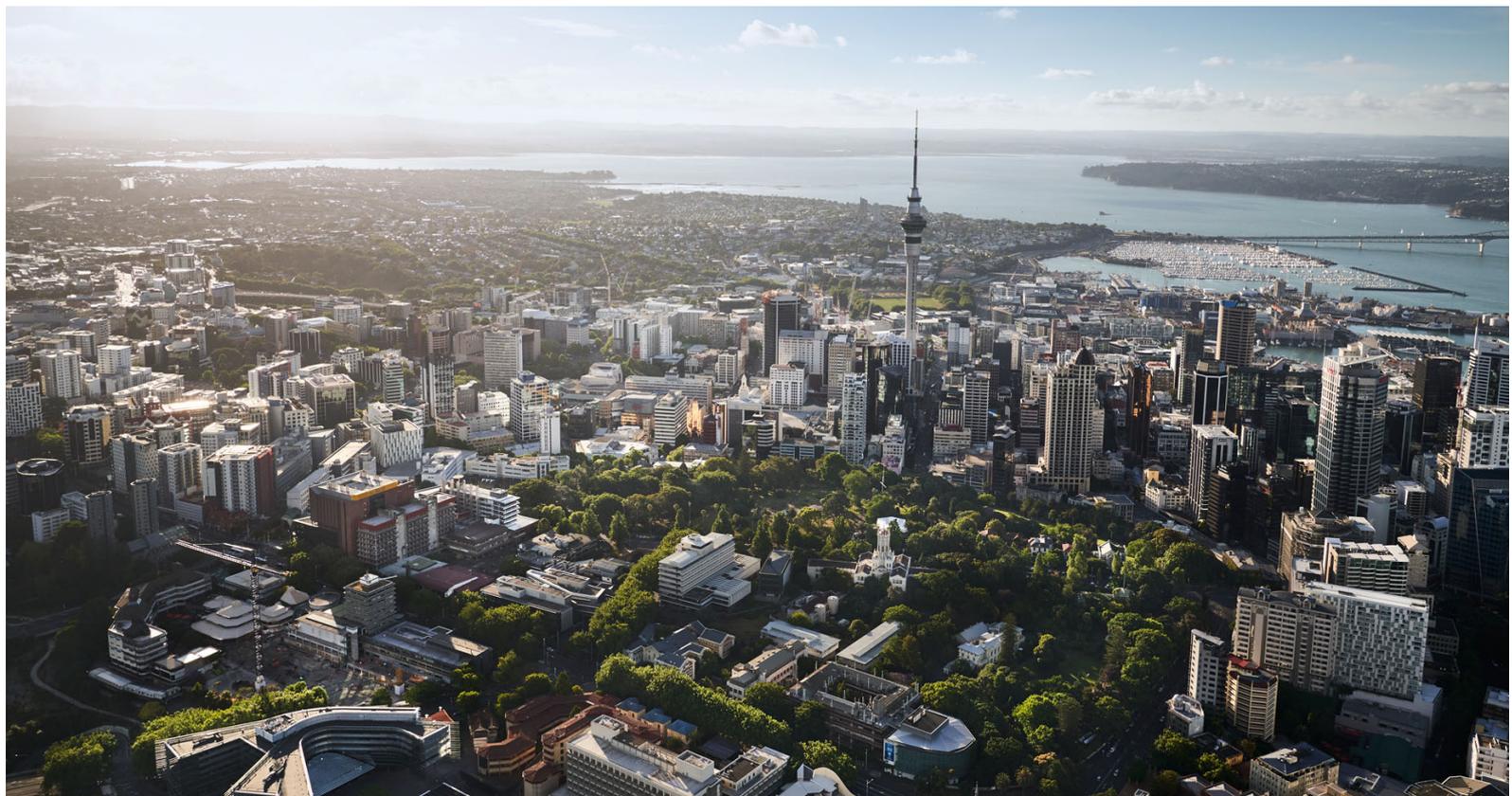


Association of Pacific Rim Universities Program Report 2020/2021



Sustainable Cities and Landscapes

APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Program Annual Report Major Accomplishments 2020 and Priorities for 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In spite of various challenges during the pandemic, the APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes (SCL) program successfully managed to sustain our major research and educational activities in virtual formats. Through our annual conference, Ph.D. symposium, the APRU Plus webinar series, the Routledge handbook project, and Asia-Pacific Mayors' Academy, the SCL Hub strengthened awareness of how our research and education around sustainable cities and surrounding landscapes could contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and strengthen resilience of the Pacific Rim in the era of the pandemic and climate change.

