ZOFNASS PROGRAM WORKSHOP: THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

DAY 1
Harvard Business School
Cumnock Hall Room 102
Soldiers Field, Boston, MA

Welcome <12:30 pm>
The Business Case for Sustainability <12:45 pm>
The 50 Infrastructure Priority Projects <1:00 pm>
PANEL 1 <1:15 pm>
PERSPECTIVES FROM COMMERCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANKS

PANEL 2 <3:40 pm>
PERSPECTIVES FROM INSURERS AND INVESTORS (Part 1)

PANEL 2 <4:55 pm>
PERSPECTIVES FROM INSURERS AND INVESTORS (Part 2)

CLOSING REMARKS <6:10 pm>

DAY 2
Harvard Graduate School of Design
Gund Hall, Room 112 (Stubbins)
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA

Welcome <8:50 am>
PANEL 3 <9:00 am>
PERSPECTIVES FROM SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

PANEL 4 <11:10 am>
PERSPECTIVES FROM POLICY MAKERS AND REGULATORS

PANEL 5 <1:55 pm>
PERSPECTIVES FROM OPERATORS AND CONTRACTORS

WORKING SESSION <3:45 pm>
NEXT STEPS FOR THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

CLOSING REMARKS <4:55 pm>
The Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure considers critical to focus on the economic benefits of sustainable infrastructure. This workshop is geared as a platform to discuss the perspective of all relevant stakeholders involved in infrastructure about the Business Case for Sustainability and better understand opportunities for collaborative action when developing and operating new projects.

Decision-makers need to identify and understand the economic benefits of sustainability. The returns on sustainable investments represent an opportunity to contribute with applied research to this knowledge area, which is currently vague to stakeholders. It is widely known that sustainable projects avoid impacts, risks, costs and negative externalities, but these are rarely measured and shared with public officials and taxpayers. Understanding the types of costs, risks, and probability of risks allows stakeholders to deliver informed project designs that anticipate and withstand or adapt to these risks, minimizing their overall vulnerability. Through the Business Case for Sustainable Infrastructure, the Zofnass Program intends to articulate, in terms of productivity gains, how sustainable infrastructure contributes to social, business, and safety resilience. Illustrating the costs and vulnerabilities to hazards avoided through sustainable projects is the necessary first step for decision-makers to identify and understand the economic benefits of sustainability.

The Zofnass Program considers crucial to follow a multidisciplinary approach that considers the perspective of all stakeholders involved in infrastructure projects on the economic benefits of sustainable infrastructure. More often than not infrastructure projects are implemented through a heavily siloed approach, wherein there is no communication among different sectors. In addition, engineering is divided from finance and investment. Disparate training and research programs exist for each sector, which do not communicate with each other. Uncoordinated efforts in turn hamper collaboration and the implementation of best practices.

The main goal of this workshop is to provide a forum for all stakeholders to give perspectives on what is the value of sustainable infrastructure for them, what are the critical changes needed, and what would be the role of academia in the development of the Business Case for Sustainable Infrastructure. Each stakeholder group brings a unique perspective on how sustainability adds financial value and facilitates competitive returns. By combining each group’s unique decision-making processes and understanding of sustainability challenges, the workshop will shed light on how sustainable projects enhance competitiveness, resilience, and facilitate long-term economic growth.
DAY 1 Agenda
Cumnock Hall, Room 102
Harvard Business School

Welcome <12:30 pm>

BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Prof. Spiro Pollalis
Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program
Harvard Graduate School of Design

Dr. Andreas Georgoulas
Lecturer & Zofnass Program Research Director
Harvard Graduate School of Design

Cristina Contreras
Research Associate
Harvard Graduate School of Design

Panel 1 <1:15 pm>

PERSPECTIVES FROM COMMERCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Amar Bhattacharya
Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institute

Tomás Sebastian Serebrisky
Principal Economic Advisor of the Infrastructure and Environment Department, Inter-American Development Bank

Janine Ferretti
Chief, Environment and Social Safeguards Unit, Inter-American Development Bank

Giridhar Srinivasan
Senior Operations Officer, Global Partnerships (Infrastructure Investment Lead), International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Mariana Silva
Associate Infrastructure Planning & Finance Nathan Associates Inc.

Dr. Andreas Georgoulas
Lecturer & Zofnass Program Research Director
Harvard Graduate School of Design

Panel 2 (Part 1) <3:40 pm>

PERSPECTIVES FROM INSURERS AND INVESTORS

John Markowitz
VP Institutional & Governmental Finance
Mass Development

Tom McKay
Senior Vice President & Chief Development Officer, North America Sekisui House, LLC (NASH)

Luis Corzo
Client Advocate
Willis Tower Watson

Panel 2 (Part 2) <4:55 pm>

PERSPECTIVES FROM INSURERS AND INVESTORS

John Macomber
Senior Lecturer & Zofnass Program Faculty Advisor
Harvard Business School

Jen Molnar
Managing Director & Lead Scientist, Center for Sustainability Science, The Nature Conservancy - NatureVest

Benjamin J. Harper
AVP, Technical Underwriting, Head of Environmental, Zurich Insurance

Closing Remarks <6:10 pm>

Prof. Spiro Pollalis
Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program
Harvard Graduate School of Design

Overview <7:30 pm> At HFC SIAB Dinner, by invitation only.

