

# **Eighth Annual International & Comparative Urban Law Conference**

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University of British Columbia  
1822 E Mall, Vancouver, BC

**DRAFT SCHEDULE - PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, JUNE 10th**

**Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks and Introduction to the Conference**

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Virtual Sessions**

**(A) Scale, Mobility, and Street Life in Urban Law (Virtual panel)**

Location/Link:

Moderator:

1. **Isolde de Villiers** – *Cities, law, and transport: shifting scale to Bloemfontein* (virtual from Bloemfontein, South Africa at 6:15 pm South Africa Standard Time)
2. **Valentina Montoya-Robledo** – *That is why users do not understand our Maps: Cartographic gaps between experts and domestic workers and the Right to the City* (virtual from Bogota, Colombia at 11:15 am Colombia Time)
3. **Prashant Narang** – *Protecting Livelihoods of Urban Street Vendors: A Case Study of Mumbai* (virtual from New Delhi, India - 9:45 pm India Standard Time)

**(B) Exclusion and Belonging in the City (Virtual Panel)**

Location/Link:

Moderator:

1. **Ivan Mugabi** – *Urbanisation as a Ugandan Exclusionary Narrative to Disability Empowerment: Case Study of Kampala Capital City of Uganda* (virtual from Kampala, Uganda at 7:15 pm East Africa Time)

2. **Rui Marques Pinto** – *Idealization of More Perfect union in the city of Reutlingen: Immigration Board Between Tokenism Race and Rule of Law* (virtual from Reutlingen, Germany at 6:15 pm Central European Summer Time)
3. **Diego Gil et al.** – *The Social Divide of Urban Land-Use Regulatory Changes: Evidence from Chile* (virtual from Santiago, Chile at 10:15 am Chile Standard Time)

### **Fifteen-Minute Break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Virtual Sessions

#### **(A) Design and Technology from an Urban Law Perspective (Virtual Panel)**

Location/Link:

Moderator:

1. **Shewit K. Gebreslassie** – *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design for Sustainable Urban Environments: The Case of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia* (virtual from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at 9:00 pm East Africa Time)
2. **Analice Nogueira Santos Cunha** – *Biopolitics of Facial Recognition System in Urban Governmentality: Applying Michel Foucault to Urban Law* (virtual from São Paulo - 3:00 pm Brasilia Time)
3. **Astrid Voorwinden** – *Experimenting in the Smart City: A legal analysis of Urban Living Labs* (virtual from The Netherlands at 8:00 pm Central European Summer Time; alternatively, may be a pre-recorded presentation)

#### **(B) Systemic Approaches to Urban Law (Virtual panel)**

Location/Link:

Moderator:

1. **Bilyana Petkova** – *Federalism and Urbanism: Friends or Foes?* (virtual from Graz, Austria at 8:00 pm Central European Summer Time)
2. **Kathleen Morris** – *American Democracy, Law, and Government as a Single Complex System* (virtual from San Francisco, USA at 11:00 am Pacific Daylight Time)
3. **Anatolijs Krivins** – *Patterns and innovations in urban law of the Baltic States* (may be virtual from Latvia - 9:00 pm Eastern European Summer Time)

**Lunch**

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**Author Meets Reader Discussion**

Marc Roark in dialogue with Nestor Davidson on *Squatting and the State: Resilient Property in an Age of Crisis* (with Lorna Fox O'Mahony)

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**[Location TBD]**

**[Field Outing and Dinner]**

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Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

[Potential breakfast - TBD]

8:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. **Parallel Sessions**

**(A) Oppression at the Intersection: State Takeover Legislation and the Hostile Takeover of an Urbanizing School District**

Location:

Moderator: **Laura Garz-Stallcup**

*Part I*

1. **Aaron Saiger** – *Identifying the Constituencies of Local School Government*
2. **Aaron Nichole Cassidy** – *Takeover as the Third Way: Antecedents & Consequences of State Takeover*
3. **Steven Nelson & Joycelyn Wesley** – *Subvert and Supplant: The Political Fallout of State Takeover Legislation, Policies, and Practices*

**Ten-Minute Break**

*Part II*

4. **Dr. Derrick Robinson & Dr. Ashley M. Johnson** – *No one asked us: Reimagining Parental Partnerships in School Takeovers*
5. **Dr. Timberly Baker** – *The Impact of State Takeover and Receivership: Implications for the School-to-Prison Pipeline*

