



## **The Centre for India and South Asia Research University of British Columbia**

### **Conference on Urban Infrastructure, Transport & Environment in India**

**Time and Date: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, June 14-15**

**Location: Room 120, IAR, 1855 West Mall, UBC**

The last two decades of economic growth in India have led to a boom in urban centers and relative stagnation elsewhere. It is clear even to a casual observer that rapid urbanization has severely strained India's urban infrastructure. Cities have been the engines of growth in India and congestion effects threaten to curtail this growth. The conference will examine the challenges posed by rapid urbanization to the transport sector in Indian cities.

#### **Conference Speakers**

**Dr. Madhav Badami, McGill University. The Public Transit Challenge: Reconciling Coverage, Viability and Affordability.**

**Dr. Milind Kandlikar, University of British Columbia. Air pollution in Indian cities: Delhi and the CNG experiment.**

**Dr. Murtaza Haider, McGill/Ryerson. Accountability and Transparency in Transport Infrastructure Investments: From the Metro in Delhi to Maglev in Karachi.**

**Dr. Darshini Mahadevia, CEPT University, Ahmedabad. Municipal Finance Constraints on Transportation Systems.**

**Dr. OP Agarwal, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi. Urban Transport in India: The Institutional Context, Regulatory and Governance Issues.**

**Dr. Julian Marshall, University of British Columbia. Air pollution and Health in Indian Cities: Challenges in Measuring Exposure.**

**Dr. Ambuj Sagar, Harvard University. Technological Change and Innovation in India's Automotive Sector.**

**Dr. Sumeeta Srinivasan, Harvard University. Integrating Land Use and Transportation Planning in Indian Cities.**

**Dr. Kavi Bhalla, Harvard University. Accidents, Safety and Transport in India.**

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