Prof. Rebecca Henderson
John and Natty McArthur University Professor
Harvard Business School
DAY 2 Agenda
Gund Hall, Room 112 (Stubbins)
Harvard Graduate School of Design

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Welcome <8:50 am>
Prof. Spiro Pollalis  Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program Harvard Graduate School of Design

Panel 3 <9:00 am>
PERSPECTIVES FROM SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Prof. Spiro Pollalis  Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program Harvard Graduate School of Design
Prof. Robert Ayres  Emeritus Professor of Economics and Political Science and Technology Management Novartis Chair Emeritus, INSEAD
John Williams  CEO & Co-Founder Impact Infrastructure
Christopher Mangieri  Research Associate Constellation Research Technology
Mackenzie Clark  MTA New York City Transit Capital Program Management
Mauricio Gómez Villarino  Managing Director IDOM- Madrid

Panel 4 <11:10 am>
PERSPECTIVES FROM POLICY MAKERS & REGULATORS

Brad Rawson  Director of Transportation & Infrastructure City of Somerville
Oliver Sellers-Garcia  Director of Sustainability City of Somerville
Dr. Cris LiBan  Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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John Stanton  President and CEO Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)
Joyce Coffee  President Climate Resilience Consulting
Marty Janowitz  Vice President, Discipline Leader Sustainable Development, Stantec

Panel 5 <1:55 pm>
PERSPECTIVES FROM OPERATORS AND CONTRACTORS

Manuel Wu  General Manager Lima Metro Line 1 GYM Ferrovías S.A.
Antonio Burgueño Muñoz  Director of Quality and Corporate Social Responsibility, FCC Construction
Ryan Prime  Sustainability Director Skanska USA Civil
Boone Davis  Principal The Renewables Consulting Group
Prof. Spiro Pollalis  Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program Harvard Graduate School of Design

Working Session <3:45 pm>

NEXT STEPS FOR THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Prof. Spiro Pollalis  Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program Harvard Graduate School of Design
Dr. Andreas Georgoulias  Lecturer & Zofnass Program Research Director Harvard Graduate School of Design

Closing Remarks <4:55 pm> Prof. Pollalis
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Monday, April 3, 2017
Cumnock Hall, Room 102, HBS

Detailed Agenda

<12:00 pm> Light lunch available for all attendees.

<12:30 pm>

Welcome
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program, Harvard GSD

The Business Case for Sustainable Infrastructure
Dr. Andreas Georgoulias, Lecturer & Zofnass Program Research Director, Harvard GSD

Infrastructure in the US suffers from chronic underinvestment in maintenance, which introduces vulnerabilities to hazards and hampers economic growth. The ASCE has reported the need to urgently increase infrastructure investments, citing the conditions of the nation’s infrastructure system as “poor”.

Despite the benefits of sustainable infrastructure provided through avoided impacts, costs and negative externalities, sustainability is not a prominent topic of national debates on infrastructure. The value of sustainable infrastructure to stakeholders remains vague, while many focus prominently on costs. This leads to lost opportunities when designing projects, as infrastructures are designed to last for decades.

Overall, it is currently unclear how sustainable infrastructure contributes to social, business, and safety resilience as sustainability benefits are rarely measured and shared with public officials and taxpayers. By illustrating the costs avoided through sustainability we can demonstrate that in terms of “all costs” to society, sustainable design is the least expensive methodology to create infrastructure.

The 50 Infrastructure Priority Projects
Cristina Contreras, Research Associate, Zofnass Program, Harvard GSD

The new administration has published the “Priority list for Emergency and National Security Projects”. This list identifies 50 projects of highest priority for the country that is estimated to invest $137.5 billion in reducing that infrastructure investment gaps while creating around 200,000 direct jobs. This presentation will explore what are the type of projects currently on the agenda, what is the overall investment by sector and what is the stage of the selected projects.

<1:15 pm>

Panel 1: PERSPECTIVES FROM COMMERCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Moderator
Dr. Andreas Georgoulias, Lecturer & Zofnass Program Research Director, Harvard GSD

Sustainable Infrastructure in the New Global Agenda
Amar Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institute

This presentation will provide the broader context of the role of sustainable infrastructure, of the key constraints that impede both the quantity and quality of infrastructure investments, and the role of development banks (domestic and multilateral) in unlocking both these constraints and financing.

