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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### CENTRE COMMUNITY and PROFILE

The Centre plays host to a **broad, multidisciplinary and diverse urban studies community**, with much of the Centre's activities conducted and co-designed with external partners and peers. Our work is engaging with matters pertaining not only to the climate crisis, but urban justice, the voices of urban youths, homelessness and exploited night work, or disinformation in cities – to name but a few. This is what, in many ways, makes us a centre that works *for* and *with* cities, not just about cities, with so many in our community spending much of our time 'out there' putting scholarship into practice. In 2023, the Centre employed a **core team of 47 staff** between management, administration, centre fellows and research assistants, directly funded by the Melbourne Centre for Cities. This core group is complemented by very active group of honorary and visiting academic staff (including three honorary professors), led by a cross-faculty Management Committee and supported by a wide number of partner institutions, not least by hosting the City of Melbourne Chair in Urban Resilience. Since launching as a Centre in September 2021 we have employed 73 professional and academic staff to fixed term contracts, and 14 casual staff – numbers that, if we were to keep tabs since our late-2018 foundations as a Lab, would be closer to the mid-hundreds, speaking of width of the Centre's community, alumni, and reach.

### CENTRE FOCUS

A thread underlining most of the work we do as a Centre is that of what we could loosely sketch as "**urban governance**" in so far as much of what we do has to do with the politics, governing and managing of urban spaces, and the relations of power that at the heart of city (but also suburban and peri-urban) life. A sizeable portion of our projects is directly engaged with, or studying closely, local government. Yet we also cover more and more expertly national and international scales of governance of cities, with a **specialism in connecting to the United Nations multilateral system** that is enduring since our original foundation. Likewise, a large proportion of our projects continues to tackle head on matters that pertain to **questions of urban inclusion**, with several engaged with under-represented voices in urban governance. Lastly, but certainly not least, is also a common thread of concern and proactivity on questions of resilience in the wake of **the climate crisis**.

As of December 2023, the Centre engages with **48 formal partners** through contracts, grants and MoUs, a wide network of collaboration that continued a mounting track record of impact delivered through collaboration. This involved both the extension of existing links (e.g. with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and C40 Cities), expansion of core partnerships (e.g. with City of Melbourne), delivery on new strands of collaboration (e.g. with DFAT), and scoping better opportunities to reach out to new partners. 2023 also saw the launch and growth of the Retrofit Lab – a hub for research and exchange hosted by the Centre and based in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, but with fast expanding ties across town and nationally.

### CENTRE OUTPUTS AND ENGAGEMENT

In 2023 Centre staff has delivered 50 scholarly works including 38 peer reviewed journal articles and 12 book chapters, with 3 books published across the year. This went alongside more than 24 news articles, plus over 12 pieces for *Pursuit* and *The Conversation*. Centre staff featured regularly in the news and media, as with Sabina Andron featuring prominently in the SBS documentary "Banksy and the Stolen Girl", and the ARC *Night Shift* project featuring in *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*. At the same time, in 2023, the Centre has hosted over 40 publicly accessible events, and attended workshops and conferences, in Australia and overseas, such as at COP28, the United Nations' Asia-Pacific Urban Forum and more academic convenings like the AusMob Conference and the Royal Geographical Association Annual Conference. The centre hosted its second one-day symposium "So, why is real change so hard?" continuing the hard questions theme of 2022, and the second edition of *Public Space Picnics* open-air talks and tours exploring neglected spaces across the university's Parkville, Southbank, and Burnley campuses. In collaboration with Grimshaw Architects, we also orchestrated a series of "Queer Urbanism" events featuring urban scholar Professor Ben Campkin culminating in the Centre's Inaugural Lecture entitled "Queer Infrastructures". The Centre also continued its proactive engagement with podcasting, with the co-production and co-hosting with Melbourne climate Futures of a third season of the *Climate Talks* Podcast, which won two Signal Awards this year, but also with a new miniseries on urban resilience in Melbourne.

### EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The work of the Centre in **seeking to build capacity in city leadership** with greater sustainability, inclusion and international mindsets continued productively in 2023, strong of a serious commitment on this education front made in our 2022 Annual Retreat and 2022-2025 centre strategy *Connecting Cities*. This takes place across a variety of scales. Within the university, we have continued to provide teaching service to the Melbourne School of Design through **Studio N** (planning cities at night) and the graduate course "**City Leadership**". Yet the most sizeable component of our capacity building plays out in practice and with local government. Supported by an investment by DFAT through the National Foundation for Australian-China Relations (NFACR), 2023 saw the two inaugural cohorts of our **City Diplomacy Masterclass** take up by a bespoke bilateral exchange of Australian and Chinese local government officials, in a national (if not world's) first, with 28 climate advocates from cities as diverse as Cairns, Wyndham, Guangzhou and Tianjin taking part in the program in Melbourne, Canberra, Hong Kong and Dubai.

This also extends to building space for new voices in city leadership, often beyond 'global' and 'capital' cities. For instance, in 2023 Foundation for Young Australians and the Centre partnered to help Horsham (Victoria), Mackay (Queensland), Wollongong (NSW) and Cairns (Queensland) elect **the first four "young mayors" in the country**. The impact of what was but an initial research idea has been sizeable: 7,095 young people aged 11 to 17 in three states voted in these elections across 31 schools, with 41 young people democratically elected in 2023 by their peers.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



As we wrap up a packed twelve months of Centre work, I type this en route back from a significant 28th edition of the United Nations Climate Talks ('CoP28'), in Dubai, where for the first time a dedicated two-days of the summit focused on cities, as well as a specific ministerial meeting, and a declaration to do better at linking states and city halls around the world. This, in many ways, is what we are about as a Centre for Cities. We have been supporting, not just at CoP28 but across the year, cities and urban stakeholders to build a better, namely more sustainable and inclusive, urban age. We have been engaging in uncomfortable settings and questions, like the oil-rich reality of the UAE where the talks took place, and we have not shied away from putting ourselves into some of these complex realities. We have been engaging with matters pertaining not only to the climate crisis, but urban justice, the voices of urban youths, homelessness and exploited night work, or disinformation in cities – to name but a few. This is what, in many ways, makes us **a centre that works for and with cities**, not just *about* cities, with so many in our community spending much of our time 'out there' putting scholarship into practice. In that, I see a bright future ahead, but I would also like to pause and acknowledge the wealth of work, commitment and effort that goes into this, especially for a small reality like ours that is so deeply in the hands (and the tireless efforts) of an amazing group of early career scholars facing uncertain futures amid today's deeply challenging academic environment.

