

Panel 38: Human Health in Urban and Peri-Urban South Asia

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Abstract: Rapid urbanisation, globalisation, climate change and increasing population has placed immense on the human health of urban societies, particularly through degradation of water and land resources. Human health is a strong indicator for the condition of the social and ecological environment of these societies. Examining human health provides a powerful lens to look into the social, economic, political, cultural and ecological transformations of rapidly urbanising societies in South Asia. The panel proposes two sessions. The first session analysis the the “double burden” of disease that is particularly pronounced in urban areas, the changing nature of urban health risks as well as the implications for the urban health systems. The second session examines the rapid growth and and transformation of rural villages to city dimensions, or what Earth System Science Partnerships reports as ‘Peri-Urbanisation’. In specific, the session explores the causes of water resource degradation and its linkage on human health in the peri-urban societies in South Asia. The panel welcomes theoretical, methodological and interdisciplinary papers on different aspects of urban and peri-urban health. The panel aims to provide a forum for researcher and practitioners from different disciplines to exchange state of the art research on health in urban and peri-urban South Asia.

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