

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**feminising urban
struggles**

MONDAY (6)

17:30 ZA/ 12:30 BR

Verónica Gago

Doctorate in social sciences,
professor at the University of
Buenos Aires (UBA) and the
University of San Martín
(Unsam)

TUESDAY (7)

17:30 ZA/ 12:30 BR

Faranak Miraftab

Urban scholar of globalization
and a Professor of Urban and
Regional Planning at the
University of Illinois Urbana-
Champaign

WEDNESDAY (8)

17:30 ZA/ 12:30 BR

Adriana Allen

President of Habitat International
Coalition (HIC) and Professor of
Development Planning and Urban
Sustainability at The Bartlett
Development Planning Unit (DPU),
University College London (UCL)



Verónica Gago

Monday (6)

12:30 (BR) / 17:30 (SA)

Born in 1976, in Chivilcoy, Argentina. She has a doctorate in social sciences, professor at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and the University of San Martín (Unsam) and researcher at the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET). She is the author of *Controversia: una lengua del exilio* (Biblioteca Nacional, 2012), *Neoliberalism from Below: Popular Pragmatics and Baroque Economies* (2018) and numerous academic articles on popular economics, feminist economics and political theory, published in several languages. She has collaborated

with the militant research experiences of Coletivo Situaciones, in addition to being part of Coletivo Ni Una Menos, which fights against femicide in Latin America.

Faranak Miraftab

Tuesday (7)

12:30 (BR) / 17:30 (SA)

Faranak Miraftab is an urban scholar of globalization and a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her scholarship is situated at the intersection of sociology, geography, planning, and feminist studies, using case study and ethnographic methodologies. Her research concerns social and institutional aspects of urban development and planning that address basic human needs including housing and urban infrastructure and services that support it. She's particularly interested in the global and local development processes and contingencies involved in the formation of the city and citizens' struggles for dignified livelihood — namely, how groups disadvantaged by class, gender, race, and ethnicity mobilize for resources such as shelter, basic infrastructure, and services and how institutional arrangements facilitate and frustrate provision and access to such vital urban resources. A native of Iran, over the years her research and teaching has spanned several regions including the Middle East, Latin America, Southern Africa, and North America. She's author of the book *Global Heartland: Displaced Labor, Transnational Lives and Local Placemaking*, which won several book awards. Through a multi-sited ethnography and a relational frame of analysis exposes global inequalities and development connections and dependencies that intimately connect communities across the globe, in specific revealing the role of transnational families and their everyday practices of care.

Adriana Allen

Wednesdat (8)

12:30 (BR) / 17:30 (SA)

Adriana Allen is the President of Habitat International Coalition (HIC) and Professor of Development Planning and Urban Sustainability at The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London (UCL). Originally from Argentina, she is an academic activist with over 35 years of international experience in research, pedagogy, advocacy, advisory and capacity-building undertakings in almost 30 countries across the Global South, including long-term missions in Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Peru, Tanzania, Uruguay, and Sierra Leone, among other countries. Through the lens of land, housing, risk, water, sanitation, food and health, her work adopts a justice and feminist perspective to look at the interface between everyday city-making practices and planned interventions and their capacity to generate transformative spaces, places, and social relations. Her most recent books include *Untamed Urbanisms* (2016), *Environmental Justice and Resilience in the Global South* (2017), *Urban Water Trajectories* (2017), *Handbook of Urban Global Health* (2019) and *The Routledge Handbook of Urban Resilience* (2020).