So, 2023 has been an interesting mid-way year that mixed continuities and consolidations to some important novelties. We entered the year, the second formal one for us as a centre after three as a smaller Lab, looking ahead with more attention for our strategic stance developed collaboratively at our 2022 retreat, and with ambitious goals we set out, with advice from our board, to making space for a community of engaged cities scholars in the University of Melbourne. 2023 was, in our and my view, to be a year of continuity, and in many ways, it has been blissfully so. We witnessed a successful second annual Centre Symposium, asking again a 'tough' urban question, "Why is real change so hard?". We also hosted again one of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning Dean's Lectures, with Prof Greg Clark packing rooms and stakeholder consultations with Vic Government, focusing on the national urban policy that Australia needs. And we have seen

a steady stream of guests and visitors, from as close as Sydney to as far as Poland, with much more planned for 2024. The student-led Public Space Picnics series took us again across campus, and the second cohort of the phenomenal Horizons doctoral academy met throughout the year to ponder tough issues with being an 'urban' PhD, but also looks forward positively by building cross-disciplinary connections. Once again we made strides in pushing for greater attention to the urban Pacific, co-hosting for instance a high-level visit and extending in-country fieldwork, or for youth voices to be heard in cities big and small, with the fifth year of the Evidence 2 Action program by Fondation Botnar and of the Innovate 4 Cities partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors delivering both a unique 'global marketplace' of climate solutions, and busy CoP28 of pivotal events toward better inclusion of cities in climate talks. Our international bridging role has continued prolifically. We saw the election of the first four youth councils of the Foundation for Young Australians' "Young Mayors" initiative we seeded, learning from Bristol, back in 2021. Once again, we made a great show of collaborating with the UN system, as with delivering at the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum in Suwon, Korea, the United Nations State of Asia-Pacific Cities report we supported the UN ESCAP and UN-Habitat to release. We also continued our close engagement with City of Melbourne, with our Urban Resilience program through the joint Chair that saw the new Retrofit Lab getting underway with an amazing Retrofit Symposium.



CITY DIPLOMACY MASTERCLASS AT COP28 IN DUBAI

Our own Town Hall building first, and CoP's Expo City last, were also fitting settings where, alongside Lord Mayor Sally Capp, we celebrated the success of pilot world-first 'City Diplomacy' masterclass that saw 28 amazing climate champions from Chinese and Australian cities, from Tianjin to Adelaide, from Wyndham to Guangzhou via Onkaparinga, Shanghai and Cairns, deliver a unique bilateral exchange whilst learning about global urban governance. This demonstrated, courtesy of DFAT investment, not only our resolve to build better city capacity, but also to do so working in the complex world of international relations. Some significant innovations also started helped us

forge a multilayered identity as a Centre. We inaugurated an Annual Lecture week, with Professor Ben Campkin's marathon of talks on Queer Urbanism. As this week of incredible activities shows, Centre activities take place in the spaces where our heart is as an urban collective. 2024 will see two more of these Annual Lecture series, on Indigenous Urbanism and African Urbanism. Our queer urbanism events were flanked by an expansion of academic discussions within the Centre, in the form of a research-focused Annual Retreat, a Work-In-Progress day, a reading group, and a series of ECR sessions. We continued to grow connections with peers across campus, as the year started with the output of a terrific project delivered with the Faculty of Architecture's Informal Urbanism Hub (InFur-) looking at informal workers in Asia megacities during the pandemic, and wrapped up with celebrating that our collaborative podcast with Melbourne Climate Futures, "Climate Talks", brought home two much deserved Signal Awards.

All of it gave us glimpses of what we are as centre of activity and urban exchanges. Yet it also went side-by-side with the challenge of operating as a medium-sized externally facing (by funding too) unit at a time of complexity for the higher education sector as much as for the cities 'sector'. Whilst colleagues in Town Halls around the world faced budget crunches and housing crises, we saw strikes, heated debates and intricate implications of new workforce legislations, challenging realities of inclusion and tolerance, and deep seeded inequalities that still affect the academic world. In many cases we have not shied away from these, but sought to learn and improve on our approaches. In several instances, as with challenging research themes, or with community building initiatives, we have where possible funded ourselves efforts at improving our realities, putting what we can of our limited resources to work in areas we intrinsically believe in. Much of this has shown us how much we depend on the goodwill, collegiality and candid engagement of researchers that have made the Centre home, even if for a brief time in some cases. So, if we have come, I think, a long way from the humble beginnings in small room on level 2 of the then-called Melbourne School of Design Building in 2018, much of that need for urban community remains. In nearly 6 years we have achieved much and are seeing the fruits of these efforts paying off with recognition and impact, making a growing case for our role and commitment to our wider region, our City, and the many disciplines we serve studiously amidst a packed agenda of 'action research' engagements. In between all of this our 2022-new administrative team showed a unique resolve in tucking their sleeves up and delivering through often byzantine complexities of academic thinking, often tricky operations processes and still challenging post-pandemic university systems.

I remain continuously grateful, not least for the patience throughout the complexities above, to a Centre management team that valiantly gets together to make our place a better community of scholars from all career positions. To that end I add here a special thank you to Prof David Bissell, newly minted Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia, who ends his tour of duty as Deputy Director and champion of our doctoral

academy, after having been instrumental in our Centre set up. Likewise, we could not conclude the year without congratulating another Deputy Director, A/Prof Cathy Oke, for the outstanding achievement of a 2023 Medal of the Order of Australia for her contributions (too many) to local government and the environment. And, first and foremost rather 'last but not least', I owe much as a director to a group of outstanding early career scholars that, from very different paths of life and with a resolve we should celebrate, still make the Centre a place worth getting up in the morning for, with enthusiasm and good hope for the future.