**(B) Right to the City and Rights *in the City* (Virtual)**

(virtual from Rome, Italy at 5:30 pm Central European Summer Time)

Location:

Moderator: **Chiara Feliziani**

*Part I*

1. **Laura Vagni** – *Right to access urban space and private property rights: comparative remarks on the effectiveness of the right to the city*
2. **Pamela Lattanzi / Dr. Serena Mariani** - *Cities, food, and sustainability: legal tools for building sustainable urban food systems*
3. **Dr. Elena Codoni** – *Benefit companies - a tool for more sustainable cities?*

*Ten-Minute Break*

*Part II*

1. **Nina Contigiani** – *Urban spatiality and public assistance: from the removal of marginalization to the internal concentration of poor workers*
2. **Dr. Alessandra Lucaioli / Dr. Simona Tiribelli** – *Spatial Justice: An Ethical Model for the Design of the Urban AI*

*Fifteen-Minute Break*

11:25 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.

**Parallel Sessions**

**(A) Tenants and Tenant Power (Hybrid)**

1. **Greg Baltz** – *Countervailing Tenant Power or Burgeoning State Bureaucracy: A Cautionary Comparison of Residential Collective Bargaining Frameworks in North America, Sweden, and France*
2. **Dr. Alessio Sardo** – *Free Market or Housing Shortage? Berlin Rent Cap and its Dilemma* (virtual from Genoa, Italy at 8:25 pm Central European Summer Time)
3. **Nadav Shoked** – *US Courts' Idea of the Tenant*

**(B) Housing, Gentrification, and Anti-Discrimination in Urban Law (Hybrid)**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **J.H. Stefan van Tongeren** – *Integration Versus Intrusion: Balancing the Housing Rights of Ex-Offenders and their Neighbours in Dutch Urban Areas*
2. **Thiago Pires-Oliveira** – *Gentrification, Urban Voids and Brazilian Urban Law* (virtual from São Paulo - 3:25 pm Brasilia Standard Time)
3. **Gilson Santiago Macedo, Jr.** – *How to build anti-discrimination cities? Thinking about race, gender, and sexuality in urban law* (virtual from São Paulo, Brazil - 3:25 pm Brasilia Standard Time)

**Lunch, Welcome from Dean Pindell  
- and -  
Meeting of the Association of Urban Law Scholars (AULS)**

**12:55 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
[Location]

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Parallel Sessions**

**(A) Copyright, Narrative, and Population in Urban Space (Hybrid)**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **Dr. Graham Reynolds** – *Copyright and the City*
2. **Geeta Tewari** – *Defining Narrative Law* (virtual from Pennsylvania, USA - 5:15 pm Eastern Daylight Time)
3. **Ted DeBarbieri** - *Purchasing Population Growth* (virtual from Albany, USA at 5:15 pm Eastern Daylight Time)

**(B) Traffic and Sidewalks; with Interlocalism**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **Aviv Gaon and Guy Seidman** – *Farewell, Traffic Law*
2. **Michael Pollack** – *Sidewalk Government*
3. **Daniel Rosenbaum** – *Forced Interlocalism*

### **Fifteen-Minute Break**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Parallel Sessions**

#### **(A) Public Finance and Urban Incentives (Hybrid)**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **Matthew Rossman** – *Which Public Incentives are Performing Best at Improving Economic Conditions in Distressed Urban Areas?*
2. **Robert Sroka** – *Mega-projects and mega-events: evaluating Vancouver 2010 stadium and convention infrastructure*
3. **Adam Feibelman** – *Municipal Debt and Debt Restructuring: India and the U.S.* (Adam will present in person; co-authors Renuka Sane and Bhargavi Zaveri will present virtually. Renuka Sane will join at **4:30 am SATURDAY** India Standard Time; Bhargavi Zaveri will join at **7:00 am SATURDAY** Singapore Standard Time)

#### **(B) Urban Development, Revitalization, and Homelessness in Legal Perspective**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **Vivian Dombrowski** – *Legal obstacles in urban-center revitalization: the case of Curitiba/Brasil*
2. **Yifat Holzman-Gazit** – *Permit Files: Studying the Back Stage of Regularization of Accessory Dwelling Units in Israel*
3. **Stepan Wood** – *A Tale of Two (Tent) Cities—And One Judge: How (Not) to Weigh Evidence in Homeless Encampment Injunction Cases*