Financing Sustainable Infrastructure in Latin America and the Caribbean
Tomás Sebastian Serebrisky, Principal Economic Advisor of the Infrastructure and Environment Department, Inter-American Development Bank

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) face the challenge to substantially increase investments in infrastructure. Up to five percent of Latin America’s GDP (USD 250 billion) will be required to close the gap between future needs and existing infrastructure. Yet, only two to three percent of GDP are invested annually in developing and expanding infrastructure. LAC is not the only region that requires substantial investments in infrastructure. According to the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate global demand for new infrastructure from 2015 to 2030 is estimated at USD 90 trillion. That is twice the current stock of infrastructure worldwide. On top of that, the two ambitious international agreements of 2015 – the U.N.’s Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris climate accord – made it perfectly clear that new infrastructure has to be sustainable and business as usual is no longer an option.

The litmus test for achieving growth and competitiveness as well as to meet the challenges of the climate change is to increase financing for sustainable infrastructure.

Sharing the experience from Latin American countries the presentation will highlight the challenges of developing countries in gaining access to financing for infrastructure projects. The presentation will further discuss how financing can be scaled up by developing infrastructure to an assess class. It will also shed light on the impact of sustainability on financial risk and return.
Contribution of Safeguards to Making Infrastructure Projects More Sustainable  
Janine Ferretti, Chief, Environment and Social Safeguards Unit, Inter-American Development Bank

Global infrastructure investment is acknowledged as critical to meet growing needs and the financial requirements are significant. At the same time, governments have considerable commitments to global sustainability objectives, including those related to climate change, biodiversity, among others. Furthermore, infrastructure developments often can encounter opposition in communities where they are to be constructed. Incorporating sustainability considerations into infrastructure projects are critical not only to achieving sustainability objectives but often to ensuring community acceptance. Environmental and social safeguards play a central role in integrating sustainability considerations in infrastructure development.

How Sustainability is Linked to Better Financial Performance in Emerging Markets  
Giridhar Srinivasan, Senior Operations Officer, Global Partnerships (Infrastructure Investment Lead), International Finance Corporation (IFC)

IFC is a leading investor in infrastructure in emerging markets. It has been a pioneer in incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards into its overall strategy and investment decision making process. Its Performance Standards have been adopted by several financial institutions. Surveys of clients show that its expertise on ESG standards is a key driver of why they work with IFC.

IFC’s assessments of its own investment portfolio show that portfolio companies that lead on ESG issues outperform those that don’t. And these ESG leaders also outperform external financial benchmarks.

The presentation will review this, and also explain some of the products that IFC uses to go upstream to develop sustainable infrastructure projects, how it works with clients to address ESG issues on projects, and how it is working to attract institutional investors to invest in sustainable projects.

Making Sustainable Infrastructure Bankable  
Mariana Silva, Associate Infrastructure Planning & Finance, Nathan Associates Inc.

The present session will explore the standardized investment parameters used by Commercial and Development banks at present and will aim to answer the following questions: What are the current barriers faced by commercial banks? How can the most pressing barriers be overcome to accelerate investments into this field? How could MDBs influence compliance with good practices in sustainability in project cycle? How can we move towards customized solutions for sustainable infrastructure projects (i.e. project selection criteria, financing models, financial instruments, sustainable public private partnerships, Asset Life cycle costing, among others). This session will present practical solutions for growing a bankable pipeline of infrastructure projects globally.

Q & A
Led by Dr. Andreas Georgoulas, GSD.

<3:20 pm > Coffee break & networking.

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Panel 2: PERSPECTIVES FROM INSURERS AND INVESTORS (Part 1)

Moderator
John Macomber, Senior Lecturer & Zofnass Program Faculty Advisor, HBS

Value Capture and Resilient Infrastructure
John Markowitz, VP Institutional & Governmental Finance, Mass Development
John will be discussing value capture infrastructure bond programs available in Massachusetts and how they can be used for green and resilient infrastructure in the Commonwealth and across the nation.

Sustainability and Residential Infrastructure
Tom McKay, Senior Vice President & Chief Development Officer, North America Sekisui House, LLC (NASH)
Applying sustainable infrastructure to residential development presents unique opportunities and challenges. We will explore how our company approaches project planning, including regulatory, consumer, and financial considerations.

A Framework for Reducing Risks Through Development of Sustainable Infrastructure
Luis Corzo, Client Advocate, Willis Tower Watson
Sustainable infrastructure can lead to reduced risks, but relevant case studies need to be better understood globally to support broader application. Given large infrastructure projects are so unique, scalability and data sets are harder to come by, requiring all in the value chain bearing some responsibility for affirming the perceived value. A minimum standard of care needs to be established and it may be a collection of non-perspective practices versus a single standard - see the cookbook example. Sustainable infrastructure will become more mainstream through education/advocacy such as this program, loss experience, development of better tools and ongoing generational transition.

