

International Conference **Resilience in Post-Conflict Cities**

ESA Business School Beirut, 18-19 October 2018



Purpose and Scope

In 2050, two-thirds of the world's projected population (9 billion people) will live in urban areas. The many crises and conflicts that are taking place around the world affect particularly cities and the people who live in them, stressing the need to pay full attention to these contexts.

Cities and urban resilience received considerable attention at the global level due to the urgency to tackle urban challenges in a systematic manner. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2015 dedicated Goal 11 (SDG 11)¹ to achieving safe and sustainable cities. In addition, the New Urban Agenda adopted at the Habitat III Conference in 2016² emphasized that "special attention should also be given to countries in situations of conflict, as well as countries and territories under foreign occupation, post-conflict countries and countries affected by natural and human-made disasters". The two agendas share common goals with the sustaining peace agenda: achieving sustainable development, fostering national and local ownership, building inclusive communities and resilience, and encouraging transformation toward durable solutions.

The International Conference on Resilience in Post-Conflict Cities is co-organized by ESA Business School, the Environmental Change Institute of Oxford University and the Institut Francais du Proche-Orient. It aims to share experiences, lessons learned as well as practices developed in cities and communities that experience post-conflict reconstruction following crisis and/or armed conflict.

This two-day conference will address questions such as:

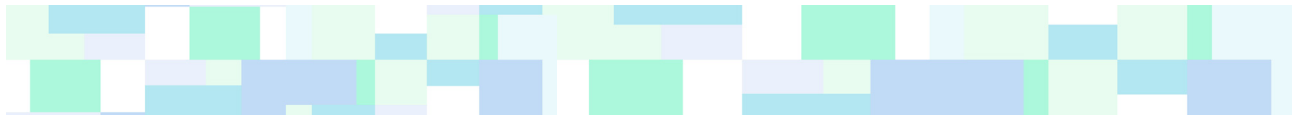
- How post-conflict cities can create spaces for transformation and greater capacities for resilience?
- What role does resilience play in urban post conflict reconstruction?
- How top-down government-driven responses can be combined with bottom-up community initiatives leading to community empowerment and resilience?
- What role can the private sector play in increasing urban resilience in post-conflict cities?
- What tools and methods are/can be used by communities to increase their resilience in post-conflict recovery to build back better?

It will also initiate partnerships across cities and communities that experienced crisis and conflict and face reconstruction in post-conflict situations.

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg11>

² <http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/>

Agenda



DAY 1

8:30-9:00: Registration

9:00-9:30: Welcome Note

- Stéphane Attali: General Manager of ESA Business School
- Herve Sabourin: Director of AUF Middle East
- Michel Mouton: Director of Ifpo Middle East

9:30-10:30: Urban Resilience

- Raja Arshad: Lead, Disaster Risk Management of World Bank
- Tarek Osseiran: Country Programme Manager, UN Habitat
- Youssef Khalil: Director of Financial Operations Department, Banque du Liban
- Ziad Chebib: Governor, Beirut City

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-12:30: Case studies of urban transformation: insights from the GREEN-WIN project

Moderator: *Diana Mangalagiu, Professor, University of Oxford & Neoma Business School*

- Thomas Thornton, Dean of Arts & Sciences and University of Alaska Southeast & Professor, University of Oxford
Sharing Economies, Sociality, and Urban Sustainability
- Ali Saysel, Professor, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul
Energy Efficiency Enterprises in the Construction Sector of Istanbul: A Multilevel Perspective to Sustainability Transition
- Dina Hestad, PhD candidate, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford
The emergence and transformative potential of sustainability-oriented hybrid organizations in Barcelona
- Abdel Maoula Chaar, Professor and Head of CRED, ESA Business School
Transition towards sustainability in post-conflict countries: a neo-institutional Perspective
- Diana Mangalagiu: Professor, University, Oxford & Neoma Business School
Understanding barriers to sustainable agro-food businesses in Venice
- Q&A

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: What role does sustainability play in urban post conflict reconstruction?

