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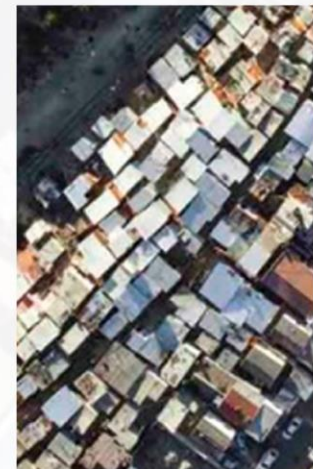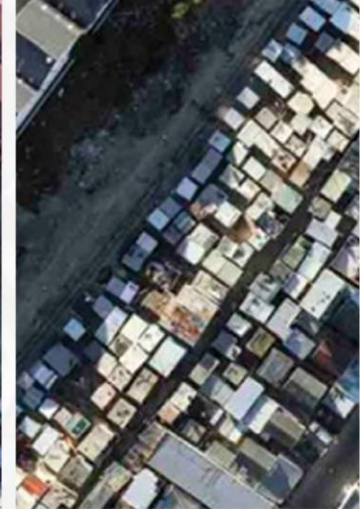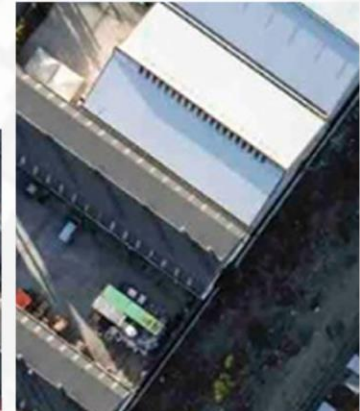FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION
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Conference Program

Introduction:

Due to the uncertainties and restrictions inflicted by the #COVID19 pandemic, and for everyone's safety following the Health Organization's recommendations, it is in everyone's interest to host the conference hybrid. As pioneers of this movement, IEREK is proud to be hosting this conference hybrid. IEREK believes that rather than giving in to this disease and stopping our progress, pushing forward is of utmost importance. So, how can participating in an international Conference boost your career, future potentials, and experience?

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About the UEDC 1st Edition:

THE CITY IS [NOT] A TREE creates awareness of the problems that cause spatial, physical, political, social, economic, racial, religious divisions in cities. Researchers will come together to discuss the reasons for the divisions as well as to conceptualize an approach to heal those divisions. The conference involves developers, local authorities, and communities in the conversation. The fuller conception of the nature of divisions in cities means that effective principles and strategies can start to be formulated towards healing and transformation process, to more integrated communities, cities and a more just and unified society.

Fuelled by systemic problems, the urban ecologies of divided cities appear as mutually constituted physical, psychological and social conditions. Socio-spatial realities remain entrenched upon identities and the urban psyche without even much notice or resistance. The project is an inquiry into such intersecting systemic currents, but it is also an exploration of the imaginative and potentially creative possibilities which could begin to challenge either-or binaries, and offer the potential for creative space. As a collaborative and inter-disciplinary project, THE CITY IS [NOT] A TREE is also interested in the imaginative and multi-stranded confluence of memory, history, and social and political contexts, helping to construct new physical, social and symbolic ground on which to build.

IEREK organizes the 1st edition of the International Conference of "The City is [Not] a Tree: The Urban Ecologies of Divided Cities" to discuss the concept of divided cities and the different approaches that have become essential to reach strategies to create liveable and loveable places. The UEDC conference will be a great opportunity to improve your knowledge, career and to meet researchers, professors, architects, built environment professionals, designers and urban planners from different parts of the world.

DAY 1: 5 July 2022 – Tuesday

(Venue: hybrid conference at Capital Menlyn Maine, Pretoria), Time Zone: South Africa GMT+2.

THEME – PARTNERSHIPS, ART COLLABORATIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
INNOVATIONS IN RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE

07:30 – 08:30 | *Welcome all/ online registration*
Delivery of Information and Networking

08:30 – 09:45 | *Opening Ceremony*
Greetings and communications by the institution.

08:30 – 8:40 | **Professor Amira Osman,** UEDC Conference chair and Professor of Architecture, Tshwane University of Technology.

08:40 – 08:45 | **Dr. Alona Martinez Perez,** Leicester School of Architecture, De Montfort University, UK.

08:45 – 08:50 | **Dr. Denise Morado,** Professor at the School of Architecture and the postgraduate Program in Architecture and Urbanism at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

08:50 – 09:05 | **Dr. Mourad Amer**, *IEREK Presentation*

09:05 – 09:10 | **South African Institute of Architects (SAIA)**

09:10 – 09:15 | **South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)**

09:15 – 09:20 | **South African Cities Network (SACN)**

09:20 – 09:40 | **Ciaran Mackel,** Practice Principal in ARD Ciaran Mackel Architects, Belfast, UK.