Q & A
Led by John Macomber, HBS.
Climate Change Risk – An Insurer’s Perspective
Benjamin J. Harper, AVP, Technical Underwriting, Head of Environmental, Zurich Insurance

Moderator
John Macomber, Senior Lecturer & Zofnass Program Faculty Advisor, HBS

This session will explore financial and engineering interventions where the benefit/cost impact is well matched to the resilience payback. Using a case study of improvements in public infrastructure in Miami in the face of potential sea level rise, a number of probability relationships are explored. These include: probability and time frame of potential sea level rise; probability of incidence (in this example, incidence of flooding); probability of loss (in this situation, partial or total loss); and projected willingness of the US Federal government to fund a high percentage of recovery costs on an unlimited basis for an indefinite number of years and events. By assessing who pays for prevention, who pays for recovery, what are the probabilities of occurrences, and which characteristics of physical choices “move the curve,” engineers and financiers can be proactive in shifting the loss curve favorably. This could demonstrate an objective return on investment for resilient design.

Natural infrastructure – where nature can provide benefits alongside or in place of built infrastructure – can offer communities and industry cost-effective, resilient solutions, but can be challenging to implement. There can be institutional and cultural barriers, as well as the need to bridge of ecology and economics with engineering. The collaboration between The Nature Conservancy and The Dow Chemical Company will be presented as a case study. This collaboration sought to test and demonstrate how businesses could better understand the risks and opportunities related to their reliance and impacts on nature, leading both to smarter business decisions, and greater investment in conservation because it makes good business sense.

Initial pilot analyses demonstrated how the value of nature and natural infrastructure could be considered and implemented in corporate decisions at Dow sites. For example, we assessed the role of ecosystems in sustaining water supply and protecting facilities on the coast at a Dow site in Freeport, TX. We found reforestation could be a cost-competitive solution for addressing NOx emissions and ozone pollution at that same site.

To scale integration of natural infrastructure across the business required a two-pronged enabling strategy. To enable “bottom-up” decision-making by engineers across the company, the collaboration team developed the ESII Tool (Ecosystem Service Identification and Inventory Tool, publicly available at: www.esiitool.com), a rapid assessment tool to estimate natural capital in the landscape. Providing “top-down” incentive, in April 2015, Dow announced its 2025 Nature Goal, committing to integrate nature into its evaluation of all capital, real estate, and R&D projects, creating $1B in business value by 2025.

This presentation will share results and lessons from the work in the TNC-Dow Collaboration to show how companies can integrate nature in their business. We will also share a vision for continuing to move toward mainstreaming valuing nature and natural infrastructure.

Climate Change Risk – An Insurer’s Perspective
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The impact of Climate Change on the financial sector is expected to increase in frequency and severity. Many of these impacts – such as increased flooding – are obvious, but there are additional effects that are of equal concern which are not always considered. We will discuss these impacts and the role insurance can play.

Q & A
Led by John Macomber, HBS.

Closing Remarks
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, GSD

Overview
By Prof. Rebecca Henderson, John and Natty McArthur University Professor, HBS.
Zofnass SIAB Dinner at Harvard Faculty Club, by invitation only.

End of day 1
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Gund Hall, Room 112 [Stubbins], GSD

Welcome to Day 2
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program, Harvard GSD

Panel 3: PERSPECTIVES FROM SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Moderator
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure, Harvard GSD

A Framework for Investing in Sustainable Planning
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure, Harvard GSD

Since conception, there had been a strong commitment by all parties involved for planning sustainably the Lahore Knowledge Park, an 800 acres greenfield development in Lahore, Pakistan. As expected, the question of cost was of utmost concern. The client indicated that a small additional cost would be acceptable, justified by the nature of the project: a high tech development for education, research and industry to attract tenants worldwide and acting as a magnet for Pakistani expats.

The planners, Osmani Ltd with Prof. Pollalis as chief planner, approached the cost issue in a bold way. Following the Planning Guidelines for Sustainable Cities, developed by the Zofnass Program, they created an integrated sustainable project at all 3 levels: land planning, urban design and bylaws. Their sustainable approach focuses on (a) buildings, (b) planning with emphasis to proximities and (c) infrastructure systems. Sustainable design minimizes the demand of infrastructure and thus the project requires less installed capacity of infrastructure systems such as roads, energy and water. Fewer and narrower roads are needed, there is less consumption of energy, and water savings and recycling require less water and sewage treatment. As a result, the entire system tends to be less costly than a conventional system, not per unit price but per total cost, since the sizes are smaller and more efficient. The true savings will result from operations, at the lifecycle of the project and its increased marketability.

Does Sustainable Infrastructure Mean Better Roads and Bridges?
Prof. Robert Ayres, Emeritus Professor of Economics and Political Science and Technology Management Novartis Chair Emeritus, INSEAD

Most investors are interpreting President Trump’s proposed trillion dollar infrastructure investment in terms of repairs and renovation of roads and bridges. This is supposed to be very good news for firms in the construction industry, as well as automobile manufacturers. But history suggests that better roads attract more traffic, which is not consistent with long-term economic or environmental goals consistent with climate change. I define “infrastructure” as passive capital that increases the productivity of active capital, while remaining unchanged (except for wear and tear). With that definition in mind, and also bearing in mind that the state of the infrastructure of a country has a powerful influence on the direction of technological progress and economic growth, I suggest that the long-term energy future must be electric. Then the highest infrastructure priorities might be (1) hydro-electric dam repair and upgrade, (2) storage facilities to balance supply and demand for renewable electricity and (3) recharging facilities for electric vehicles.

