karin Boessenkool)
19.09.2018 (Wednesday): Focus topic 2: Urban governance
<p>Morning (9.00-12.30; Frauke Kraas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture: Urban Governance - Managing Cities for Sustainable Development and the Role of Cities in Global Transnational Governance Presentations by participants with governance as the main topic (Lenny Martini and Pallavi Bagewadi) Guest lecture by Prof. Dr. Josef Nipper (University of Cologne): Spatial planning and development in the urban arena in Germany - A short introductory overview <p>Afternoon (13.30-17.00; Frauke Kraas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations by participants with governance as the main topic (Brijesh Tripathi, Manu Mahajan, Vishanthini Kanasan, Carol Moet Moet Aye and Gyanu Maskey) Discussion <p>Evening: Walking excursion through Cologne's <i>Südstadt</i> to the <i>Rheinauhafen</i>: Urban development in Cologne</p>
20.09.2018 (Thursday): Scientific work and publishing
<p>During the day (9.00 a.m. -17.00; Anne Wegner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Writing <p>Evening: Visit of Cologne Cathedral (<i>Kölner Dom</i>) and surroundings (Frauke Kraas)</p>

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Institute for Urban Studies**21.09.2018 (Friday): Focus topic 3: Urban health****Morning (9.00-12.30; Carsten Butsch)**

- Lecture: Urban Health – Key challenges in South Asian cities
- Presentations by participants with health as the main topic (Rupanjali Dasgupta and Pradhikna Yunik Nurhayati)
- Plenary discussion and working groups
- Guest lecture by Dr. Thomas Claßen (University of Bielefeld): Urban green, blue and brown

Afternoon (13.30-17.00; Carsten Butsch)

- Walking excursion to Bonn (former capital of Germany)

22.09.2018 (Saturday): Excursion Transformation processes in the Ruhr Area (Frauke Kraas)**Morning (09:00):**

- 8.45 Meeting at the Department
- 9.00 Start of the bus excursion: Structural Change in the Ruhrgebiet, with special emphasis on the city of Dortmund

Afternoon:

- Visit to the former coal-mine Zollverein and the Ruhr Museum

23.09.2018 (Sunday): Excursion (Frauke Kraas)

- 9.00 Meeting point: Cologne Cathedral (main entrance)
- Walking excursion through Cologne's historic centre

24.09.2018 (Monday): Focus topic 4: Migration to urban areas**During the day (9.00-17.00; Tabea Bork-Hüffer, Carsten Butsch, Birte Rafflenbeul)**

- Lecture: International Migration Politics and Migrant Mobilities in Asia
- Lecture: Transnationalism and Translocality
- Presentations by participants with migration as a main topic (Asrizal Luthfi, Sanchai Mukhopadhyay, Irma Nuriha, Doan Truc Quynh and Le Kieu)
- Group work

25.09.2018 (Tuesday): Focus topic 5: Urban development and digitalization**Morning (9.00-12.30; Tabea Bork-Hüffer, Birte Rafflenbeul)**

- Lecture: Smart Urban Development: Theoretical Introduction and the *Model Singapore*
- Group work and plenary discussion
- Guest lecture by Eva Schweitzer (BBSR) on: The Smart City Charta in Germany - National Recommendations for a Sustainable Digital Transformation of Communities

Afternoon (13.30-17.00; Tabea Bork-Hüffer, Birte Rafflenbeul)

- Presentations by participants with digitalisation / smart urban development as a main topic (Gede Wyana Lokantara, Juhí Priyanka Hori and Vu Ngoc Khanh)
- Discussion

26.09.2018 (Wednesday): Closing & evaluation**Morning (9.00-12.30; Tabea Bork-Hüffer)**

- Parallel working groups on the four sub-topics, gathering of the key findings and research desiderata

Afternoon (13.30-17.00; Carsten Butsch, Birte Rafflenbeul)

- Final discussion and evaluation of the summer school

Evening: Farewell dinner at a traditional Cologne brew house restaurant

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13: Finally ...

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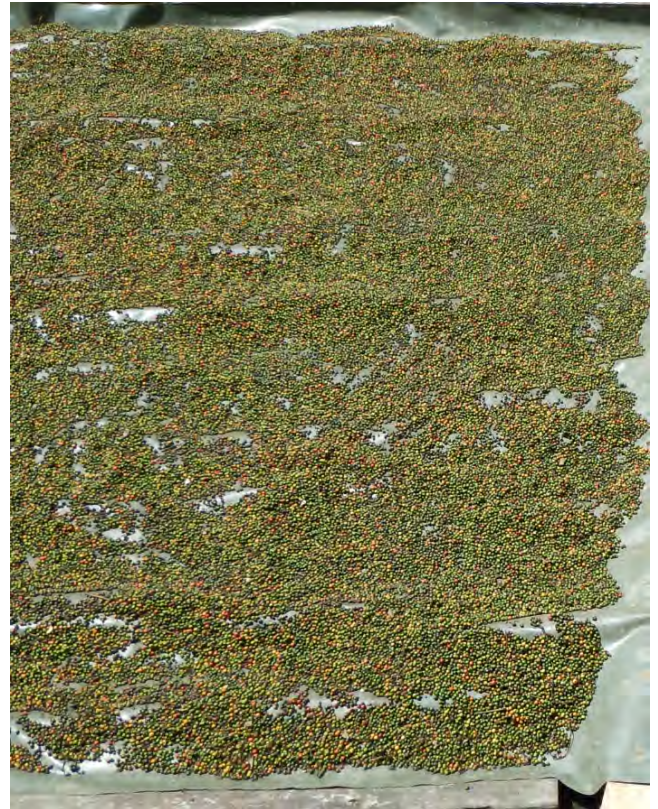
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