09:40 – 09:45 | Wrap up of morning sessions delivered **by Tariq Toffa**

09:45 – 10:15 | Break (Coffee + Snacks)

In-Person Sessions

10:15 – 10:35	Keynote 1, speech title: Invisibility and playing in the 'smart city' gap **Prof. Geci Karuri-Sebina**, Visiting Associate Professor, Wits School of Governance, South Africa. (Physical)
10:35 – 10:55	Keynote 2, speech title: In the Making: A Locus of Practice. **Arch. Althea Peacock,** Lemon Pebble Architects and Urban Designers. (physical)
10:55 – 11:15	Keynote 3, speech title: Sense and the City: A Case for Sensory Decolonisation- and Autistic Perspective. **Prof. Magda Mostafa,** Associate Professor of Design at the American University in Cairo (online)
11:15 – 11:35	A conversation facilitated by Prof. Amia Osman
11:35 – 13:30	Why a City is (Still) Not a Tree: Building a More Connected Urbanism of the Commons. Workshop (part 1) | **Dr. Michael Mehaffy,** Director of the Sustasis Foundation in the USA.
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	The Dream of Africa without Trees. Workshop (part 2) | **Dr. Robert Krasser,** responsible for Village and Town Development at the Salzburg Institute for Regional Planning and Housing (SIR)
16:00 – 16:30	Delegates move into the plenary room | Break + Exhibition viewing
16:30 – 16:50	Keynote 4 speech title: The faded tabula rasa moment for the coproduction of the right to housing. **Mr. Ahmed Essop Vawda,** Human settlement policy specialist, Canada

16:50 – 17:10	Keynote 5 speech title*: "the urban as the bone of power: the theory of encryption and rebellious cities"* **Prof. Ricardo Sanín Restrepo,** Professor, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana – Law school (Bogotá-Colombia)
17:10 – 17:30	Conversation facilitated by Tariq Toffa and wrap up of the day
17:30 – 18:30	*Music, exhibition viewing and arrival of evening visitors* *Platform 100* *Homelessness and the city* *African aural environments* *Community Engagement Trailer* *The cyberflaneur* *Entrances and edges* *1to1 Agency of Engagement* *Access and inclusion* *Reclaiming public space through performance* *Queer spaces in Johannesburg* *Pattern Language* *Sketch n' Cities*
18:30 – 18:45	TUT Speeches: | 18:30 – 18:35 | Acting HOD Arch. Dr. **Nkambul** | 18:35 – 18:45 | DVC: Research, Innovation & Engagement - **Dr Vathiswa Papu-Zamxaka**
18:45 – 19:15	Exhibitions | End of day 1

Day 2: 6 July – Wednesday, (Venue: hybrid conference at Capital Menlyn Maine, Pretoria), Time Zone: South Africa GMT+2.

THEME – VULNERABILITY, IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION: HEALING URBAN FRACTURES

09:00 – 09:30 | *Online Registration/ Web Log-in*

Delivery of Information and Networking

09:30 – 09:35 | Tariq Toffa, Researcher, Educator, Architect, and Director of RE: think/design, South Africa.

09:35 – 09:40 | Break

Online Sessions

Parallel Sessions:	Session 1 (online): Historical and contemporary processes (**Room A**)		Session 2 (online): New grounds (**Room B**)
Moderated by:	**Dr. Maape**, University of the Witwatersrand School of Architecture and Planning; Afreetekture	Moderated by:	**Dr. Ciaran Mackel,** Practice Principal in ARD Ciaran Mackel Architects, Belfast, UK.
9:40 – 09:55	Exploring the Impact of Colonial Legacies in Urban-related Identity and the Will to Participate in Urban Decision-Making – Case Study of Morocco | **Noussayba Rahmouni**	9:40 – 09:55	Upsouth: Digitally enabling rangatahi (youth) and their whānau (families) to build critical and creative thinking towards more active citizenship in Aotearoa New Zealand. | **Ayla hoeta**
10:00 – 10:15	A Comparative Study on Asian Cities' Fabrics – The Morphological Approach | **Prof. Beisi Jia**	10:00 – 10:15	Fog water for a new ground. | **Maria Giovanna Di Bitonto**
10:20 – 10:35	Divided Cities in Syria: The Urban Basis of the Political Division. | **Munqeth Othmanagha**	10:20 – 10:35	Case Study: Khartoum. | A Gender-Sensitive Landscape Planning Approach in Urban Transformation to Improve the Quality of Everyday Life for All **Dr Mariam Wagialla**
10:40 – 10:55	Dérive today: Artistic research and the city space. | **Prof. Stefan Winter**	10:40 – 10:55	My Mabopane: Opportunities of Photovoice to Support Inclusive Green Space Engagement and Planning| **Linette Knudsen, Maria Heines**