In 2020, we successfully completed our core initiatives, including:

- The largest annual conference to date, attracting 152 people
- The inaugural Ph.D. symposium, attracting 24 doctoral students from 7 economies
- The Routledge Handbook project, on track with 65 chapters across 10 sections
- A two-part webinar series on COVID-19, attracting a total of over 569 registrants
- A core partner of the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy

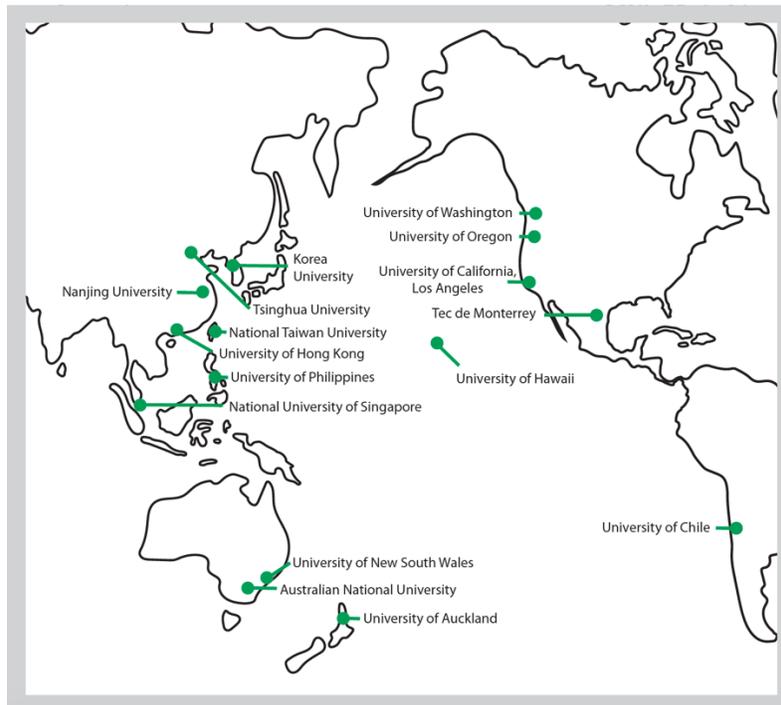
In 2021, celebrating the program's fifth year, our priority activities are:

- A leadership retreat for the next 5-year strategic planning
- The Routledge Handbook to be published around summer
- A webinar series around working groups and the handbook
- Various student engagement activities around climate change solutions

Program Overview

The mission of the APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes (SCL) Hub is to advance the sustainability of human societies, focusing on the relationship of cities and landscapes across the Pacific Rim. We seek to enhance landscape-level sustainability and resilience in the face of the continued expansion of cities and the stressors of climate change, resource depletion, population growth, human health, and environmental degradation. In November 2016, the University of Oregon (UO) began to implement the newly approved APRU SCL Hub when we convened an international steering committee with representatives from eight universities in Portland, Oregon. The charge of the international steering committee at that meeting was to develop a set of guiding principles for the work of the Hub, and to establish a process for hosting a series of annual conferences that would serve as a focal activity for building the intellectual agenda of the hub.

The APRU SCL Hub is currently guided by sixteen leading research universities from around the Pacific Rim: University of Oregon (UO), University of Washington (UW), University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH), University of Chile, Tsinghua University (THU), National Taiwan University (NTU), University of Hong Kong (HKU), University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia National University (ANU), University of Auckland, University of the Philippines (UP), Korea University (KU), Tec de Monterrey (TEC), National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanjing University. The program is hosted by the Global Studies Institute at University of Oregon and directed by Dr. Yekang Ko.