A NIGHTWALK WITH NIGHT MAYORS IN MELBOURNE FOR ARC "NIGHT SHIFT"

So, as we head into yet another Australian summer break (and barefoot bowls celebrations as per tradition), 2023 has been a year of continuities and cautious optimism, but also of evidence that we do matter not just on campus but in urban governance more in general, and that what we do makes a critical difference to many. I look back to the last twelve months with a pleasantly proud sigh of gratitude, and as I remind myself to wind down a bit of the hot Australian summer, I cannot but be excited for what 2024 has already in store for us.

**Prof Michele Acuto,**  
Director, Melbourne Centre for Cities





CENTRE FELLOWS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT THE 2023 CENTRE RETREAT

## THE CENTRE COMMUNITY

In 2023 our community continued to expand and consolidate, working across a wide breadth of urban studies disciplines, approaches and thematic interests. After a considerable Centre growth over 2022, the second full year of Centre operations also saw a new generation of centre staff get settled in our Baldwin Spencer Building offices. As we detail more in depth on our

The Centre is characterized by a **dynamic and diverse** community.

website and Connecting Cities strategic vision, this builds on an initial kick off period for the Centre in 2021, and three years of piloting of our set up as a Lab since 2018 before then, and we remain grateful to the many 'alumni' that helped us build the Centre as is today through the projects and initiatives conducted

then, not least through the complexities of two deeply disrupted pandemic years in 2020 and 2021.

In the past year, the Centre hosted a core team of **47 between management, administration, centre fellows and research assistants, directly funded by the Melbourne Centre for Cities** in 2023, with 33 currently employed as of 22 December 2023. This involved the 7 academic members of the Management Committee, tasked with regular oversight of the Centre core activities and direction, a team of 4 to 8 administrative staff working closely with Director and Deputy Director (operations and strategy) and project Principal Investigators in the daily administration of Centre activities, as well as a lively group of 21 Fellows and RAs employed through the year on projects and Centre activities. As with 2022 and 2021, the size of Centre staff ('fellows', RAs and administration) is indicative of both the variety of externally funded projects supporting early career appointments, as well as commitment by university academics from variety of diverse discipline to engage with the Centre. This also influences the permanency of the Centre core team, resulting in a continuously changing community, due to the nature of the fixed-term and impact-oriented projects we undertake.

Notably, since launching as a Centre in September 2021 we have employed **73 professional and academic staff to fixed term contracts, and 14 casual staff**. These are numbers that, if we were to keep tabs since our late-2018 foundations, would easily be in

the high hundreds to say the least – a demonstration of the breadth of the community that made the Centre the place we know today.

As with previous annual reports, the Centre has remained actively engaged with a good sized community of graduate researchers. Importantly, 2023 saw the second run of our 'Horizons' doctoral training academy, fully funded by the Centre after a successfully pilot in 2022 co-supported with University Chancellery. **Horizon's 2023 cohort consisted of 14 graduate students**. This year, the cohort hailed not only from across campus, but was opened to colleagues coming from across town, with researchers from RMIT, Monash and Vic Uni. Horizons of course went hand in hand with a wider community of doctoral researchers engaged in Centre activities and projects, still predominantly with an international background and researching a vast array of urban issues. This was celebrated at our annual symposium with a bespoke doctoral panel two-part session, but also regular spotlights in our events around the year. In particular, this year we would like to commend those many graduate researchers that, whilst deeply embedded in their doctoral projects and running against candidature deadlines, have also undertaken roles of Centre Fellows working on funded projects often by balancing what are in all intents and purposes typically seen as 'postdoctoral' duties next to their own doctoral commitment. This is a continuing characteristic of our Centre, and one we remain thankful for to those many.

More information about staff profiles can be found on the [Centre's website](#) and dedicated University [Find an Expert Centre Page](#) both linked here.



TOP: THE CENTRE HOSTS THE DELEGATES FROM THE MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS  
BELOW: PROF SARAH BELL AND MARITA DOAK AT THE I4C RESEARCH MARKETPLACE AT CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

## PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Offering a centre “for cities” without a specific topical persuasion, be that of “sustainable”, “smart” or “inclusive” cities, is a specific choice we made back in 2020 with the purposeful intent to be a **connector between diverse and often siloed discussions** around the future of cities and the role of city leadership. To that end, our Centre continues to host a wide variety of themes and projects.

In terms of overall Centre profile, as of December 2023, the Centre hosts 29 current research projects, alongside (see below) a series of educational and capacity initiatives. This stresses that, whilst our underpinning role is one of university centre for research and

**38** projects

70% externally

funded + partnered.

research training, much of what we do is invested in a progressively well-established profile as hub for capacity building internally to the university sector and externally with urban governance

stakeholders. Over the course of 2023 the Centre has hosted 38 formal projects in total (not including PhD research projects), with 70% of these either funded fully or in major part by external partners and donors, and but 3 of 38 projects not with a formal external partner to the university. These, just like in 2022, are facts that to us offer clear indication of our distinctive ‘partnership’ identity embedded in our work.

Capturing the breadth of the themes these projects have covered is no small feat. A thread underlining most of them is that of what we could loosely sketch as “urban governance” in so far as much of what we do has to do with the politics, governing and managing of urban spaces, and the relations of power that at the heart of city (but also suburban and peri-urban) life. A sizeable portion of our projects is directly engaged with, or studying closely, local government. Yet we also cover more and more expertly national and international scales of governance of cities, with a specialism in connecting to the United Nations multilateral system that is enduring since our original foundation as a Lab in 2018. Likewise, a large proportion of our projects continues to tackle head on matters that pertain to questions of inclusion, with several engaged with under-represented voices in urban governance. Lastly, but certainly not least, is also a common thread of concern and proactivity on questions of resilience in the wake of the climate crisis.

### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE PROJECTS

In 2023 we saw some of our major Australian Research Council-funded projects hitting the ground running, with Night Shift solidifying close connections with the Cities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Canberra (through the Australian Capital Government). Whilst undertaking fieldwork in these cities focusing on the voices and atmospheres of night workers, the project took active part in hosting an international night-time economy summit (the ‘NEON Summit’) in Sydney as organised by the New South Wales Government Team 24, with the Centre taking the helm of a workshop and on-the-street tour of international ‘night mayors’ and local nightlife experts. This went

hand in-hand with a similar workshop co-organised with University College London at UCL East with the Greater London Authority’s night time team and Night Czar, to name but one of many such ARC-fuelled efforts to create more inclusive night time economies.

