



GARY LAWRENCE

KEYNOTE WEDNESDAY LUNCH

The wider context for the lecture would be the role of transport in contributing to sustainability and resilience in our cities: how can transport measures help to improve conditions for human development over time and allow full participation in society for all, given rapid growth in some cities of the world and the fact that elsewhere cities are shrinking?

Themes that the lecture should investigate are:

Mobility and accessibility - the wider implications of what mobility brings/ does not bring to urban populations, namely transport in relationship to full participation in society: access to employment, education, other services and facilities etc. Problems that are considered to be transport problems may not always have transport solutions – it is the access that transport brings that is important.

Transport modal choices or **alternatives** – theoretical alternatives and viable alternatives. How an alternative is not necessarily about the choice itself but instead the availability of an option as defined through the eyes of the planner, not the user. Are "alternatives" really alternatives from the perspective of the users?

Transport planning and **gender issues** – are urban transport systems planned to fully account for women's transport needs: physical differences, economic differences, trip behaviours related to social roles, differing perceptions and fears etc? Or are city transport systems largely planned by men with men in mind?

The **health** implications of urban transport - the potential (physical and mental) health benefits and disbenefits of car travel, walking, cycling, public transport. How are such factors taken into account in transport and city planning?

The role that urban transport can play in addressing **poverty** – are transport systems designed to meet the needs of the more affluent city residents and workers? How can transport measures promote equity and social inclusion, and redress imbalances?

Mobility and access in a **disaster resilience** context - for life/safety and rapid recovery.