Our guiding principles are:

We want our work to be transformative. Despite being a research Hub, our inquiry is intended to foster on-the-ground change, which requires engagement from researchers, stakeholders, practitioners, businesses, government, and NGOs.

We strive toward broad and diverse understanding of sustainability. The Hub provides an opportunity to explore both the concept of sustainability and the different issues and goals derived from unique geopolitical contexts.

We seek broad geopolitical representation across the Pacific Rim. This representation is geographic, cultural, socioeconomic, and ecological. Sustainability must be achieved globally across cities, nations, and continents.

We will address the needs of underrepresented communities and vulnerable populations. In particular, we aim to contribute to the alleviation of poverty and inequality within marginalized populations and places.

2020 Goals and Objectives

In 2020, we aimed to:

1. Continue the Hub's core activities through the planned series of annual conferences
 - 1.1. Successfully host the 2020 conference in Auckland, New Zealand or digitally
 - 1.2. Facilitate the first APRU SCL Ph.D. Student Symposium as part of the annual conference
 - 1.3. Connect and engage members of our network including the steering committee, working groups, university members, and students through improved communication methods
 - 1.4. Support the development of the APRU SCL Handbook
 - 1.5. Disseminate the 2019 conference outcomes
2. Increase Hub awareness, advocacy and policy impacts
 - 2.1. Raise awareness of the SCL Hub through social media and press releases
 - 2.2. Engage with the Mayors Academy and other international programs
 - 2.3. Engage with practitioners, policy makers, and professional organizations to assess and improve the Hub's presence and impact
 - 2.4. Show alignment of Working Group themes with Sustainable Development Goals
 - 2.5. Establish sub-committees within the steering committee to strengthen advocacy, fundraising, and the core of the working groups
 - 2.6. Support members of our network during periods of unrest
 - 2.7. Work closely with APRU programs to showcase partnership and shared values
3. Build financial solvency for the Hub
 - 3.1. Host a second Advocacy Workshop at the APRU SCL Conference in Auckland
 - 3.2. Search for other funding opportunities

Major Activities and Accomplishments

Annual Conference & PhD Symposium

The APRU-SCL 2020 conference was hosted by the University of Auckland and organized by the Future Cities Research Hub at the School of Architecture and Planning. For the first time, a PhD Symposium was incorporated into the conference program in order to allow young researchers to experience and be exposed to the valuable conversations of the APRU-SCL network. The 2020 Virtual Conference and PhD Symposium focused on achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the post-pandemic world. In particular, the conference highlighted Indigenous knowledge and wisdom for justice and accountability and discussed how our disciplines and professions can advocate for the voices of Indigenous people.

The Conference Organizing Committee comprised academics from the School of Architecture and Planning and the Future Cities Research Hub, i.e.: Associate Professor Paola Boarin (Conference Director), Emeritus Professor Errol Haarhoff, Associate Professor Manfredo Manfredini (Symposium Coordinator), Dr. Mohsen Mohammadzadeh, and Dr. Alessandro Premier (Symposium Coordinator). A technical and management team from the University's Events Services (Jan Vernon, Laura Brown, Edward Biermann and Christine McGonigal) and a team of technicians from the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (Zane Egginton, Peter, Ross, Tracy Guo) contributed to the planning, preparation and delivery.

The conference was initially planned to be held in Auckland as a face-to-face event in early September 2020, but was then converted into a virtual conference amid the spread of the pandemic and postponed to mid-December 2020 to allow the Organizing Committee adequate time to prepare and receive papers for the symposium and enough time for working groups to recruit new members and work on preparatory activities. The shift from in-person to virtual not only required a new conceptualization of the whole event, but also the pioneering of a new virtual conference platform in order to enable attendees to participate in live panel discussions, one-on-one meetings with other attendees, group networking, and watch keynotes from presenters. The change in format also required the resubmission of funding applications to the UoA funding bodies.

All events took place during a time frame that enabled attendance from across the Pacific Rim.

