

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 Arsalan**
04:25 Souvenir Distribution and Group Photo
04:40 Tea Break