**Conference Dinner**

**6:30 p.m.**

[Location TBD]

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Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Parallel Sessions

(A) **Reconsidering Cities, Landscape, and Innovation** (virtual panel)

1. **Nikhil Ravindra & Chetana R** – *Ruminating Cities through Landscape Architecture* (virtual from Bengaluru, India - 9:00 pm India Standard Time)
2. **Elena De Nictolis & Christian Iaione** - *The urban law of innovation: a challenge to the private - public law divide? Cities as legal experimental grounds to tackle health, climate and technological disruptions.* (virtual - Elena from Washington, DC 11:30 am EDT Time; Christian from Rome, Italy at 5:30 pm Central European Summer Time)
3. **Boniface Okot** – *Beyond the Point of No Return: What Can Africa Do to Maximize the Benefits That Come from Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)?* (virtual from Uganda - 6:30 pm East Africa Time)

(B) **Conflicts and Context in Urban Law** (Hybrid)

Location:  
Moderator:

1. **Yustina Trihoni Dewi** – *Conflict Early Warning System of Ambon* (virtual from Indonesia - 10:30 pm Western Indonesia Time)
2. **Ronit Levine-Schnur** – *The Colonial Subject's Dilemma: Land Settlement of Title in East Jerusalem and the Conflict Over Sheikh Jarrah*
3. **Kizito Kabengele** – *The "africanacity" of urban laws in South Africa through the lens of Section 26 of the Constitution* (virtual from Pretoria, South Africa at 5:30 pm South Africa Standard Time)

***Fifteen-Minute Break***

10:15 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. Session | **Sustainability, Energy, and the Urban Commons** (Hybrid)

Location/Link:  
Moderator:

Part I

1. **Tarun Arora** – *The Impact of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (NRSE) - Policy of Punjab in Urban Areas* (virtual from Punjab, India - 10:45 pm India Standard Time)
2. **Evaldas Klimas** – *Sustainable development and urban planning regulations for climate change management measures, Lithuanian case*
3. **Valentina Pagnanelli & Giacomo Pailli** – *Urban Public Space, Marginal Communities and the Risks of Data Collection: A Tale from Italian Cities* (Giacomo will present in person; Valentina is virtual from Florence at 7:15 pm Central European Summer Time)

**Ten-Minute Break**

Part II

1. **Hoi Kong** – *Sustainable Urban Design: The Case of Montreal*
2. **Alexandra Flynn** – *Local Governance and the Urban Commons*

**Lunch  
- and -**

**Roundtable on Teaching Urban Law**

**12:55 p.m. – 1: 55 p.m.**  
**[Location]**

1:55 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. **Parallel Sessions**

**(A) International and Regionally Focused Urban Law (virtual)**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **Itai Apter** – *Municipal Taxation (Exemption) to International Actors - A Foregone Conclusion?* (virtual from Washington, DC at 4:55 pm Eastern Daylight Time)
2. **Guanchi Zhang** – *Do We Need Megacities as a Constitutional Concept? Lessons from East Asia* (virtual from Boston, USA at 4:55 pm Eastern Daylight Time)

(B) **Public Health, Innovation, and Urban Law**

Location:

Moderator:

1. **Philip Renninger** – *Urban COVID-19 Management in Chinese Cities*
2. **Paul Diller** – *Focusing a Public Accommodations Lens on Vaccine Passports*

**Fifteen-Minute Break**

3:10 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. **Session | Rethinking Planning, Zoning, and Land**

Location:

Moderator:

*Part I*

1. **Papon Dev** – *Dhaka Detail Area Plan and Its Legacy: A Never-Ending Uncontrolled Growth*
2. **Nathanael Lauster & Jens von Bergmann** – *The City as Land Cartel: A Brief History of Zoning Power in Vancouver*
3. **Sarah Fox** – *The Price of Land and the Cost of Land Use*

**Ten-Minute Break**

*Part II*

1. **Rachelle Alterman** – *Can legislation curtail the negatives in condominium towers?*
2. **Douglas Harris** – *Condominium Bylaw No. 5 – No Kids: Private Democratic Residential Government and the City*

5:50 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**