The summary of the event structure is as follows:

- Day 1 (14th Dec): PhD Symposium (1/2);
- Day 2 (15th Dec): PhD Symposium (2/2) + Opening Steering Committee + Advocacy + Opening Plenary & Keynote;
- Day 3 (16th Dec): Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Keynote & Panel + WG meeting;
- Day 4 (17th Dec): SDG in New Zealand and Across the Pacific Keynote & Panel + Virtual Tours + PhDs presentations;
- Day 5 (18th Dec): Closing Steering Committee + WGs Presentations + Closing Plenary

Funding and Registration

The Conference Organizing Committee is grateful to the organizations who contributed to the success of the event through providing the following funds:

- The Association of Pacific Rim Universities through the allocation of the annual Conference Fund;
- The University of Auckland through the Vice-Chancellor Strategic Development Fund;
- The Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries through the Conference and Creative Events Fund;
- The School of Architecture and Planning through the Performance-Based Research Fund.

The conference received 142 registrations and had a total of 152 attendees. 56 out of the 142 registrations (39.4%) were fully funded thanks to the funding awarded to support the event.

Several categories of attendees received fully funded registrations, with the goal of prioritizing students and academics new to the APRU-SCL network. These included:

- PhD students accepted in the Symposium (24);
- Early Career Academics and Postdocs (6);
- Academics from Developing Countries (6);
- Masters' students (4);
- Other academics new to the network who provided a substantial contribution to the conference and/or symposium (16).

Plenary, Keynote Presentations and Panel Discussions

The Conference Opening Plenary Session began online on Tuesday, December 15th at the University of Auckland Marae, with opening words from Associate Professor Paola Boarin, Conference Director; Michael Steedman from the University of Auckland's office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Maori); Professor Diane Brand, Dean of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries; and Professor Jennifer Dixon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement). Associate Professor Damon Salesa, a prizewinning scholar specializing in colonialism, empire, government, and race, delivered an inspiring keynote presentation on the political economy and decolonization of development in the Pacific Rim.

Day 3 of the conference was dedicated to the topic of "**Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom**". Dr. Rhys Jones, a public health physician and Senior Lecturer at Te Kupenga Hauora Māori (TKHM), University of Auckland, delivered the keynote presentation, followed by a webinar panel discussion in which panellists Daniel Glenn (7 Directions Architects/Planners Seattle), Dr. Danièle Hromek (The University of Technology of Sydney), and Prof Davianna McGregor (University of Hawai'i), discussed the role of native knowledge in shaping the environment in different socio-political contexts of the Pacific Rim. A pre-recorded message from Prof Michelle Thompson-Fawcett (University of Otago) was also offered during the panel discussion.

The fourth day of the conference focused on the **UN SDGs and post-pandemic cities and landscapes**. Bernhard Barth, UN-Habitat's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Human

Settlements Officer, delivered a keynote presentation that highlighted the challenges that cities in the Rim face, including climate change, socio-spatial inequality, and housing affordability. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion with Sean Audain, City Innovation Lead at the Wellington City Council, Chris Aitken, past CEO of Kāinga Ora (Housing New Zealand), and Andreas Wesener, Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University, who shared their experiences and perspectives around UNSDGs and post-pandemic cities.



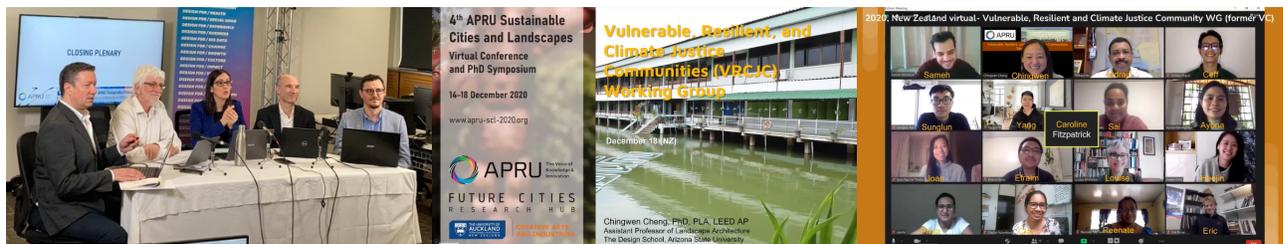
Working Group Activities

Eleven Working Groups participated in the 2020 conference. The WG leadership team and members, including PhD students, are included in the table below. Two new WGs were introduced at the conference: *Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom* and *Children, Youth and Environments*. The *Future Energy Landscapes* WG experienced a change in title and leadership. The *Transitions in Urban Waterfronts* and *Urban-Rural Linkages* WGs worked together in 2020.

