

# Decoding urban in an emerging economy: India



As demography is further unfolding and aspirations rising, together with demand and supply gap, the discourse on sustainability of cities in fast growing economies is gaining momentum. With recent impetus in India on transforming select ones to smart cities, the global attention of international scholars, policy makers and consultants appear to be increasing. It is evident that while a few progressive cities may have competitive advantages and are expected to demonstrate greater role in India's economic growth, other cities are challenged even to deliver basic services and are weak on inclusiveness and human development. The session shall examine changes in urban India through key questions particularly in context of redevelopment and sustainability. The appraisal of urban dynamics will relate to key turning phases over time and across themes. Session aims to kindle a critique on recent structure of urban governance being promoted. An exploratory overview shall stimulate discussion to assess if and how cities in emerging economies can leapfrog for resource efficiency and sustainable consumption.

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