Recognition for these nationally funded projects continues steadily, but this goes well beyond post facto impact. Many of the grant-based project the Centre is hosting spend significant time co-producing research questions and insights, and many of our funded initiatives see our team proactively engaged in policymaking and urban governance. A perfect example of this has for instance been the appointment of Centre Deputy Director Prof Alison Young to the City of Melbourne’s Homelessness Advisory Committee building on the ARC project Justice in the Streets. This goes hand in hand with similar roles at other urban politics scales, as with Centre Director Michele Acuto to the National Urban Policy Advisory Network providing input on the country’s incoming national framework.

### INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Centre remains engaged as a key driver or lead in major research programs that are directly plugged into international responses to global challenges like climate change. These are not only focused on research and analysis but also on dissemination and capacity building in the multilateral arena and for cities well beyond Australia.

The Centre’s leadership of the Global Covenant of Mayors Innovate4Cities program has for instance supported a wide variety of initiatives and events for 2023, including the Innovate4Cities series of Global Marketplaces. The Marketplaces, hosted by our partners, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and UN Habitat, offered a chance to expedite research and climate action in cities. In October, the I4C Global Marketplace provided a virtual platform to identify, explore, and connect challenges, knowledge, and solutions for addressing the climate crisis through action in cities and local governments.

operating at the **core**  
of global  
networks,  
connecting worldwide  
and local priorities.



INNOVATE4CITIES GLOBAL MARKETPLACE TEAM

Likewise, in 2023, the Centre sustained its four-year collaboration with the Botnar Foundation, a Swiss philanthropic organisation, within the framework of the Evidence 2 Action (E2A) Project. During this period, the Centre continued to implement the E2A framework from the Foundation, influencing and guiding its involvement and financial initiatives that aim to support youth in urban settings. The E2A project serves as another illustration of the Centre's unique capability to collaborate with philanthropic entities not merely as financial backers but as catalysts for transformative change in urban areas. This collaboration emphasises the Centre's commitment to fostering an inclusive and evidence-driven approach to urban governance, particularly in international contexts.

### CONVENING URBAN RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The Centre has taken to heart the role of offering a university platform for urban research and training across the University of Melbourne and tackled this role head on in its first year of operations. This role has not only sought to outreach across the centre's Faculties with an Associates program, but also taken the shape of a program of events and training detailed below. Key in achieving our mission to support the next generation of urban researchers has been the Centre's 'Horizons' program.

The Horizon's doctoral program was initially piloted in 2022 for a select cohort of graduate researchers, with support from the University's Researcher Development Unit. The initial program on internationalising doctoral experiences and broadening career trajectories following two years of Covid-19 restrictions. 2023 saw the program taking a more intersectional approach, drawing in fourteen representatives from a wide range of disciplines and faculties. **For the first time Horizons was expanded to allow applications from candidates based in other Melbourne-based universities.** The 2023 cohort included representatives from RMIT University, Monash University, Victoria University, and Zhongnan University of Economics, with thesis topics ranging from circular building models to urban innovation precincts to informal settlements in the Pacific.

Monthly workshops focused on key career pillars critical to successful careers within and beyond urban studies, drawing upon learnings from parallel expert panel sessions in the 'City Building' seminar series. The program culminated in a half-day workshop where cohort members drew out key 'threads', with candidates presenting their synthesised reflections to a panel of esteemed urbanists. Reflections ranged from the critical need to more deeply consider and address mental health in early career pathways to wider acceptance of the centrality of failure in experimentation, publication, and direction in academic trajectories. As with 2022, participants also noted the key role of

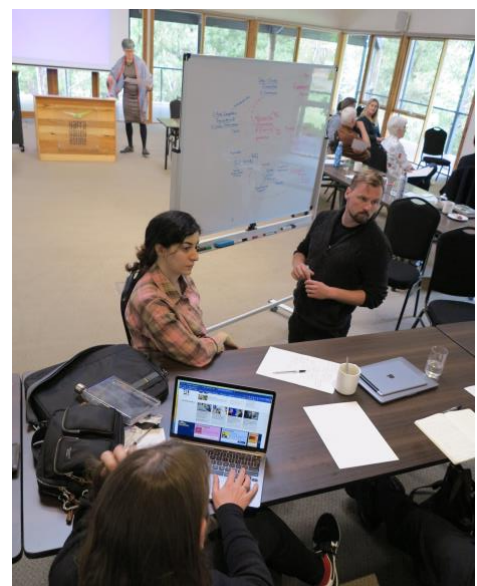
the program in unpicking the 'dark arts' of navigating the complexity and often informal elements of academic life.

### CITY BUILDING – A SEMINAR SERIES

The Melbourne Centre for Cities City Building series is a monthly roundtable workshop for Centre members and the wider university community. The City Building workshops are designed to equip postgraduates and early career scholars who are part of the Melbourne Centre for Cities with professional skills to enable them to position and represent themselves for their future careers. The series is open to all but is designed with an audience of early career researchers, doctoral students, and ambitious honours and masters students in mind. From June 2023 – through to November we have run 6 City Building sessions that have built connections across the Centre to develop shared ideas and discuss points of tension with other researchers working on design, governance, ecology, technology, and other city-related issues.

### ANNUAL RETREAT

In March, the Centre embarked on its Annual Retreat, which offered 27 centre researchers and professional staff the opportunity to reflect on their own individual research, connect with other members in the Centre, gain insights into Centre research, projects, and contribute to shaping strategies for the Centre's ongoing and future initiatives. Throughout the **two days**, Centre management facilitated **six sessions**, featuring discussions ranging from Research Connections to pitching ideas in the *Campaigning for Change* session, sparking conversations that led to the formulation of two Research Campaigns for the Centre. Interwoven between these sessions, researchers presented recent findings from various projects and papers, offering glimpses into the diverse range of research within the Centre.