Working Group Title and Leaders	TOT Members	Funded Members	Funded PhD Students
Children, Youth and Environments WG Leaders: Kate Bishop & Linda Corkery	15	1	1
Food Nutrition Security WG Leader: Robert Dyball	7	3	1
Future Energy Landscapes WG Leaders: Alessandro Premier, Ali & Amir Ghaffarianhoseini	14	1	2
Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom WG Leaders: Lena Henry & Rebecca Kiddle	17	7	2
Landscape and Human Health WG Leaders: Chun-Yen Chang & Po-Ju Chang	13	1	2
Smart Cities WG Leaders: Mohsen Mohammadzadeh & Mohammed Ali Berawi	11	3	3
Sustainable Urban Design WG Leaders: Errol Haarhoff, Paola Boarin & Manfredino Manfredini	14	3	3
Transitions in Urban Waterfronts WG Leaders: Catherine Evans, Anne Taufen & Ken Yocom	7	1	1
Urban-Rural Linkages WG Leaders: Yizhao Yang & Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard	7	0	2
Vulnerable Resilient and Climate Justice Communities WG Leader: Chingwen Cheng	17	4	5
Water and Wastewater WG Leaders: Kory Russel	13	0	2

The Working Groups are core to the SCL, but unlike previous conferences, the virtual format for the 2020 Auckland conference did not permit easy interaction between members. For this reason, a number of pre-conference zoom meetings were held between Working Group Leaders, who were encouraged to organize additional meetings with their Group members to establish and/or advance research programs in view of the conference. The pre-conference meetings were of special value to the new Working Groups (*Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom* and *Children, Youth and Environments*) and the WG under new leadership (*Future Energy Landscapes*), but also served to induct new members of established WGs.

PhD candidates accepted to the PhD Symposium were assigned to Working Groups relevant to their research topics, and they joined in Working Groups discussion just prior to, and during the conference. The inclusion of PhD students is seen as an important way of refreshing and building membership, and keeping them engaged in the long term is strongly encouraged.



PhD Symposium

The Symposium took place on December 14th and 15th 2020 and was held entirely online. The Symposium provided PhD students with the opportunity to present their research work related to topics of the APRU SCL Hub and the UN SDGs. A reflection on the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic on their research had to be included in the 3,000-word paper.

The organizing committee received 30 papers and accepted 24 of them after a double blind peer review process by the Symposium Scientific Committee. Accepted PhD students came from 7 countries and 11 institutions across the Pacific Rim and Europe. Students presented their research on Day 1 and worked in groups on Day 2 to discuss key cross-disciplinary sustainability challenges that emerged from their individual research and might inform the future activities of the APRU-SCL Hub. Students presented their findings on Day 4 during the closing conference plenary and received feedback from conference attendees.

Proceedings of the PhD Symposium as well as each student’s paper are now published on the Figshare platform hosted by the University of Auckland (<https://auckland.figshare.com/apru-scl>). In addition, conference proceedings have been published on Research Gate and will be published on the Future Cities Research Hub website to ensure greater visibility.



Virtual Tours

The original plan of the conference included excursions to distinctive and well-preserved native ecological “sanctuaries” of New Zealand’s volcanic land; a visit to Rotorua, the cultural capital of the indigenous Māori people; a trip to an outstanding open-air sculpture park on the shores of the largest NZ harbour, Gibbs Farm; and several tours to relevant indigenous settlements, sustainable greenfield and brownfield developments in the Auckland region. With the switch to an online format, this experiential component was substituted with three essential virtual tours in the Auckland region. The tours included a series of videos, a live panel discussion, and a QA session with expert guides. The videos were prepared with the support of a team of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries coordinated by Manfredo Manfredini and co-produced by Zane Egginton, Tracey Gao and Mairi Gunn. They included:

- Tour to Wynyard Quarter, Auckland, guided by Emeritus Prof John Hunt, School of Architecture and Planning, University of Auckland.
- Tour to Te Onekiritia / Hobsonville Point, Auckland, guided by Emeritus Prof Errol Haarhoff, School of Architecture and Planning, University of Auckland.
- Tour to Ōtuataua Stonefields and Watercare Coastal Walkway, Mangere, Auckland, guided by David Veart, former NZ Historic Places Trust (Heritage New Zealand) and the Department of Conservation archaeologist.



