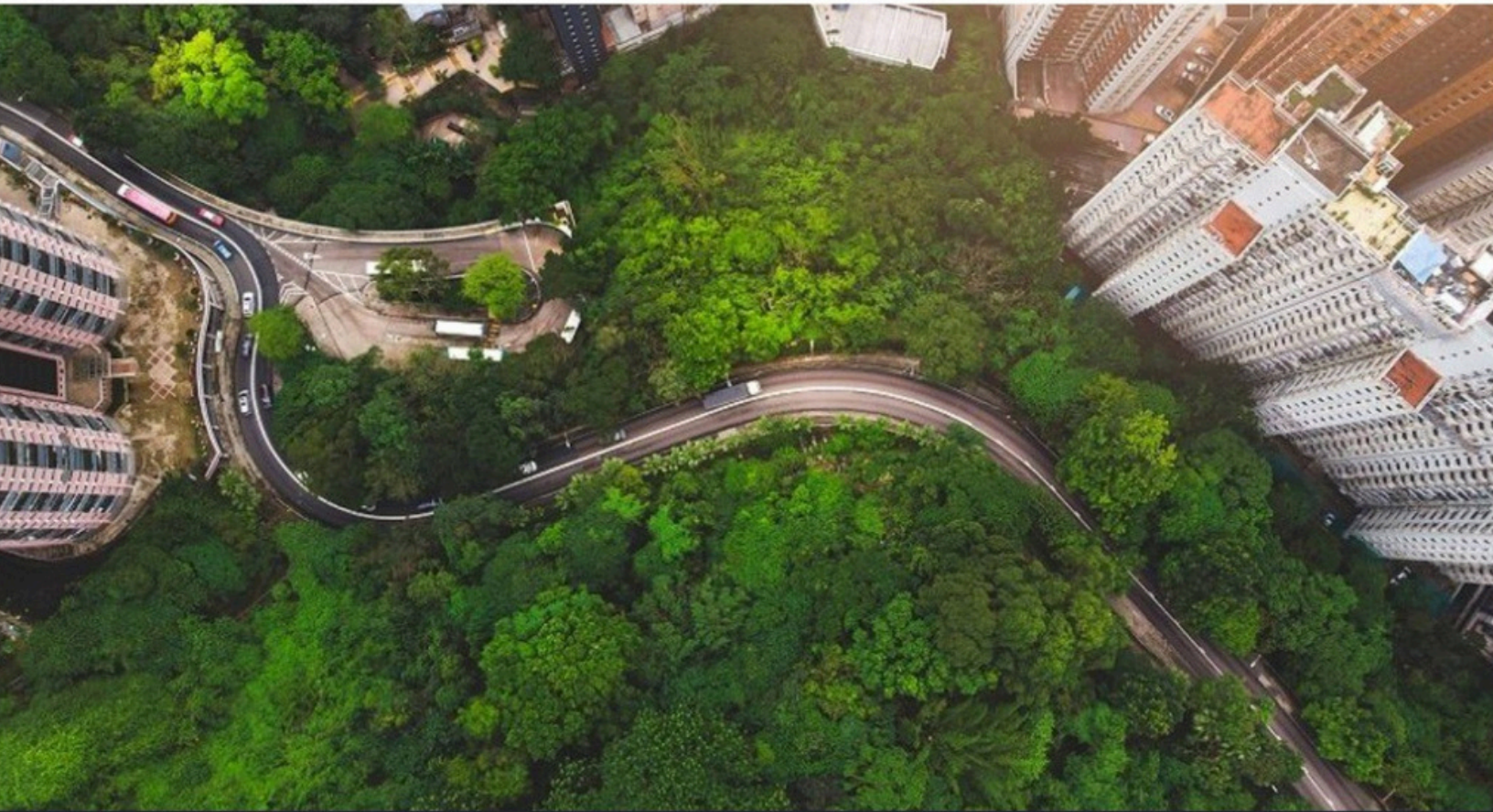




INDO-GERMAN SYMPOSIUM : RISKS, INTERSECTIONALITY AND INCLUSION IN (MEGA) CITIES

July 27th -28th, 2026
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Registration: 10.00 am – 10.30 am and High Tea

Day 1) Session I: 10.30 am – 1.00 noon

Inaugural: Prof. Balaram Pani, Prof. S.M.Pattnaik, Dr. Suboor Bakht, Dr. Amisha Jain, Prof. Farhat Naz

City Planning and models of Governance

1. Dr. Sumit Srivastava, 'WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) in Indian (Mega)Cities: Promises and Challenges'

2. Dr. Mohammad Arif, 'Thinking for Urban River Rejuvenation: Sewage Treatment Plant Governance, Environmental Risks, and Stakeholder Dynamics in the Varuna River Basin, India' (Online)

3. Prof. Dr. Nilika Mehrotra, 'Disability Intersectionality, Access and Inclusion in Higher Education Settings of India'

Q&A end of session

Lunch: 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

(Day 1) Session II: 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Mapping visible and Invisible Risks in (Mega) cities

1. Prof. Dr. Tabea Bork-Hüffer, 'Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DRM)'

2. Prof. Dr. Somitra Sanadhya, 'Cyber Security and Risk in City'

3. Prof. Dr. Markus Keck & Lara Sterzl, 'Intersectional Inequality in Urban Food Environments: Insights from India and Germany'

4. Dr. Channamma Kambara, 'Precarity in Informal Sector and Policy Gaps: Everyday Risks faced by Street Vendors in Bengaluru'

Q&A end of session

Networking dinner: 7.00 pm onwards

Day 2, (28th July 2026)

Session I: Reimagining Sustainable Infrastructure

11.00am–1.00pm

1. Prof. Dr. S. Manasi, 'Beyond Infrastructure: Risk, Intersectionality and Inclusion in Urban Waste Management'

2. Dr. Abdul Qayyum, 'Bridging the Urban Energy Gap: Challenges, Risks and Sustainable Solutions for the Megacities of the future'

3. Prof. Dr. Alexander Fekete, 'Interdependencies and Intersectionality of Urban-Rural Critical Infrastructure in Disaster Risk'

Q&A end of session

Lunch 1.00 pm- 2.30 pm

2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Presentations on funding opportunities by DFG, ICSSR and EU

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Prof. Dr. Farhat Naz: Pitching session: perspectives from below local community, CSOs

4.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Student sessions: Early career researcher presentation

Sibsankar Pradhan and TBC

Tea break: 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Special Lecture by: Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas: Multiple Risks, Intersectionality and Inclusion: Neglected Research Questions (with regional examples)

6.15 pm – 7 pm

Wrap up and way forward