International Seminar

SOCIAL INNOVATION AND CREATIVE RESPONSES TO GLOBAL URBAN CHALLENGES

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Friday 31 October 2014, 10:00 – 17:00
The British Academy
10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

09:30 – 10:00  Registration
              Coffee / Tea

10:00 – 10:10  Welcome
                Professor Ash Amin FBA, University of Cambridge

10:10 – 10:30  Introduction
                What is Social Innovation?
                How Can Social Innovation Address Global Urban Challenges?

                Professor Ash Amin FBA, University of Cambridge
                Dr Jo Casebourne, Nesta
10:30 – 12:00  Panel Discussion I: Adaptability and Innovative Responses to Urban Shocks and Changes

Professor Jon Coaffee (Chair), University of Warwick
- ‘Planning the Shock-Proof City: the Urban Resilience Turn’

Dr David Howard, University of Oxford
- ‘Questioning Resilience in the Context of Sustainable Urban Development’

Adam Greenfield, London School of Economics and Political Science
- ‘Practices of the Minimum Viable Utopia: Spontaneous Infrastructure’

12:00 – 13:00  Lunch

13:00 – 13:55  Interactive Workshop – ‘Animating Cities in Crisis’

Professor Mihaela Kelemen, Keele University
Sue Moffat, New Vic Borderlines
Professor Takaya Kawamura, Osaka City University

13:55 – 15:10  Panel Discussion II: New Forms of Civic and Political Participation in Urban Spaces

Professor Frank Moulaert (Chair), Catholic University of Leuven
- ‘Urban Studies: Where Theorising Social Innovation Started’

Professor Diana Mitlin, University of Manchester
- ‘Citizen-Led Data Collection and How It Strengthens the Voice of Informal Settlement Dwellers in the Global South’

Joyati Das, World Vision International
- ‘Just and Equitable Cities Where Children Thrive: Socially Engineered Innovations to Contribute to Just Cities for Children’

15:10 – 15:30  Tea / Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45  Panel Discussion III: Alternative Economies as a Form of Social Innovation

Professor Fergus Lyon (Chair), University of Middlesex

Dr Marcelo Vieta, University of Toronto
- ‘Radical Social Innovations: Global Experiments in Alternative Economic Realities’

Matthew Glasser, World Bank
- ‘Informality, Illegality and Innovation’

16:45 – 17:00  Closing Remarks

Professor Ash Amin FBA, University of Cambridge