Advocacy

In 2019 the APRU SCL held its first strategic advocacy session. The aim of this session was to build a greater understanding of the capacity current SCL Steering Committee and Working Group leaders had for Advocacy, and identify possible networks the SCL Hub could leverage to develop new strategies. The COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted the planned roll-out of key messages for the Hub in 2020, but also provided an opportunity to reflect on the potential of advocacy during this period of disruption.

The online format of the 2020 conference allowed for increased participation and a broadening of the participant base to include PhD students. Advocacy co-chairs Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard (UNSW Sydney) and Adam DeHeer (Leapfrog Design) identified an opportunity to survey the conference participants and compare the feedback to that which was received in 2019.

The 34 respondents to the advocacy survey affirmed that, even in its infancy stage (four-years), the APRU SCL Hub does have a voice. There was an overwhelming desire to affect changes in policy and behaviours through the dissemination of knowledge within the Hub. An improved sustainable financial model and the development of digital storytelling and narrative content were identified as important mechanisms for advancing our advocacy work.

Post-Conference Survey Results and Plans

A post-conference survey was offered to registered participants (142) at the end of the event week and was kept open until 30th January 2021. 57 people responded to the survey (40.1%). 47.4% of respondents were PhDs involved in the Symposium, while the remaining 52.6% were academics involved in the Working Groups. Nine out of the eleven WGs were represented in the survey results (the two not represented were *Food and Nutrition Security* and *Water and Wastewater*).

The PhD Symposium received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students who valued the opportunities to share their views and ideas with their peers from across the Pacific Rim and learn about different practices and perspectives. PhD students enjoyed the conversations within the WGs, especially during the pre-conference preparatory meetings, but also highlighted the need for more time for conversations and roundtables.

Feedback from all conference attendees (including PhD students) demonstrated a high level of appreciation towards the new topic on Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom introduced at the 2020 conference and the related opening plenary presentation, keynote, and panellists. Positive

comments were also given in regard to the overall presentations, the efficient conference organization, the virtual conference platform, and the live support available to attendees at any time during and beyond the conference. However, attendees missed the face-to-face interaction that is typical of the APRU-SCL annual conference, and the virtual social events/platforms were consequently not well-attended. Just over 11% of respondents stated they did not meet prior to the conference to work on preparatory activities, while 16.7% met once, 55.6% met twice and 16.7% met three times or more ahead of the event. Overall, the Conference and PhD Symposium were well received by attendees. If given the opportunity, 91.7% of respondents would like to continue/advance the conversations/work with the members of their WG in 2021 and 75% would be interested in joining the APRU-SCL Conference in Hawai'i in person in 2022.

The Conference Organizing Team has published the proceedings from the Symposium (see [PhD Symposium](#) section), and virtual tours will be made available on the Future Cities Research Hub website. The team is also working on preparing a book proposal presenting and discussing the outcomes of the WGs and an expanded contribution from the PhD student who received the best paper award. More information will be circulated soon.

APRU Plus Webinar Series on Bottom-Up Resilience during COVID-19

By co-organizing with [the Pacific Rim Community Design Network](#), APRU SCL hosted a two-day webinar series on civil society's response to COVID-19 and challenges for the marginalized public. During the COVID-19 crisis, community self-help and mutual support have become critical to the survival of many individuals, lending a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable populations in our society. In contrast to the government or institutional responses, they represent the agency and ability of the civil society groups to mobilize in times of crisis—a process that has proven to be effective in other disaster scenarios.