Moderator: **Abdel Maoula Chaar**, Professor and Head of CRED, ESA Business School

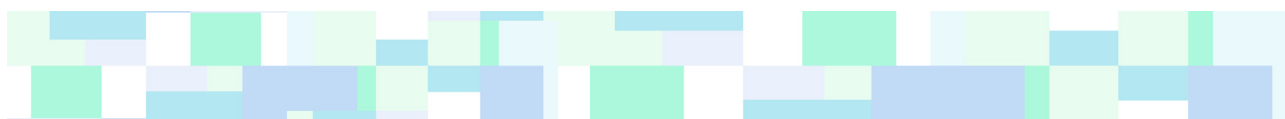
- **Caecilia Pieri**, Associate Researcher, IFPO
What forms of urban resilience for Iraq? Baghdad and Mosul Field Insights
- **Fatima Al Saleh**, Associate Professor, University of Aleppo
A comprehensive approach of sustainable reconstruction stage in Syria
- **Ahmad El Atrash**, Senior Urban Programme Officer, UN-Habitat, Palestine
Fostering Resilience and Harmonious Urbanization through Community-Driven Planning Interventions in Palestine
- **Bruno Marot**, City Planner & Associate Researcher, IFPO
City-making in Lebanon: the challenge of financial resilience
- Q&A

15:30-17:00: Round Table: Promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in Lebanon

Moderator: **Pierre Khoury**, General Director, Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC)

- **Hassan Harajli**, Project Manager, UNDP CEDRO
Promoting sustainable energy in an urban jungle; Innovative opportunities
- **Maya Karkour**, CO-Founder & Director, Eco Consulting
Examples of energy-efficient buildings in Lebanon
- **Ibrahim Mallah**, Head of Sustainable Development & Energy Committee, Association of Lebanese Industrialists
- **Ahmad Jammal**, Director of Construction and Development, MEDPROPERTIES
The GREEN Split Personality ("GSP syndrome")
- Q&A

17:00: End of Day 1



DAY 2

09:00-10:30: Round Table: **Increasing urban resilience by combining institutional responses with community-driven initiatives**

Moderator: *Gilbert Doumit, Director of Beyond & activist in Beirut City*

- Doris Kiendl, Professor, FH JOANNEUM University of Applied Sciences, Austria
Setting up a knowledge base for sustainable development in residential areas” – the project “Ecotopia” in the city of Graz
- Serge Yazigi, Consultant & Professor of Practice, American University of Beirut
Challenges and gaps facing urban resilience in the context of Lebanon
- Nahida Khalil, Landscape Architect, Lecturer & Activist – Beirut Madinati
Towards an inclusive sustainable community in post-conflict context: The Model of “Zokak el Blat” Neighborhood
- Ismael Sheik Hassan, Urbanist & Community Activist
Dynamics of Activism and Security in the Reconstruction of Nahr el Bared Refugee Camp
- Q&A

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-12:30: Round Table: **Increasing urban resilience by improving urban planning**

Moderator: *Jihad Farah, Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning, Lebanese University*

The multi-dimensional concerns of post-conflict reconstruction: learning from Lebanon’s reconstructions

- Nizar Hariri, Assistant Professor & Researcher, Saint Joseph University, Beirut
The polycentric city of Beirut and the sustainability of its neighborhoods: the cases of Mar Mikhael and Badaro
- Adib Dada, CEO, theOtherDada
Beirut RiverLESS; Positive Urban Interventions along Beirut River
- Rand El Hajj Hasan, Architect & Researcher
Participatory urban planning in Amman, critical stance and innovative methodologies
- Ayad Naser, Owner, Loft Investments
Uplifting neglected areas: OUZville
- Q&A

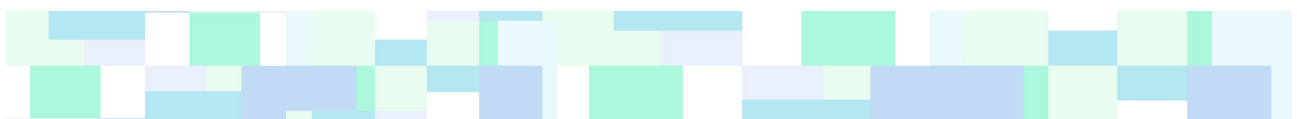
12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30-14:30: Hack the City (Smart ESA Hackathon): Pitch of the 5 finalists

14:30-15:30: Market place of researchers & startups working on city related projects

15:30-16:00: Conclusions, take-home messages and next steps

16:00-16:30: Hack the City: Results and farewell



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