SOMBOL MOKHLES AND DR ALEXEI TRUNDLE PRESETTING AT ANNUAL RETREAT





TOP: ECR SEMINAR SERIES  
BELOW: CENTRE FELLOWS PRESENTING AT THE WIP DAY IN OCTOBER

## WORK-IN-PROGRESS DAY

Following the successful presentation and discussion of researchers' projects at the Annual Retreat in March, Centre academics gathered in October to revisit and share their current research with each other at a Work-In-Progress Day. Researchers heard from their peers about recent and ongoing research projects, and provided feedback for development and extension. Some of the featured presentations included: Alison Young (along with Hristijan Popovski and Kajsa Lundberg): 'Spatial Justice and Bodies in Public Space'; Judy Bush, Georgia Garrard, and Cathy Oke: 'Playbook for Urban Biodiversity'; and Rebekah Plueckhahn: 'Deciphering Power amid Accumulated Waste: The Effectiveness of Cynicism in Ulaanbaatar'.

## EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER SESSIONS

The ECR Sessions are a series of monthly events that started in August 2023, programmed, organised, and led collectively by Early Career Centre staff. The framework responded to requests by the ECR Centre community for a more cohesive programme aimed at ECRs, including peer support, learning, and organisational culture. We ran four sessions in 2023 with more planned for 2024 on small grants for qualitative urban research and a methods workshop. The activities had good engagement so far, also leading to better cross-Faculty communication and awareness, and representing a well-supported opportunity for ECRs to contribute to the Centre programme.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering is a fundamental characteristic of the Centre's work. Our explicit 'partnership' approach was identified by the Centre's advisory board in its 2022 (May) meeting as a distinctive feature of how we operate as a Centre; one that differentiates us both locally and internationally as an innovative academic unit. It is also critical as we strive to deliver impact through excellent research and training.

As of December 2023 the Centre engages with 48 formal partners through contracts, grants and MoUs, a wide network of collaboration that continued a mounting track record of impact delivered through collaboration. This involved both the extension of existing links (e.g. with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and C40 Cities), expansion of core partnerships (e.g. with City of Melbourne), delivery on new strands of collaboration (e.g. with DFAT), and scoping better opportunities to reach out to new partners.

**48** formal  
partnerships

Aligned with the 'Global' pillar of the University's Advancing Melbourne 2030 Strategy, the Centre has focused much of 2023 strengthening partnerships with Asia and the Pacific. This has included engaging deeply with key urban-engaged organs of the United Nations, as well as strengthening relationships and collaborations with existing networks, such as the Pacific Urban Partnership. Collaboration with international peers has also expanded steadily, both with growing ties in Toronto (UofT) and Manchester (UoM), as well as initial development of a closer partnership in Singapore with Singapore Management University's new Urban Institute and Hong Kong University's new Urban Systems Institute.



URBAN NATURE: URBAN MYTH SYMPOSIUM



TOP: PAULINE BOSETO MCNEIL AT THE  
CLIMATE-HEALTH URBANISATION NEXUS  
BELOW: DR ALEXEI TRUNDLE AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC URBAN FORUM

2023 saw the concurrence of both the 6th Pacific Urban Forum and the 8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum, both co-hosted by UN-Habitat and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. As a member of the PUF6 steering committee the Centre contributed significant resources to the running of the Pacific's apex urban event, run every four years, alongside partner organisations such as the United Nations Development Program, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum. The event, hosted for the first time by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, was the largest held to date, with more than 300 participants taking part with the support of Suva City Council and the Government of the Republic of Fiji.

In mid-2023 the Centre formalised its partnership with UN ESCAP, the one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Building on technical support of the Suva City Voluntary Local Review into the Sustainable Development Goals, the partnership centred upon supporting the development of two of the four thematic chapters of the

quadrennial 'State of Asian and Pacific Cities' Report. The flagship UN report – titled Crisis Resilient Urban Futures – was released at the 8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum in Suwon, Korea, in October, with the partnership with UN ESCAP to continue into 2024.

Centre projects have also focused on depth of partnership, with collaboration seen not simply a matter of collecting wide lists of associations but rather as a measure of our presence and two-way communication with scholarly peers as well as non-academic institutions. It has generally translated into common commitments, goals and investments, often involving jointly engaged (where not jointly appointed) staff and teams.

partnerships  
translated into common  
**commitments,**  
**goals** + investments

The approach engages with a variety of industries, not just local government. For instance, a distinctive expertise the Centre offers is that of working with philanthropy. This is for instance the case of a close collaboration with Fondation Botnar (Switzerland) and Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation (Australia). The Evidence to Action (E2A) Project is a Fondation Botnar initiative that facilitates meta-learning across its Cities Portfolio projects focused on young people's wellbeing in intermediary cities worldwide. In November 2023, the Evidence to Action (E2A) Project Team hosted the E2A Global Evidence Building and Learning workshop with support from Fondation Botnar. Participants joined from various Fondation Botnar projects and programs worldwide to share their expertise and experiences to discuss participatory evidence-building practices that centre young people in intermediary cities.

#### CITY OF MELBOURNE PARTNERSHIP

Our Connecting Cities strategy dedicates a special page to the relationship with the City of Melbourne as a local government we have sizeable engagement with, and it does so more than fairly. 2023 was again a busy year of City-Centre collaborations, with already a few examples sketched above, as for instance around the night-time economy, urban nature, and homelessness, of how we participate actively in policymaking and support for a wide breadth of City activities, departments and concerns. This applies not only to what we do to shape the City itself and to make our own local government and urban setting a better place, but also on how we collaborate with the City with an outward focus. For example, the City Diplomacy Masterclass program worked closely with the City to play host to the first cohort of the DFAT "Shared Pathways" group attending the masterclass in May, leading to our team supporting the City's engagement with Guangzhou in China in July and proactive effort at the CoP28 Climate Talks in December, but also feeding into the City's International Strategy with an explicit acknowledgment of the value of 'city diplomacy'. This is but one of many such examples for 2023, with other like the "Urban Nature: Urban Myth?" symposium for urban practitioners in May 2023 also stressing the road (or tram to be precise) between Town Hall and Parkville campus is a much travelled one for us.