The first of the webinar series—*Civil Society Responses Under COVID-19*—brought together researchers and organizers from Hong Kong, Manila, Melbourne, Shanghai, and Singapore to highlight exemplary efforts in their respective locations. Through short presentations followed by a roundtable discussion, the session explored what these efforts have in common and how they respond to specific social and institutional contexts. The session also examined the implications of the civil society efforts during COVID-19 for long-term social resilience in the Pacific Rim. The written report can be found [here](#).

The second part of the webinar series—*Challenges for the Marginalized Public Under COVID-19*—built on the discussion of civil society efforts on the first day to drill into the challenges facing marginalized populations during the pandemic. This second session brought together researchers and organizers from Hong Kong, Taipei, and Tokyo to highlight efforts of both supporting organizations and marginalized social groups during COVID-19. Through short presentations followed by a roundtable discussion, the session explored both the agency of marginalized groups to engage in self-help initiatives and the challenges faced by supporting

organizations. The session also explored the implications of these efforts for long-term social resilience in the Pacific Rim. The written report can be found [here](#).

The co-organizers of the webinar included Prof Jeffrey Hou, University of Washington, Assi Prof Shu-Mei Huang, National Taiwan University, and Assoc Prof Elizabeth Maly, Tohoku University.



The Routledge Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes

Despite the disruption of the pandemic, the Routledge SCL Handbook project is on track to be published in the summer of 2021. Yizhao Yang, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Oregon and Anne Taufen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma have continued to lead as Co-Editors of the APRU SCL Handbook along with 13 section editors. 65 chapters across nine thematic sections demonstrate the wide-reaching and in-depth work generated from the first three APRU SCL conferences. The Handbook serves to build and expand the knowledge of the Hub over the course of each annual conference with an aim to influence transformative change. All chapters contribute to the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, with particular emphasis on cities and human settlements as articulated by SDG 11, by focusing on three key areas: 1) city-landscape connection; 2) equitable development; and 3) climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Asia - Pacific Mayors Academy

The APRU SCL continued our commitment to the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy by collaborating with other partners: UNESCAP, UN-HABITAT, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and the United Cities and Local Governments-Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC). The training sessions offer new tools, strategies, and models to support leaders committed to sustainable urban development in achieving SDGs in 2030 as well as to respond to the urgent COVID-19 needs while envisioning the post-COVID era. Through cooperation and team-building generated between city leaders at the Academy, the Academy provides a robust framework for sustainable planning on short-term and medium-term scales. This year, 16 mayors from 9 countries virtually participated in the academy.

Due to the pandemic, the Mayors Academy went virtual for all modules this year. APRU SCL instructors continued to develop curriculum and deliver modules virtually for the entire program, focusing primarily on topics related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery, Urban and Territorial Planning, Urban Resilience, and Smart and Inclusive Cities. By combining rigorous research, pedagogy, and practical perspectives from professionals, APRU SCL instructors successfully completed the modules by actively engaging with the mayors and supporting accelerated city-level actions and peer-to-peer exchanges to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

This year, APRU Instructors included: Jennifer Amparo (University of Philippines Los Banos), Yizhao Yang (University of Oregon), Anne Taufen (University of Washington, Tacoma), Chingwen Cheng (Arizona State University), Mohsen Mohammadzadeh (University of Auckland), Yekang Ko (University of Oregon), and the Pacific Urban Resilience Lab team - Karl Kim, Russell Uyeno, Lydia Morikawa, Micah Fisher, and Paul Manson (University of Hawaii Manoa). Dakota M. Murray and Vicky Murray, graduate students from the University of Washington, Tacoma, provided technical support. Christina Schönleber, Senior Director of Policy and Programs of APRU and Chris Tremewan, Secretary General, continued to support the academy.



