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Pandemics and cities:

*learning from state and civil
society response*



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*University of the Western Cape, Robert Sobukwe Rd, Bellville,
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New Arts Building, Lecture Rooms 1&2

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Social Infrastructure and Pandemic Resilience**
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Faced with the asymmetrical distribution of Covid's effects, cities have a critical role in building local resilience. Globally, both pandemic and control measures have severely affected urban residents' ability to meet basic needs, particularly relating to food, services (e.g. health, education, childcare), and access to reliable information. Central state-led pandemic responses have often fallen short of the appropriate and effective interventions needed at the local scale. Community-based organisations (CBOs) have played a decisive role in pandemic response in many low-income neighbourhoods, mitigating vulnerabilities by responding to gaps in basic needs provisioning. In some cases, they have been supported or partnered by municipal institutions. The pandemic's critical juncture offers transformative potential for cities, and this workshop explores learnings from state and civil society responses at the urban scale, based on preliminary findings from two projects funded by the Urban Studies Foundation's Pandemics and Cities fund. Participants include community leaders from Cape Town (South Africa) and Cali (Colombia) alongside project teams and representatives of the City of Cape Town.

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AGENDA

Monday 13th of February 2023 - University of Western Cape (All times are South African Standard Time)

9:30 - 10:00	<i>Welcome tea and coffee</i>
10:00 - 10:10	<i>Welcome from UWC</i>
10:10 - 10:25	<i>Introduction to Urban Studies Foundation: Prof Alison Brown, Cardiff University</i>
10:25 - 11:15	<i>The city after Covid-19: vulnerability and urban governance in Chicago, Toronto, and Johannesburg Philip Harrison (South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning), Xuefei Ren (Michigan State University, US) and Hillary Birch (York University, Canada)</i>
11:15 - 11:30	<i>Response from Zarina Patel, UCT (USF Trustee)</i>
11:30 - 12:00	<i>Q & A with audience</i>
12:00 - 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45 - 14:20	<i>From social infrastructure to pandemic resilience?: learning from and with low-income urban communities Melanie Lombard (University of Sheffield), Fiona Anciano, Boitumelo Papane and Babongile Bidla (University of the Western Cape), Carlos Tobar and Lina Rendon (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali), Alexander Lopez (Asomevid), Betty Alarcon Afiuni (Predhesca), Sandra Sarria (Instituto Educativa Nuevo Latir), Mhinti Pato (Sakhisizwe Youth Development Program); Bevil Lucas (Cissie Gool House)</i>
14:20 - 14:50	<i>Q & A with audience</i>
14:50 - 15:15	<i>Break/refreshments</i>
15:15 - 16:00	<i>Reflection from Gareth Morgan, Executive Director of Future Planning and Resilience, City of Cape Town Resilience Office followed by Q&A</i>
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Closing session Comments from Fiona Anciano, Melanie Lombard, Phil Harrison, Xuefei Ren</i>



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