What’s the Value of Green? Solving the Due Diligence Challenge
John Williams, CEO & Co-Founder, Impact Infrastructure

This presentation entitled, “What’s the Value of Green?” will focus on the evolution of thinking in the banking industry as to their involvement in infrastructure and building finance. Banks and their customers including Environmental, Social and Governance; Impact; and Green Bond investors are becoming more and more interested in underwriting portions of projects however; they struggle with the assessment of value to be derived from triple bottom line performance associated with their targets. Their stakeholders are increasing their demands for hard data that supports claims of “green.” Until recently, those demands were dismissed due to a lack of assessment standards, analytical capacity, the cost of project assessment, and the absence of affordable reporting tools. New emphasis on federal funding, P3s and possible changes in tax policy are coming together to catalyze even greater bank interest in project participation. This presentation will describe how architects and engineers are helping to address the barriers that have stymied bank participation. A short case study involving Prologis, the world’s largest logistics building REIT and its efforts to reveal the value of green distribution centers is paving the way for the real estate industry. If time permits, additional examples for San Francisco International Airport will be highlighted.

Quantifying a Sustainable Return on Investment
Christopher Mangieri, Research Associate, Constellation Research Technology
Mackenzie Clark, MTA New York City Transit Capital Program Management

In order to effectively combat climate change, the social and environmental externalities of investments must be quantified. Without financial justification, there is little incentive for capital markets to invest in projects that mitigating global warming, promote sustainability, and increase resiliency. Our objective is to develop a sustainable return on investment (SROI) model to be used by investors to quantify these externalities, justifying environmental conscious and socially just investments to mitigate global warming and reshape the way the world invests. The SROI model will be applicable for both the public and private sectors and will encompass projects across a diverse set of sectors: energy efficiency, renewable energy, public transportation, green infrastructure, water reclamation and reuse, waste generation and recycling, etc.
Latin American cities and their infrastructures are facing a long process of unsustainable growth. A critical look at their development shows the lack of control of urban spaces spread and the low resilience of the infrastructure, not coordinated with the growth of the population nor adapted to natural and social conditions or to economic profitability. IDOM has been collaborating with the IDB’s Emerging and Sustainable Cities Program since 2012, helping more than 40 different medium-sized cities to plan a more sustainable future. There will be drastic functional reconfigurations and new infrastructure have to be developed.

The cities are located in a fierce paradise where they adapt to an exuberant nature, full of rich resources but exposed to many natural hazards (floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, etc.). In this adaptation, the city and the infrastructures have occupied vulnerable areas, invading unfit spaces. In addition, there is the climate change phenomenon. Local governments are sensitive to this but less prepared for the challenge.

Given this situation, a multi-criteria analysis must be developed, considering the infrastructure resilience and also its adaptation to climate change. The knowledge of hazards allows joining urban and natural environments, avoiding the exposure of vulnerable elements also and avoiding the construction of infrastructure that affects these processes and, in turn, is affected by them.

The aim is to reconcile land use and planning with natural processes, achieving a sustainable coexistence of population with the natural environment. The design of infrastructure resilient to natural hazards is also proposed; construction costs for this infrastructure are 10-15% higher, but it has many advantages and, in the long term, it is a saving in comparison to the losses expected by conventional infrastructure.

Within the presentation, engineering solutions to undertake this situation will be presented, as well as the methodologies and tools used by IDOM in these jobs. The paper also shows other case studies of IDOM’s experience in the field around the world. The paper starts with the presentation of conceptual considerations on the theme made from the designers/planners point of view according to the guiding questions for this panel.

Q & A
Led by Prof. Spiro Pollalis, GSD.

<10:55 pm > Coffee break.
Panel 4: PERSPECTIVES FROM POLICY MAKERS AND REGULATORS

Moderator
Marty Janowitz, VP, Discipline Leader Sustainable Development, Stantec

The Evolution of Sustainable Infrastructure Rating
John Stanton, President and CEO, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)

In response to requests from New York and Los Angeles, and other cities, we will innovate upon our existing individual-project platform (http://sustainableinfrastructure.org/envision/project-awards/26th-ward-wastewater-treatment-plant/) (http://sustainableinfrastructure.org/envision/project-awards/south-la-wetland-park/) to expand infrastructure planning and rating to a citywide portfolio-level. We will show that sustainable infrastructure approaches can efficiently scale to an entire suite of city infrastructure investments. Best practices learned will create a prototype system for adoption by any city to track, measure and rate sustainability and resilience performance across all infrastructure systems. Our goal is a new streamlined, holistic planning and rating tool that empowers city sustainability officers to coordinate, integrate and compare citywide infrastructure efforts and collectively benchmark them.

