

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1 – 13th February 2026, Friday (02:30 pm onward)

INAUGURAL SESSION

02:30	Recitation from Holy Quran
02:35	National Anthem
02:45	Welcome Address by Dr. Saeed Uddin Ahmed , Co-Chairperson DAP, NED University
03:10	Conference Keynote Address, ' Migrations and Urban Development ' by Babar Khan Mumtaz , Former Director DPU, University College London
03:30	Address by the Honorable Chief Guest, Dr. Ishrat Husain , Former Governor State Bank of Pakistan.
03:45	Presiding Remarks by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail , Vice Chancellor, NED University
04:10	Vote of Thanks by Convener Conference, Dr. Masooma Shakir
04:15	Tea Break

DAY 2 –14th February 2026, Saturday (09:30 am onward)

TECHNICAL SESSION I: Cultural Memory and Spatial Identity

Panelists: Khadija Jamal, Taimur Suri, Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed

Moderator: Dr. Rabela Junejo

09:30	" Living Heritage and the Shaping of Urban Identity: The Case of Qawwal Galli, Karachi ", by Fizza Abbasi and Mahwish G. Rasool , Faculty at IVSAA
9:50	" Historic Cities as Cultural Repositories: A Case Study of Bhatti Gate, Walled City of Lahore " by Yousma Arif , THAAP, Lahore
10:10	" Transforming and Recreating Identities: Partition, Spatial Connections, and the Pre-Partition Buildings in Urban Pakistan ", by Zahida Rehman Jatt , Phd Scholar, Wellington University, New Zealand; Lecturer, Dept of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro
10:30	Panel Discussion and Question-Answers sessions
11:00	Souvenir Distribution and Group Photo
11:10	Tea Break

TECHNICAL SESSION-II: Urban Exclusion, Planning and Governance

Panelists: Dr. Mehtab Karim, Dr. Ismat Abbas, Prof. Dr. Alison Brown

Moderator: Sarah Ather Khan

11:45	" Urban Infrastructure Development, Displacement and Informal Settlements " by Dr. Muhammad Zaman , Vancouver (online)
12:10	" From Refugee Settlement to Commercial Hub: Land Use Shifts in Shah Faisal Colony ", by Afshan Jamshed , Faculty at Sir Syed University of Eng. And Technology, Karachi
12:30	" Gender and Urban Forced Displacement – Deep Dive for Karachi ", by Haris Gazdar, Hussain Bux Mallah, Marium Ibrahim – Collective for Social Science Research
12:50	Panel Discussion and Question-Answer Session
01:20	Souvenir Distribution and Group Photo
01:30	Lunch Break

TECHNICAL SESSION - III: Urban Marginality, Opportunities and Resilience

Panelists: Dr. Shumaila Ahmed, Babar Khan Mumtaz, Muhammad Tauheed

Moderator: Fariha Tehseen

02:30	" Agency From the Margins: How Migrant Communities Negotiate their Existence ", by Wahaj Hassan , Civil Engineering, Masters Student, MURP, NED
02:50	" Affective witnessing in contested border zones ", by Dr. Nishat Awan , Director Research Urban Lab, Bartlett, UCL (online)
03:10	" Migration and Urban Marginality " by Prof. Dr. Alison Brown , Emeritus Professor, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University
03:30	Panel Discussion and Question-Answers sessions
04:15	Conference Summing- up by Rahat Aarsalan
04:25	Souvenir Distribution and Group Photo
04:40	Tea Break