Pivotal in this context is the Centre's hosting of the City of Melbourne Professorial Chair, with a focus on urban resilience and innovation. The Chair is a research-practice collaboration between our host local government and the university presenting an internationally unique partnership and offers further grounding in the Centre's close connection with the City. The

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Centre inherited in 2022 hosting the Chair from the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, and this program of partnership has been in place since 2015, showing once again the deep

institutional history underpinning our Centre. 2023 provided a key moment of reflection for Centre and City on how this collaboration is a case study of how city-university partnerships can be mutually beneficial, on the opportunities and challenges for co-design and co-investment, and is slated for further refining in 2024.

Connected indeed to this effort with the City, and rapidly emerging as an institution of its own, 2023 also saw the launch and growth of the Retrofit Lab – a hub for research and exchange hosted by the Centre and based in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, but with fast expanding ties across town and nationally. The Lab, directed by City of Melbourne Chair Prof Sarah Bell, experienced a dynamic and busy year, marked by the release of its inaugural discussion paper titled "Retrofitting Cities." This paper delved into the challenges and possibilities associated with retrofitting in an Australian context. Subsequently, the Retrofit Symposium (more on this below) emerged as an outcome of this paper, sparking conversations about retrofitting in various media outlets.

The Lab's website has evolved and consolidated its focus on retrofitting, serving as a platform to unite key stakeholders and promote best practice in the retrofit space. Currently, The Lab is investigating topics associated with retrofitting public housing and a framework for retrofit versus rebuild. Expanding on these initiatives, The Lab has leveraged its connections to help convene academics, professionals, unions, and representatives from the construction industry to identify the specific requirements and current gaps in the realm of retrofitting for low-carbon buildings.



TOP: EVIDENCE TO ACTION TEAM AT WORKSHOP IN NOVEMBER  
BOTTOM: SHARED PATHWAYS VISIT TO HONG KONG

## OUTREACH AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, active engagement in urban discussions and debates remains a crucial aspect of the Centre's work. Throughout the year, the Centre produced an array of scholarly content, including a diverse range of academic publications, policy contributions, reports and industry collaborations. Additionally, creative and multimedia outputs were developed to cater to various communication styles. Centre staff has delivered 50 scholarly works for 2023 including 38 peer reviewed journal articles and 12 book chapters.

### THE CENTRE IN PUBLIC EVENTS

In addition to hosting a highly successful annual Symposium centred on the theme "Why is Real Change so Hard?" (further detailed below), the Centre's team has actively participated in a range of public events and engagements. This not only demonstrates involvement in public and professional discussions but also underscores the Centre's commitment to promoting a diverse array of voices that authentically represent our varied expertise, composition, and inclusive approach to scholarship.

As an illustration, the Centre has actively participated in diverse events; locally (Urban Nature), on the national platform, and at international conferences (including SOAC and COP28). This involvement includes contributing to discussions and presenting research from the Centre by both early career researchers and academic leaders. Beyond engaging in public events, the Centre hosted public forums such as Sam Holleran's Public Space Picnics. These open-air talks and tours explored neglected spaces across the university's Parkville, Southbank, and Burnley campuses. Additionally, the Centre hosted Resilience Roundtables, a series of discussions to share knowledge about work to improve resilience across the state, bringing together professionals, policy-makers, community leaders, and researchers; Overall, in 2023, the Centre has hosted over 40 publicly accessible events, and attended workshops and conferences, in Australia and overseas, such as COP28, the Asian Pacific Urban Forum and the AusMob Conference.

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### THE CENTRE IN THE MEDIA

The Centre was featured in various news outlets. Centre Fellows, Ika Trijsburg and Daniel Pejic featuring on ABC Big Ideas, Guest Lecturer Prof Ben Campkin featuring in Triple R's Queer View Mirror and Professor Sarah Bell speaking to ABC Radio National on climate-proofing our cities. **The news coverage of the Centre emphasised community outreach and promoted project engagement.** An example was seen in LGBTQIA+ media coverage of Ben Campkin's public lecture and ABC Pacific Beat's coverage of Alan McNeil's visit. Early Career Academics Convener, Sabina

Andron also featured in a documentary that was broadcast globally including on RAI (Italy) and SBS.

The Climate Talks Podcast won two Signal Awards. They won a silver award in Activism, Public Service & Social Impact and a gold award in Sustainability & Environment. This podcast was a Melbourne Climate Futures and Melbourne Centre for Cities University of Melbourne and City Climate Innovation series partner Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM).

The Centre has promoted an active social media presence. With the sweeping changes to Twitter/X the Centre has decreased to 12.9 thousand twitter followers, with less activity throughout the year (215 retweets, 631 likes). LinkedIn has been our largest year of growth with the average engagement rate of 7.6% (the average on the platform being 3.16%) with **881 followers, 1,208 likes and 35,340 impressions as of November**. This platform provides a great professional network to share news about the Centre and personal success of Fellows. The Centre also live streamed its Annual Symposium with 103 participants joining for the day.

In total, staff members at the Centre have participated in interviews and directly contributed to more than 24 news articles in 2023. Additionally, fellows from the Centre have played a significant role in addressing major current affairs topics, contributing to over 12 pieces for Pursuit and The Conversation.

Fellows active communicating outputs and themes of Centre research across other platforms like LinkedIn, TikTok, Threads and Instagram. The Centre sent out 10 newsletters in 2023, there are 568 subscribers. The average click rate was 14.27% which is 10% higher than industry average. The average open rate was 51.98% which is 23% higher than industry standard.



ABOVE: URBAN SURFACES, GRAFFITI AND THE RIGHT TO THE CITY  
LEFT: CO-DESIGNING INFRASTRUCTURES, PROF SARAH BELL  
COVID-19 AND INFORMAL WORKING IN ASIAN CITIES, PROF MICHELE ACUTO AND PROF IDERLINA MATEO-BABIANO





ABOVE: SELECTION OF 2023 CENTRE REPORTS  
[NIGHTTIME ECONOMY COMMISSIONS](#)  
[MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK](#)  
[CRISIS RESILIENT URBAN FUTURES](#)

### THE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM: WHY IS REAL CHANGE SO HARD?

Our one-day symposium offered the opportunities for delegates to think about opportunities and challenges that arise when universities and cities work together to address important urban issues.