Building Climate Resilience: Challenges and Collaborations
Joyce Coffee, President, Climate Resilience Consulting

While some claim that resilience projects that mitigate the physical impacts of climate change are unbankable, investors and project developers are creating market-based financial solutions. Public-Private Partnership climate adaptation project investment opportunities continue to grow. Based on experiences in other policy non-US policy environments, and considering federal, state and local opportunities in the US, there are policy options that would strengthen the PPP market for climate resilience. This presentation will consider the next generation of corporate tax codes, benefit cost analysis requirements and project definitions while profiling innovative existing US-based public private partnerships, especially in financial services.

Municipal Perspectives on Infrastructure Policy
Brad Rawson, Director of Transportation & Infrastructure, City of Somerville
Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director of Sustainability, City of Somerville

Somerville, Massachusetts is a dense, historic urban community of only four square miles and 80,000 residents. To implement its legally-adopted, community-driven Comprehensive Plan, which calls for 15 million square feet of transit-oriented smart growth, and to meet Mayor Joe Curtatone’s visionary commitment to carbon neutrality, the City must modernize and expand numerous types of infrastructure, including water, wastewater, energy distribution and public transit. The MBTA Green Line light-rail extension currently underway in Somerville offers a compelling case study through which to view the challenges and opportunities associated with interdisciplinary infrastructure policy and sustainability planning at the municipal level.

Building the Right Transformative Projects: Best Practices and Challenges
Dr. Cris Liban, Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) has been entrusted with a $120B dollar voter initiative funding stream (called Measure M) for the next 40 years. These initial funds are designed to transform the transportation and transit system in Los Angeles. LA Metro is in a very unique position to ensure the relevance, optimization, and value of the infrastructure it will be building and operating. Being in California has its unique challenges. With evolving environmental and climatic conditions, increasing regulatory pressures, and changing needs of the consumer’s traditional transit and transportation needs, it is very critical that the projects are built right; but more importantly that right projects are built. At the forefront of this aspiration and goal are design criteria, specifications, tools, and professional skills essential to building the right projects. This presentation will go through the best practices that LA Metro has pioneered for over a decade; as well as the challenges to implement the same during construction or operate and maintain said infrastructure.

Q & A
Led by Marty Janowitz, Stantec.
Panel 5: PERSPECTIVES FROM OPERATORS AND CONTRACTORS

Moderator
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure, Harvard GSD

Social Shielding as a Strategy to Generate a Sustainable Business and City
Manuel Wu, General Manager, Lima Metro Line 1, GYM Ferrovías S.A.

LINEA 1 develops a social shielding strategy that allows us to evaluate and measure external risks that could affect the operation, as well as to identify the solutions that focus on our two objectives: Transform our stations and trains into spaces for citizenship education; and grow and share with our neighbors.

For the implementation of this strategy, we annually make a direct investment that is close to 1% of our income. We strengthen this investment through partnerships with state entities, non-profit organizations and private companies, with the purpose of capitalizing common interests, which has allowed us to expand the social investment of our programs. This economic injection of our allies will contribute to the increase of return on investment.

Our articulating role has generated a greater benefit of the population, with a sustainable investment, contributing to improve the quality of life of thousands of Peruvian people, through the changes of the environment, with a huge impact for the city.

By joining efforts we have secured sustainable initiatives, thanks to the participation of the community and its local authorities in the whole process of decision making and design of social programs, promoting the appropriation of each action.

Loads and Benefits of Rising Sustainability for Interested Parties.
Antonio Burgueño Muñoz, Director of Quality and Corporate Social Responsibility, FCC Construction

There is an increasing demand, in both the private and public sectors to understand sustainable construction practices, since economic profitability and the social relationships with the different stakeholders involved in the process.

Infrastructure developers need more and more to express sustainability on civil works through coherent assessment indicators and criteria, by means of Administrations, justifying their proposals to citizens or working on decision-making through mutual dialogue and collaboration, and private developers, submitting their projects to authorized entities.

From the contractor’s perspective, this assessment may be required by the client, the financial entities (e.g. Equator Principles) or the company itself to ensure the sustainability of its own activity. This very often increases the resources needed (budget), but it is worth for at least one of the interested parties involved. The distribution of efforts and possible compensations is an issue that is not always elucidated with enough clarity.

Assessments of the sustainable performance of infrastructures can be the basis for the decision-making of public Administrations or private developers, with the purpose of proving and communicating the extent of their proactive commitment towards achieving higher levels of sustainable performance as well as aiming to make easier the relation between the various stakeholders that participate or are involved in the decision-making process.

To achieve the goal of a higher contribution to sustainability from the construction sector, it is necessary all actors be involved in the process, and there is a need to be clear about the willingness to act in a sustainable manner and them to obtain a benefit in the process. This is not always possible for all parties, and when you find a weaker link in the chain, the objective is just breaking through.

As many interested parties are involved in the process, sometimes we find that multiple approaches to this assessment are applied. And those assessment methods are not always the same, not even similar, depending on where does it come from. In this sense, there is a clear need for standardization in this field, and some bigger efforts must be done.