11:00 – 11:15	The intersections of past and present policies in producing and perpetuating processes of division and integration in Cape Town. | **Dr. Kenny Chiwarawara**	11:00 – 11:15	Re-imagining the role of climate finance in promoting a just transition: Case studies of Prieska, Niekerkshoop and Marydale, South Africa. | **Sonwabile Lugogo**
11:20 – 11:35	Divided Architectures: Hidden Infrastructures of Separation and Cohesion. | **David Coyles, Clare Mulholland**	11:20 – 11:35	The role of the architectural profession within the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) in South Africa. | **Jason Oberholster**
11:40 – 11:55	Connecting cities across infrastructural divides: case studies from self-build practices in Tshwane east. | **Paul Devenish**	11:40 – 11:55	Building bridges between actors and territories in Mexico City. Challenges, opportunities, and paradoxes of initiatives that promote fairer and more sustainable food schemes. | **Dr Ayari Pasquier**
12:00 – 12:15	Indi-African geometric expression in Marabastad: Reforming ruptured urban fabric in Tshwane, South Africa. | **Kirti Mistry**	12:00 – 12:15	Social and spatial transformation in South Africa: Opportunities and possibilities of collaboration. | **Tariq Toffa**
12:20 – 12:35	The political and democratic city: the place of difference. | **Carolina Almeida**	12:20 – 12:35	The city is (not) a tree: the urban ecology of divided cities - An Approach To (Not Yet) A Solution. **Prof. Amira Osman, Carla Schmidt, Siegfriedt Schmidt**
12:40 – 13:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	12:40 – 13:00	*Discussion and Q&A*
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		

In-Person Sessions

14:00 – 14:20	Guest Speaker | **Prof. Stephan de Beer,** Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, SA	14:10 – 14:30	Workshop | TBC
14:20 – 14:40	Guest Speaker | **Prof. Noeleen Murray (TBC),** Research Chair in the Humanities at the University of Pretoria, SA	14:30 – 14:50	Workshop | TBC
14:40 – 15:00	Conversation | **facilitated by Phil Harrison,** South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning at University of the Witwatersrand School of Architecture and Planning	14:50 – 15:10	Workshop | TBC
15:00 – 17:00	Engaged Scholarship in the Divided City Workshop | by **Prof Genevieve James and Prof. Stephan de Beer**	15:10 – 17:30	Workshop | TBC
17:00 – 18:00	CAPS Workshop | hosted by **Ayanda Roji,** Convenor of the Centre on African Public Spaces; Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo	17:30 – 18:30	workshop | by **Prof. Nadira on Universal Design**
18:00 – 19:30	In plain sight event with invited speakers | hosted by **Dr Emmanuel Nkambule,** Tshwane University of Technology, SA	19:30 – 20:00	Workshop | TBC
19:30 – 20:00	Feedback | End of day 2		

Day 3: 7 July – Thursday, (Venue: hybrid conference at Capital Menlyn Maine, Pretoria), Time Zone: South Africa GMT+2.

THEME – PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATION AND TRUST: PEOPLE-BASED APPROACHES TO ADDRESSING DIVISIONS IN CITIES

09:00 – 09:30 | *Online Registration/ Web Log-in*

      Delivery of Information and Networking

09:30 – 09:35 | Tariq Toffa, Researcher, Educator, Architect, and Director of RE: think/design, South Africa.

