



The Frederick S. Pardee Center  
for the Study of the Longer-Range Future

## The Future is Now: Urban Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Boston University Metcalf Trustee Center  
One Silber Way, 9th floor

### Conference Agenda

8:30-9a.m. Registration and light breakfast

9-9:15a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:15-10:45a.m. Panel 1: "Idea of the City: The Asian Challenge"

*Moderator:*

**Deepti M. Nijhawan**, Director of Global Programs India Initiative, BU

*Speakers:*

**Bish Sanyal**, Director, Special Program on Urban and Regional Studies,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Annette Kim**, Director, Spatial Analysis Lab (SLAB), Price School of Public Policy,  
University of Southern California

**Adil Najam**, Dean, Pardee School of Global Studies, BU

10:45-11a.m. BREAK

11a.m.-12:30p.m. Panel 2: "The Politics of the City"

*Moderator:*

**Julian Go**, Professor of Sociology, BU

*Speakers:*

**Gavin Shatkin**, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs,  
Northeastern University

**Abidin Kusno**, Director, Centre for Southeast Asia Research,  
University of British Columbia

**Mona Serageldin**, Vice President,  
Institute for International Urban Development

12:30-1:30p.m.

**LUNCH**

1:45-3:15p.m.

**Panel 3: "The City and Its Environment"**

*Moderator:*

**Edward Cunningham**, Assistant Professor, Earth & Environment, BU

*Speakers:*

**Karen Seto**, Professor of Geography and Urbanization,  
Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

**Madhu Dutta Koehler**, Adjunct Professor, Metropolitan College, BU

**Jonathan Simon**, Director, Center for Global Health & Development, BU

3:15-4p.m.

**Wrap-Up Discussion and Closing Remarks**

4-5p.m.

**Reception**



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exploring how Asia's cities are reshaping  
concepts of urban development.

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