Is Sustainability Sustainable?
Ryan Prime, Sustainability Director, Skanska USA Civil

What does Sustainability mean to Skanska? Ryan will briefly explain how Sustainability has been defined and implemented at Skanska, one of the nation’s largest development and construction firms. Ryan will explain the benefits behind sustainable thinking that have driven the concept forward as well as the current and future challenges that threaten industry scale adoption. The common perception is that adding any form of sustainability to a project simply adds cost. Mr. Prime will provide some examples of how sustainability may add cost to a project; however if the mentality were to shift from a source of cost to a source of opportunity, much like the focus on quality in the manufacturing industry, sustainability thinking could add value far outlasting the initial cost of implementation. In order to encourage sustainability projects must be procured in such a way that the control is offered up to the entity with the most knowledge and influence to make the best value decisions. Therefore the project delivery method directly relates to how sustainable a project can be without excessive burden on the project cost. Lastly, Ryan will discuss opportunities in the industry going forward to showcase sustainability and promote the concept’s long-term implementation while building tomorrow’s infrastructure.
The Current Status of the US Offshore Wind Industry: Successes, Challenges and Opportunities
Boone Davis, Principal, The Renewables Consulting Group

After decades of effort, the offshore wind industry is finally emerging in the US, with the Block Island Wind Farm becoming operational in 2016, and upcoming power contract awards in Massachusetts, New York and Maryland. This presentation covers the basics of how offshore wind developments are structured and built in the US, and why they represent important steps toward a sustainable future.

Q & A
Led by Prof. Spiro Pollalis, GSD.

<3:35 pm > Coffee and dessert break.

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<3:45 pm>

**Working Session: NEXT STEPS FOR THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Summary Day 1 & 2**  
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, *Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure, Harvard GSD*

**Discussion and Next Steps**  
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, *Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure, Harvard GSD*  
Dr. Andreas Georgoulias, *Lecturer & Zofnass Program Research Director, Harvard GSD*

**Respondents**  
Panelists and Resources  
Sustainable Infrastructure Advisory Board  
Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure

<4:55 pm>

**Closing Remarks**  
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, *GSD*
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After 30 years as full Professor at Harvard, Sprio N. Pollalis has moved to the Research Professor position to spend more time on research and consulting. Since 2008, he is the Director of the Zofnass Program for the Sustainability of Infrastructure that has led to the Envision Rating System and the development of Planning Guidelines for Sustainable Cities. He is also the Principal Investigator of the project Guf Sustainable Urbanism for 10 cities in the Arab Gulf, sponsored by the Qatar Foundation. He has taught as visiting professor at the ETH-Zurich, Switzerland; TU-Delft, Holland; and Uni- Stuttgart, Germany. He serves as the co-chair of the Advisory Committee for the Future Cities Lab of the Singapore-ETH Center (SEC) and chairs the Sustainability Workgroup for the Future of Construction at the World Economic Forum.

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Cristina Contreras is currently a Research Associate in the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure at Harvard University. Her work focuses on promoting sustainable practices in infrastructure projects on a global scale, examining and exploring the challenges and opportunities that sustainability can provide to countries and companies. She has presented her work on assessing sustainable infrastructure at several international conferences, and was a lecturer in the School of Civil Engineers at Polytechnic University of Madrid and a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. Before coming to Harvard, Ms. Contreras worked for six years in the private industry, in collaboration with some of the largest construction companies in the country. Ms Contreras is an accredited Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP), and a certified Envision trainer. She holds Bachelor’s in Technical Architecture and Building Engineering, both from the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM), as well as Master’s Degree in Sustainability and Environmental Management, and a Professional Graduate Certificate in Corporate Sustainability and Innovation both from Harvard University.

Amar Bhattacharya
Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institute

Amar Bhattacharya is senior fellow at the Global Economy and Development Program at Brookings Institution. His focus areas are the global economy, development finance, global governance, and the links between climate and development. From April 2007 until September 2014 he was Director of the Group at the World Bank, a large intergovernmental group of developing country Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors. In that capacity he led the work program of the Group, supported the deliberations of the Ministers, and was the principal point of interface with other organizations including the G20. He has therefore been an active participant in the global economic discussions and a key representative of the views of developing countries.

Prior to taking up his position with the G24, Mr. Bhattacharya had a long-standing career in the World Bank. His last position was as Senior Advisor and Head of the International Policy and Partnership Group. In this capacity, he was the focal point for the Bank’s engagement with key international groupings and institutions such as the G7/8, G20, IMF, OECD and the Commonwealth Secretariat. Through these different positions Mr. Bhattacharya has had a long-standing engagement in research and policy discussions on the global economy and spillovers, international financial architecture, development financing and the global governance agenda including on the role and reform of the international financial institutions.

Janine Ferretti
Chief, Environment and Social Safeguards Unit, Inter-American Development Bank

Ms. Ferretti joined the Inter-American Development Bank in 2003 after she completed her term as executive director of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). During her tenure at the CEC, she carried out initiatives related to trade and environment, biodiversity conservation, health and environment, enforcement of environmental law, public access to environmental information and capacity building. She also oversaw independent fact-findings in response to public complaints related to non-enforcement of environmental laws.