09:35 – 09:40 | Break

Online Sessions

	Session 3 (online): **Territories and taxonomies**		Session 4 (online): **(Re)definitions**
Moderated by:	**Mr. Tariq Toffa,** Researcher, Educator, Architect, and Director of RE: think/design, South Africa	Moderated by:	**Dr. Robert Krasser,** responsible for Village and Town Development at the Salzburg Institute for Regional Planning and Housing (SIR)
9:40 – 09:55	Spatial Inequality of Accessibility to Urban Parks: case study of Auckland public housing developments. | **ITing Chuang, Jessie Colbert**	9:40 – 09:55	Places of worship in urban landscape: the role of participatory processes for their reuse in a European comparative perspective. | **Davide Dimodugno**
10:00 – 10:15	Most colonial' architecture; Orientalist architecture of Bosnia and Herzegovina along the border between national discourses. | **Prof. Džumhur Lejla**	10:00 – 10:15	Learning from The Falls Belfast: urban reflections on defensive space. A typological study of the Falls as divided street and its relationship with the Troubles and its landscape today and the Irish Language Movement as a rebirth of the old street into an Irish Language Street Strip. | **Dr. Alona Martinez Perez**
10:20 – 10:35	Urban form and health status in Gauteng, South Africa. | **Prof. Rhena Delport**	10:20 – 10:35	Unslumming the Slum of a Small Town: An Ethnographic Account from Bodh Gaya, India. | **Ritika Rajput, Arushi Rai**
10:40 – 10:55	Exploring Digital and Financial Divide and Its Effects on South African Women's Engagement in Entrepreneurship. | **Dr Tin Ojo**	10:40 – 10:55	Venting Practices: Navigating the interpersonal dynamics of socio-technical spatial design work in neo-Apartheid cities. | **Jhono Bennett, Olwethu Jack, Jacqueline Cuyler**

Time	Session	Time	Session
11:00 – 11:15	Interpreting the effects of changing Architectural Taxonomies in Diu Town. | **Dr Anisha Meggi**	11:00 – 11:15	The Role of Art in the Construction of Public Space: Istanbul Biennials from 1987 to 2019. | **Elif Eş**
11:20 – 11:35	Socio-spatial segregation as a consequence of Commercial Gentrification in Cumbaya, Quito – Ecuador. | **Prof. Mauricio Unda**	11:20 – 11:35	The design of a rural house in Bushbuckridge, South Africa: An Open Building interpretation. | **Wihan Hendrikz**
11:40 – 11:55	An ethnographic account on the desire for greenery in the affluent northern suburbs of Johannesburg, South Africa. | **Oda Maraire**	11:40 – 11:55	Repositioning architectural education through tactics of transgression. | **Jabu Makhubu**
12:00 – 12:15	African Urban Aural Environments: An Approach to the Urban Sound Ecologies of Johannesburg. | **Dr Barend Engelbrecht**	12:00 – 12:15	A PESTEL analysis for architectural organisations in South Arica. | **Francine VanTonder**
12:20 – 12:35	The informal land market in Belo Horizonte Metropolitan Area: evidence from public inspection of irregular subdivisions (2009-2018) | **Dr Daniel Freitas**	12:20 – 12:35	Containing the Human "Tree" in South Africa- what is the perfect size? | **Dr. Zaakirah Jeeva**
12:40 – 12:55	Divided cities: the language game as a violent strategy. | **Prof. Bruno Fernandes, Denise Morado**	12:40 – 12:55	Religion and Identity Construction: Unity in Diversity. | **Mansoureh Ebrahimi**
13:00 – 13:15	The Zinc Forest: Making Home in the Post-Apartheid City. | **Barry Lewis**	13:00 – 13:15	Architectural Agency: Seeking New Ground and Porous Borders. **Dr. Ciarán mackel**
13:20 – 14:00	**Lunch break**		

14:00 – 14:15	Adaptive reuse of buildings as a strategy to reconnect divided societies in Durban. | **Viloshin Govender, Claudia Loggia**	14:00 – 14:15	Question of Agency: What drives divisive space (re)production and spatial transformation in the City of Polokwane? | **Dr Frank Moffat, James Chakwizira, Sijekula Mbanga**
14:20 – 14:35	Addressing Housing Inequalities in Post-Conflict Belfast: A Transformative Justice Approach. | **Caitriona Mackel**	14:20 – 14:35	The Minimum Logic: The Influence of 1950s Native housing on Contemporary Affordable Housing in South Africa | **Nomonde Gwebu**
14:40 – 14:55	Geospatial based flood inundation mapping for developing an adaptation framework: a case for Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa. | **Dr Emmanuel Busayo**	14:40 – 14:55	Boxed In Challenges of Escaping the Inherited Spatial Realities of Apartheid from The Centre to The Periphery. | **Tebogo Ramatlo**
15:00 – 15:10	*Discussion and Q&A*	15:00 – 15:10	*Discussion and Q&A*
15:10 – 16:10	Guest Speaker | Professor Jia Beisi, Associate Professor of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.		
16:10 – 17:10	Guest Speakers | **Prof. Ivan Turok** 20 minutes (economic divisions), **Prof. Hope** 20 minutes (social divisions), **Prof. Amira Osman** (spatial divisions), **Prof. Mbanga** 20 minutes		
17:10 – 17:30	Feedback | Closing Ceremony		