



UTS Business School



International Council
for Research and Innovation
in Building and Construction

W122 Public-Private Partnership

UTS School of Built Environment



PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS - WEBINAR

Optimising PPPs for infrastructure investments in the aftermath of COVID-19

Date: 17th June, 2021

Time: 6-9 pm AEST Sydney (GMT+10)

Register for this webinar [here](#)

https://utsmeet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xF1E5MrdRX-As3EpITIWJQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Time	Activities	Presenter	Time Zone
18:00 – 18:10	Welcome	Stewart Clegg, Emeritus Professor, UTS, Australia	GMT+10
18:10 – 18:30	Keynote Speech #1 (20 minutes)	Juan Molina Millán, Adjunct Professor, Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain	GMT+2 (10:10 – 10:30)
18:30 – 19:10	Panel Discussion #1 (40 minutes)	Samuel Macaulay, Senior Lecturer, UTS, Australia (Moderator)	GMT+10
		Juan Molina Millán, Adjunct Professor, Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain	GMT+2 (10:30 – 11:10)
		Vicente Alcaraz Carrillo de Albornoz, Professor, Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain	GMT+2 (10:30 – 11:10)
		Ganesh Devkar, Associate Professor, CEPT University, India	GMT+5:30 (14:00 – 14:40)
		Willie Tan, Professor, National University of Singapore, Singapore	GMT+8 (16:30 – 17:10)
19:10 – 19:30	Q&As (20 minutes)		
19:30 – 19:40	Short Break		
19:40 – 20:00	Keynote Speech #2 (20 minutes)	Baabak Ashuri, Professor, Georgia Tech, United States	GMT-4 (5:40 – 6:00)
20:00 – 20:40	Panel Discussion #2 (40 minutes)	Mohan Kumaraswamy, Honorary Professor, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China (Moderator)	GMT+5:30 (15:30 – 16:10)
		Baabak Ashuri, Professor, Georgia Tech, United States	GMT-4 (6:00 – 6:40)
		Athena Rouboutsos, Professor, University of the Aegean, Greek	GMT+3 (13:00 – 13:40)
		Boeing Laishram, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India	GMT+5:30 (15:30 – 16:10)
20:40 – 20:55	Q&As (15 minutes)		
20:55 – 21:00	Vote of Thanks	Shankar Sankaran, Professor, UTS, Australia	GMT+10

Optimising PPPs for infrastructure investments in the aftermath of COVID-19

Governments around the world are planning for recovery from the COVID –19 pandemic by accelerating massive infrastructure investments to stimulate their economies. The investment trend is further strengthened by the necessity to move to a post-carbon productive system, as well as to adapt to the competitive challenges of internationalising business ventures. These opportunities are accompanied by a kaleidoscope of strategic challenges. These include:

- How to make sure that these multi-billion investments are directed to address the right priorities?
- How to ensure effective and transparent governance of mega-projects?
- How to deliver these projects effectively and ethically considering the limited supply of talented program and project managers?

The time is ripe to take stock of our multi-decade experience in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to consider how governments can leverage private finance to help realise these opportunities. It is increasingly recognised that private finance is not a panacea for insufficient government funding capacity, but when properly utilised can be a highly successful and efficient procurement tool delivering value to multiple stakeholders.

The webinar brings together several international PPP researchers. The aim of the webinar is to identify specific implementation issues that potentially impact PPPs and the ability of government to leverage private finance in the post-COVID economy, explore solutions and develop an action plan for future acceleration in the use of PPPs.

We will consider concrete questions such as:

- What is constraining the selection of PPP as the preferred procurement model for government and how can use of PPPs be encouraged?
- Has the PPP model demonstrated that it is sufficiently flexible to respond dynamically to changing requirements of government in a way that is simple to administer?

- Can the PPP model demonstrate alignment with broad social outcomes and build trust and transparency with the community beyond financial outcomes?
- How can a pipeline of investable PPP projects be rapidly developed to correspond with the massive amounts of readily available investment capital from superannuation funds without compromising the need for robust business cases?
- How can a more sophisticated model of risk allocation incorporate collaboration?