Universities play a vital role in shaping the economic, social, and cultural landscape of their communities, and their impact can be felt far beyond the boundaries of their campuses. At the same time, cities provide universities with a rich and diverse environment that supports their research, teaching, and projects. **So, why is real change so hard? And how do we better leverage the city and university connection for greater impact?**

We convened key voices on the future of cities to debate world-class evidence, coming from universities, local government, civil society, and the private sector. Speakers at the Symposium included: Inala Cooper, Director Murrup Barak, Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development Jason Eades, Director Aboriginal Melbourne, City of Melbourne and Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece from the City of Melbourne + and a Keynote Local to Global: Universities and Cities knowledge & diplomacy for Impact from Professor Harriet Bulkeley Durham University. The program showcased our Early Career Researchers, who presented a series of short case studies to develop a shared understanding on how to harness the knowledge from our cities, for global impact. The closing keynote was delivered from Melbourne comedian Sammy J, in a mock city of Melbourne lord mayor campaign.

### CONNECTED CITIES: PODCASTING AS CENTRE OUTPUT.

The Centre has also co-produced and co-hosted a third season of Climate Talks (8 episodes per season in 2021, 2022 and 2023) in

partnership with Melbourne Climate Futures, and a 6-part special city innovation series, with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The team was recognised with gold awards for **two Signal Awards** (global podcast awards) - A Gold Award for Best Sustainability & Environment show, and a Silver for the Public Service & Social Impact category.

In 2022, the City of Melbourne and the Urban Resilience and Innovation program jointly hosted an RMIT student, Lukas Petridis, who was completing their work-integrated learning unit through this placement. Lukas undertook a series of interviews to delve into the practical aspects of city resilience and produced a podcast entitled “City Resilience in Melbourne”. The series centred around the Chair in Urban Resilience’s work and included interviews and discussions with academics and professionals in the field of resilience. The series was released in late 2023 through the Connected Cities’ channel.

Looking ahead, the Centre plans to sustain and expand its podcasting program, looking to more frequent content releases. This is already in the works by supporting the release of a world-first peer reviewed podcast miniseries, for the new Urban Studies podcast to be launched in early 2024 with a focus on who the voices of ‘urban studies’ are.



TOP: PROF SARAH BELL MODERATING PANNEL AT ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM  
 BELOW: PROF HARRIET BULKELEY KEYNOTE AT ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

## RETROFIT SYMPOSIUM

In November, The Retrofit Lab and the Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning co-hosted the Retrofit Symposium. Symposium convenors, Professor Sarah Bell, Marita Doak and Enzo Lara Hamilton brought together academic, government and industry experts to set the national research agenda to support the transformation of Australian cities. Through a series of keynote lectures, panel discussions and site visits over two days, the symposium advocated for an increase in the scale of retrofitting in Australia. Speakers included Indy Johar (Architecture 00 and Dark Matter Labs) and Nicky Drobis (Fender Kastilidis) who explored how the built environment sector can best improve the performance of existing assets with retrofitting as it moves towards more sustainable standards.

## QUEER URBANISM WITH BEN CAMPKIN

In September, the Melbourne Centre for Cities, in collaboration with Grimshaw Architects, orchestrated a series of Queer Urbanism events featuring urban scholar Professor Ben Campkin. The pivotal event of the week was the Centre's Inaugural Lecture entitled "Queer Infrastructures," which delved into the question of "how LGBTQ+ populations and the politics of sexual and gender diversity intersect with urban governance and planning." Following this lecture, Professor Campkin participated in various events, including "Queer Planning", a Breakfast Talk with Grimshaw Architects, the Book Launch of "Queer Premises: LGBTQ+ Venues in London Since the 1980s" – a public gathering hosted by Hares & Hyenas at the Victorian Pride Centre, and a Gender/ Sexuality/ Culture Seminar entitled 'Queer Preservation' at the University of Melbourne. Throughout the week, Professor Campkin engaged with the media, making appearances on local radio broadcaster RRR's program "Queer View Mirror" and participating in another book launch event in Sydney.



ABOVE: PROF INDY JOHAR AT RETROFIT SYMPOSIUM,  
TOP + MIDDLE:: PROF BEN CAMPKIN, QUEER INFRASTRUCTURES LECTURE  
RIGHT: UNCLE DAVID TOURNIER AT RETROFIT SYMPOSIUM



## EDUCATION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

The work of the Centre in seeking to build capacity in city leadership with greater sustainability, inclusion and international mindsets continued productively in 2023, strong of a serious commitment on this education front made in our 2022 Annual Retreat and centre strategy. As we summarise below, 2023 saw a remarkable success in national firsts for us with both the City Diplomacy Masterclass as well as the Young Mayors program, but much is in the works for 2024 too, with capacity building embedded for instance in one of our new projects on “disinformation and the city”, as well as more training internally and externally to the university all on the cards.

Importantly, as demonstrated by the Young Mayors initiative, the E2A Program, or service for teaching in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, the Centre has continued to pay close attention to fostering city leadership from early stages. This extended also to further opportunities for mentoring and giving voice to emerging perspectives on cities. For example, the City of Melbourne Chair and City Resilience and Sustainable Futures team from City of Melbourne co-hosted an RMIT student, Lukas Petridis, for a work integrated learning placement. In this placement, the Lukas worked with both the City and the University teams to produce a podcast focused on City Resilience - entitled “City Resilience in Melbourne”. The 5-part series featured interviews from both University researchers and City staff, as well as external professionals.

### STUDIO N: GRADUATE EDUCATION.

Studio N, titled “Cities at Night”, continues to be taught by Centre staff as a practical course of the Melbourne School of Design, now in its sixth year. Working with Centre partners, and in particular Arup and the City of Melbourne, and building explicitly on the ARC Night Shift project, Studio N focused again on ‘night time’ work and the design and governance of these spaces. The studio has already delivered (in 2021) tangible research impact by supporting the establishment of the City of Melbourne Night-Time Economy Advisory Committee, and in 2023 it focused on a variety of night shift workers like forklift drivers in the Port of Melbourne or performing artists in Carlton. It also consolidated substantial advances on a ‘virtual walkthrough’ method for Night Shift showcased in London and Sydney to international audiences.