2021 Goals and Objectives

1. Continue the Hub’s core activities through virtual engagement and dissemination
 - 1.1. Organize the Virtual Leadership Retreat for the next 5-year strategic planning
 - 1.2. Organize the SCL Webinar Series
 - 1.3. Support SCL Handbook dissemination and promotion
 - 1.4. Support the 2020 conference outcome dissemination
2. Increase Hub awareness, advocacy and policy impacts
 - 2.1. Continue to raise awareness of the SCL Hub through social media and press releases
 - 2.2. Continue to engage with the Mayors Academy and other international programs
 - 2.3. Continue to engage with practitioners, policy makers, and professional organizations to assess and improve the Hub’s presence and impact
 - 2.4. Continue to show alignment of Working Group themes with Sustainable Development Goals
 - 2.5. Continue to support the Advocacy Committee and fundraising efforts, and work to strengthen the core of the working groups
 - 2.6. Support members of our network during periods of unrest
 - 2.7. Work closely with APRU programs to showcase partnership and shared values
3. Build financial solvency for the Hub
 - 3.1. Host a third Advocacy Workshop and Strategic Planning Workshop at the Leadership Retreat
 - 3.2. Search for other funding opportunities

Major Activities Planned in 2021

2021 is an important milestone for the Hub, making it necessary for us to revisit our trajectory and strategically plan for the next five years. Instead of the annual conference this year, the Hub is planning to host two major events for the 5th year celebration.

Virtual Leadership Retreat

The Hub leadership involved with the Steering Committee and Working Groups is planning a virtual retreat that involves an in-depth reflection of the past five years and strategic planning for the next five years. This retreat could further the long-term development of the Hub and help us broaden the impact of our collective voice within the global community through targeted academic and advocacy actions.

SCL Webinar Series

The Routledge SCL Handbook will be published in summer 2021. This 5th year anniversary poses a great opportunity for the Hub to engage with larger audiences through the significant academic outcomes generated by the Working Groups over the past five years. We are planning

on developing a series that will consist of thematic webinars organized by working groups and handbook sections. The series will provide a platform for working groups to advance and disseminate their work to broader audiences outside the Hub. All of the working groups and the handbook directly address the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, which will provide a direct connection to international organizations. We hope to build a repository of the webinars on the Hub's website, which can serve as a resource for classroom uses, professional training, and global engagement.

Student Activities for Climate Action

APRU SCL is planning to support various student activities for global climate action. First, in partnership with the Open Society University Network based at Bard College in the US, several SCL core universities are participating in Solve Climate by 2030 (solveclimateby2030.org), the campaign that aims to engage 100,000 students from 50 countries to #MakeClimateAClass by hosting webinars with influential speakers on the topic of climate change. Along with other APRU institutions, our core members Korea University, University of the Philippines Los Banos, the University of Auckland, and National Taiwan University are planning to lead a discussion on climate change by hosting a 90-minute webinar with their students between April 5th – April 14th —a few days before Earth Day—which will help universities and other institutions apply these learning tools in their own context. In addition, SCL is partnering with the APRU Global Health program to organize and run a student simulation activity on climate change mitigation through World Climate Simulation.



Quotes from Key Leaders and Partners

"The APRU SCL has created a community across the region engaged in transformation of urban and regional landscapes. Working with the renewable energy group has broadened my collaborators - I look forward to hosting this network and new members at the APRU SCL in Honolulu, Hawai'i in 2022!" – *Makena Coffman, University of Hawai'i, Manoa*

"Thanks to APRU for giving me the privileged opportunity to organize and deliver the Urban Resilience module for Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy along with other SCL instructors. The experience of working with international collaboration among dedicated institutional partners and

numerous volunteers to design, develop, instruct, facilitate, and support the academy is truly remarkable. I have learned as much from the mayors, the invited speakers, and other instructors on the subject matters as much as from their sharing of real-world experiences. It is mutually beneficial for researchers and practitioners to listen and learn from each other to advance theory and practice for making our cities and communities more equitable, resilient, and sustainable. This is the true dialogue we need to meaningfully engage academics with mayors to make transformative changes for positive impacts in their communities.” – *Chingwen Cheng, Arizona State University*

"Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub (SCL) is honored to contribute to the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy and support local actions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Through our expertise in urban sustainability and resilience, SCL instructors were deeply grateful for this opportunity to develop the curriculum and share their actionable knowledge. Engaging with mayors allowed us to learn their critical insights and better collaborate on developing place-based solutions." – *Dennis Galvan, Vice Provost for International Affairs, University of Oregon*

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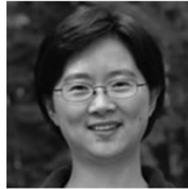
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