

SHORT BIOGRAPHY AND KEY REFERENCES

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Harry Dimitriou is Bartlett Professor of Planning Studies at University College London (UCL) and sometime Head of the Bartlett School of Planning. He is Director of the OMEGA Centre at UCL – an international centre of excellence for the study of mega projects in transport and development funded by the Volvo Research and Education Foundations (see www.omegacentre.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk) - undertaking an international study of decision-making in the planning, appraisal and evaluation of 30 mega transport projects in Europe, Asia and USA.

Harry holds a Diploma in Town and Regional Planning from the Leeds School of Town Planning (1969), a MSc. in Urban Science from the University of Birmingham (1970) and a Ph.D. in Transport and Urban Development from the University of Wales (1990).

Apart from his teaching at the Bartlett School of Planning in UCL, he has previously taught and undertaken research at Aalborg University, the University of Hong Kong, Sheffield University and the Development Planning Unit (DPU) at UCL. He has also worked in British local government and extensively in international consultancy practice.

His principal areas of research and teaching lie in the fields of urban land-use/transport interaction and planning, urban transport policy and sustainable development, mega transport infrastructure appraisal and planning, strategic and regional Planning and institution-building for urban development and transport. Much of his work has concentrated on cities and regions in the Developing World.

Professor Dimitriou is member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in UK. He was one time Director of Training and Development Consultants (TDC) S.A, Switzerland, of Renaissance London Ltd. and of the International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC) in USA. He has been a member of the Transport Working Group for the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); several committees of the US the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of US National Research Council (NRC); the Foresight Built Environment and Transport Panel of Office of Science and Technology (OST) of UK.

He has held numerous advisory and consultancy positions, including for the European Commission, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Centre of Human Settlements, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Harvard Institute for International Development, the Hong Kong Government, the Government of Indonesia, South East England Regional Development Agency and the London Development Agency, UK.

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