### CITY DIPLOMACY MASTERCLASS: EXECUTIVE TRAINING

The City Diplomacy Masterclass is an online professional short course for early career city diplomats. It is delivered by Centre researchers and practice experts over a one-month period through live interactive course delivery, combined with peer-to-peer learning and practical application of skills and knowledge. Supported by sizeable investment by DFAT through the competitive National Foundation for Australian-China Relations

(NFACR), 2023 saw the two inaugural cohorts of the masterclass take up by a bespoke bilateral exchange of Australian and Chinese local government officials, in a national (if not world’s) first. The masterclass delivered a series of both in country (in Melbourne and Canberra in May) and overseas (in Hong Kong in July) exchanges, with 28 climate advocates from cities as diverse as Cairns, Wyndham, Guangzhou and Tianjin taking part in the program. It demonstrated not only the Centre’s world class scholarship and policy advice, but also our capacity to broker complex ‘track 2’ relations and do ‘city diplomacy’ in practice, with high level engagement ranging from national ones with mayors and the Chinese ambassador to Australia, to a high profile series of activities at the CoP28 Climate Talks in Dubai. The Masterclass is already set to continue in 2024, with recruitment of cohort 3 underway.

### YOUNG MAYORS: SUPPORTING YOUTH CITY LEADERSHIP.

Conceived in late 2021 in partnership with the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) on an international comparative study, the ‘Young Mayors’ is aimed at democratically electing youth councils and mayors of 11-17 year-olds went in full swings in 2023 with FYA and Centre staff helping Horsham (Victoria), Mackay (Queensland), Wollongong (NSW) and Cairns (Queensland) elect the first four in the country. The impact of what was but an initial research idea has been sizeable: 7,095 young people aged 11 to 17 in three states voted in these elections across 31 schools, with 41 young people democratically elected in 2023 by their peers, and 84 Local Councils across the country have expressed interest in the Young Mayors model.

More information about education and capacity building activities can be found on the Centre’s website on a dedicated training page.



YOUNG MAYORS TEAM AT HORSHAM RURAL CITY COUNCIL YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTION

## ANNEX: CENTRE STAFF IN 2023

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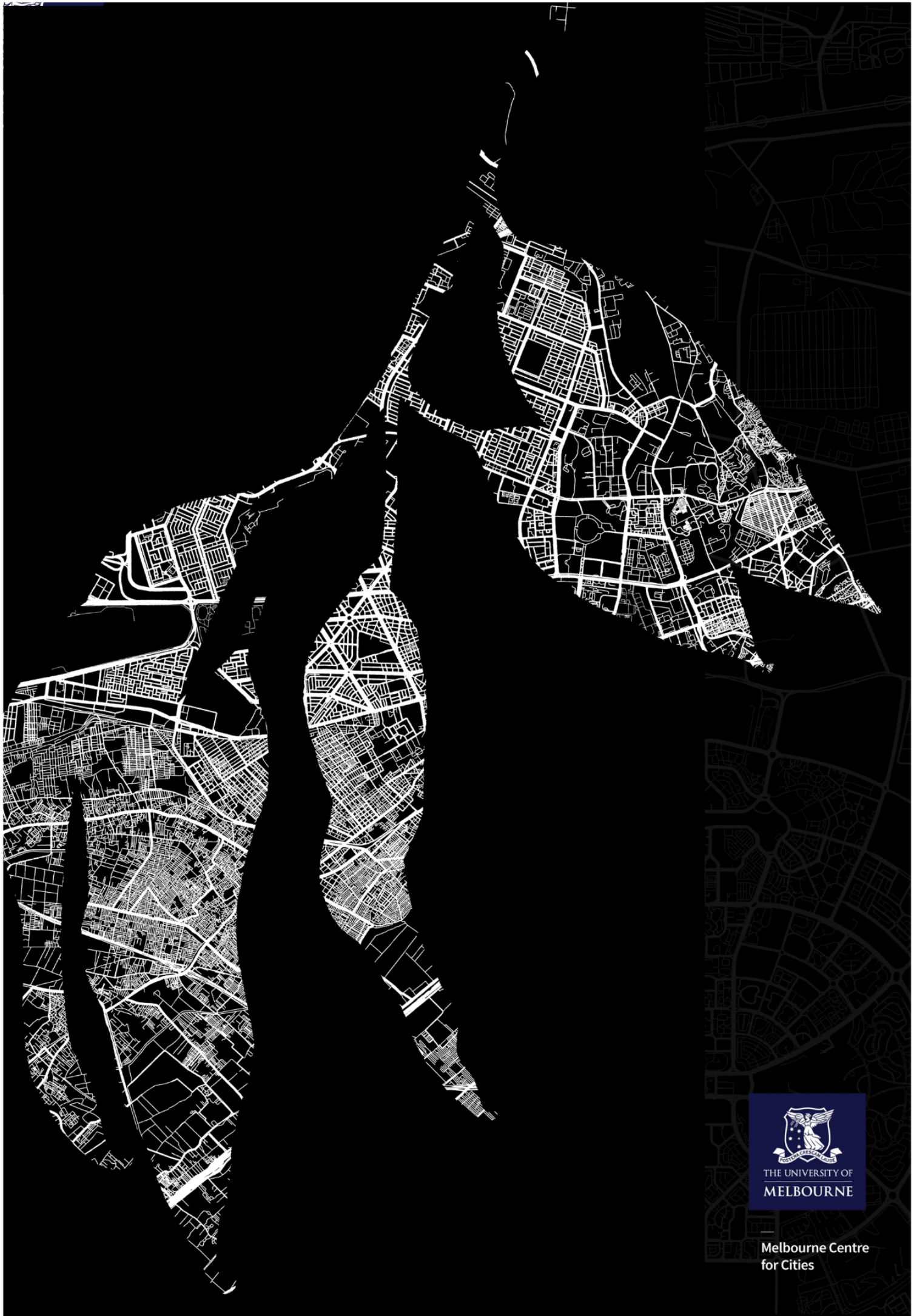
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