Before joining the CEC, Ms. Ferretti was executive director of Pollution Probe, a Canadian NGO, where she worked with the Environmental Liaison Centre International in Nairobi, Kenya and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in Bonn, Germany.

Ms. Ferretti holds an Master of Environmental Studies in Environmental Policy from York University, Toronto, and a Bachelor in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Giridhar Srinivasan
Senior Operations Officer, Global Partnerships (Infrastructure Investment Lead), International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Giridhar Srinivasan is a Senior Operations Officer in the Global Partnerships team at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Over the course of his career, he has worked on over $9 billion of infrastructure transactions, across both developed and emerging markets. He is currently involved in managing client relationships, structuring transactions, and mobilising capital, with a focus on the infrastructure sector. He works on issues how to make project development more efficient, how to make infrastructure projects more resilient, and how development partners can work with investors to unlock the potential of the infrastructure sector.

Previously, he was on the investment team at IFC InfraVentures, an internal venture capital fund for infrastructure projects. His responsibilities included making new investments, developing greenfield projects and developing the fund’s overall strategy. Before joining IFC, he was a founding member of Lehman Brothers Infrastructure Fund, and was an investment banker in Rothschild’s Global Infrastructure M&A team. Earlier in his career, he worked at Katzenbach Partners, a management consulting firm based in New York.

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Mariana H. Silva is a sustainable infrastructure project finance specialist at Nathan Associates. Ms. Silva has ample experience in the capitalization of resilient low carbon infrastructure, with emphasis in project finance, credit due diligence and Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the clean energy, water and sanitation, and transportation sectors. She has advised several governments on policies in a manner that provides for economic growth, social justice and stewardship of the natural environment. Mariana was retained by the Swiss Ministry of Finance to design targeted financial policies and fiscal interventions aimed at positioning Switzerland as the Global Green Financial Hub. Also, she led the UNEP Inquiry project aimed at redesigning Bangladesh’s financial system for higher capital flows into green infrastructure projects.

Her expertise in capital markets include fixed income securities and structured products. While working for the international Institute for Sustainable Development, she managed a five year project in collaboration with NDRC and the People’s Bank of China aimed at developing a secondary market for green bonds. Four years after project inception, China is currently the biggest green bond issuer globally.

Mariana is an expert member at the United Nations Economic Commission team developing Public Private Partnerships financing guidelines for the capitalization of sustainable Water and Sanitation projects in emerging economies.

Mariana H. Silva has pursued her studies and working experiences in different regions to gain an international market perspective: born in Mexico, she has lived in Switzerland, Germany, and China; her work spans across different regions to gain an international market perspective.

John Macomber
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John Macomber is a Senior Lecturer in the Finance unit at Harvard Business School. His professional background includes leadership of real estate, construction, and information technology businesses. At HBS, Mr. Macomber is engaged in the Business and Environment Initiative and Social Enterprise Initiative. He teaches Finance, Real Estate, Urbanization, and Entrepreneurship courses in the elective curriculum and in Executive Education. He is the former Chairman and CEO of the George B. H Macomber Company, a large regional general contractor, and remains a principal in several real estate partnerships. John serves or has served on the boards of Young Presidents Organization International (YPO), Boston Private Bank, and Mount Auburn Hospital.

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Before joining Zurich, Ben worked in engineering consulting with a focus on large-scale environmental remediation projects, impairment assessments, remedial design, regulatory compliance and civil/ environmental construction. Ben holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and is a Certified Cost Engineer (CCE).

Prof. Rebecca Henderson
John and Natty McArthur University Professor, Harvard Business School

Rebecca Henderson is the John and Natty McArthur University Professor at Harvard University, where she has a joint appointment at the Harvard Business School in the General Management and Strategy units. Professor Henderson is also a research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Her work explores how organizations respond to large-scale technological shifts, most recently in regard to energy and the environment. She teaches Reimagining Capitalism in the MBA Program.

Prof. Robert Ayres
Emeritus Professor of Economics and Political Science and Technology Management Novartis Chair Emeritus, INSEAD

Robert U. Ayres is a physicist and economist, currently Novartis professor emeritus of economics, political science and technology management at the international business school INSEAD, in France. He has previously taught at Carnegie-Mellon University, and as a visiting Professor at Chalmers Institute, Gothenburg Sweden. He is also Institute Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Austria, and a King’s Professor in Sweden. He is noted for his work on technological forecasting, life cycle assessment, mass-balance accounting, energy efficiency and the role of thermodynamics in economic growth.
Christopher Mangieri
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Christopher Mangieri is a Research Associate at Constellation Research Technology, a FinTech startup in the sustainable investing space.

Chris recently finished his M.S., in Sustainability Management at Columbia University where he focused on sustainable investing. While at Columbia, Chris was the project manager for a team of 16 graduate students tasked with developing a sustainable return on investment model that monetizes the social and environmental benefits of projects for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Mauricio Gómez Villarino
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Ryan Prime
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