

A City in Blue and Green

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Speaker



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Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Adapting to a Disrupted World

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Covid-19 has changed the way we live, work and play. With the World Cities Summit (WCS) rescheduled to 20 – 24 June 2021, the **CLC Webinar Series: Cities Adapting to a Disrupted World** takes WCS 2021's theme to explore how

cities can respond in an increasingly volatile world.

With topics like Healthy Cities, Car-lite Cities, Smart Cities, Resilient Cities and City in Nature, we convene experts and leaders from the WCS community to discuss how cities can continue to be liveable and sustainable, despite growing dislocations from pandemics, the climate crisis, social shifts and new technologies.

Throughout its nation-building journey, Singapore's efforts to manage water resources, protect natural landscapes, and cultivate vegetation have been crucial elements underpinning the city's liveability.

Ranging from infrastructure systems to social history, Professor Peter G. Rowe will share how these unique strategies and effective practices have transformed the city into a "clean and green" powerhouse, and how this puts the city in good stead to respond to disruptions resulting from climate change.

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Register attendance



1. We're in the same storm, but not the same boat

- Dr. Loke Wai Chiong observed that restrictions prompted by Covid-19 "might bite harder than the disease itself".
- Furthermore, the negative health impacts of these restrictions could be worse for some groups, like lower income families or the elderly. In Singapore, for example, activity centres for seniors have had to close. "As a society, we must never leave them behind," he said.

2. Need to study health impacts of urban precincts

- Prof. Lam Khee Poh said that social, behavioural and environmental factors make up around 60% of the impact on premature death and disabilities.
- Conducive environments can mitigate health impacts, and cross-

disciplinary research and collaborations using the 'healthy precinct' approach will enhance the health of our cities.

3. Never let a crisis go to waste

- Responding to a question from WCS Young Leader Chintan Raveshia, panellists agreed that lifestyle changes caused by COVID-19 present opportunities to promote urban sustainability.
- We can take this time to encourage active mobility, and to move away from an over-centralised CBD as we see more work-live-play integration within precincts.

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