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## Symposium 1: *Inclusive Prosperity and Wellbeing in the Context of Mass Displacement*

The inaugural Frontiers of Development Symposium will take place **Monday 12 February - Wednesday 14 February in Kigali, Rwanda**. Delegates will arrive on **Sunday 11 February** for an informal networking reception and welcome dinner.

### Symposium Goal

Frontiers of Development aims to build on the success of Frontiers of Engineering by applying a similar format but creating an even more interdisciplinary atmosphere by inviting academics and industry professionals from non-engineering backgrounds.

All 4 UK Academies have bought into this programme with a view to making the Frontiers of Development symposia into a space for deep, cross-discipline collaboration; to create an event which brings future profession leaders and outstanding minds together to use their expertise to complement others' in the hope of finding solutions to today's many development challenges.

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### Symposium Format

The event will be made up of three multidisciplinary workshop-style sessions. Participants are obliged to attend every session to maximise the opportunity to make new contacts and build collaborative relationships. Whilst a session may not directly relate to an individual's research area, it is expected that participants who attend do so because they are eager to explore that which is outside their disciplinary silo and see how their work can link in with that of researchers in other areas to address development challenges.

Each session will be focused on a sub topic of the overarching theme, with relevant experts chairing the sessions to lead discussions. All four Academies are currently working jointly to identify event chairs for the upcoming Kigali Symposium.

Frontiers events are always enjoyable but they can be intense with so much happening over a short time period. Therefore, we incorporate a range of formal and informal networking opportunities including social activities to ensure delegates get to know each other and experience the local area.



## Event Chairs



### **Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga BSc (Hons), PhD, FHEA, FRICS**

Dilanthi is a Professor of Disaster Risk Management and Reduction. Based at the University of Huddersfield, UK, she is the Head of its Global Disaster Resilience Centre.

She is a leading expert in disaster resilience with an international reputation with specific emphasis on the built environment, and championing the under representation of women in this key research area. Her research focuses on Socio-economic measures for disaster risks; preparedness for response, recovery and reconstruction; built environment dimensions of climate change and sustainability; gender and protection; and public policy, governance and procurement.

Dilanthi also has lead and chaired many international conferences, published over 400 peer reviewed articles and project managed several major international collaborative research projects to successful completion. She provides expert advice on disaster resilience to national and local governments, and international agencies. She chairs the United Nations Working Group on Words into action on Accountability and Governance as well as being the joint editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment. Among other international awards and prizes, she is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).



### **Professor Henrietta L. Moore FBA**

Henrietta L. Moore is the Director of the Institute for Global Prosperity at UCL, where she also currently holds the Chair in Culture, Philosophy and Design. A distinguished anthropologist and cultural theorist, she has focused her recent work on the notion of global sustainable futures.

By rethinking how knowledge is produced, challenging current economic models, and identifying overlooked social and political dynamics, Professor Moore's approach places notions of well-being, institutional change, citizenship, and social justice at the focal point of her research. She is actively involved in the application of social science insights to policy at all levels.

Professor Moore has over 30 years experience working throughout Africa and is committed to involving grassroots communities in the production of new types of knowledge through 'citizen science'. Among numerous visiting appointments during her career, she is a Fellow of the British Academy, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an Academician of the Learned Societies for the Social Sciences.

## Symposium Themes

The symposium will discuss the challenges of mass displacement through the three themed sessions, focussing on what drives mass displacement, the pressures that are created by it and how we can prevent it, adapt to it, and work towards better inclusion of displaced persons into society. The themed sessions are:

### Session 1: Drivers of Mass Displacement

### Session 2: Shared Spaces and Services

Session Co-Chair: Dr Jayati Das-Munshi - Dept of Health Service and Population Research, Kings College London/Kings College Hospital, UK

Session Co-Chair: Dr Leopold Mbereyaho - School of Engineering, University of Rwanda - College of Science & Technology, Rwanda

### Session 3: Enhancing Value

Session Co-Chair: Professor Siri Hettige, Emeritus Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sessions will last for two hours and each will have four speakers. Each session will incorporate a mix of presentations, roundtables, panels and other interactive activities which will be led by the Session Co-Chairs.

## How to Get Involved

If you would like to attend this event, or know someone who would like to do so, please visit the [How to Get Involved](#) page to fill out an Expression of Interest or Nomination form as relevant.

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