

IN INDIA FOR THE FIRST TIME!

CO-CREATING

Safe & Liveable Neighbourhoods and Communities

Date: 6th - 10th January, 2027

Venue: Alembic City, Vadodara

A unique multi-disciplinary programme conducted by experts from the fields of sociology and governance, architecture and planning, ecology and landscape, mobility and engineering, will explain how thinking simultaneously on issues of housing & urban planning, landscape and infrastructure can lead to designing Safe and Liveable Neighbourhoods and Communities (SLNCs).

FORMAT : Lectures & workshops + site visits to projects.

FACULTY : International faculty from Netherlands, Belgium, USA, Canada, India, etc.

AUDIENCE : This programme is crafted for mid to senior level professionals from public and/or private sector – government, developers, architects, urban designers, financiers, consultants and academicians who together constitute the symbiotic ecosystem for designing inclusive and climate resilient cities.

QUESTIONS THE PROGRAM WILL TRY TO ANSWER :

- How can one create SLNCs through public participation and community engagement
- How can equity and justice create SLNCs
- How can the concept of Caring Cities help create SLNCs
- How can urban design focus on the safety of women and other vulnerable groups
- How can design of housing mitigate climate-change problems
- How can design of public-spaces and aspects of mobility help achieve SLNCs
- How can heritage be leveraged to bring communities together and create SLNCs
- How can history of landscape and ecology be instrumental in achieving SLNCs

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COSTS : We are accepting fees in INR or Euros.

(i) For India participants the fee is INR 70,000 (plus taxes) & Check out our Early Bird Offer valid till 15 September 2026 (*)

(ii) For participants outside India, we are offering a special package at Euros 1,250 (*)

(*) please see the T&C page for details

This fee will cover the cost of lectures, workshops and all visits to organisations and sites during the week long programme. As this is a limited seat program, reservations to eligible candidates will be made on first-come, first serve basis.

For receiving updates on this program register your details here - [Participation Form](#)

For group booking and other inquiries,
• Send your query to Mitali Choudhary on academy@myliveablecity.com or
• Send a  → scan the QR code



All participants will receive a certificate from IHS-MLC Academy on completing the course successfully.

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DAY 1 : WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY, 2027

Right to the City. Whose City is it Anyway?



MAARTJE VAN EERD



BAHAR SAKIZLIOGLU



**HUSSAIN
INDOREWALA**



**ADVAITA
JALAN**

MORNING SESSION: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

1A : INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM :

Shyam Khandekar

1B : Co-creating Equitable and Just Cities :

Maartje van Eerd (IHS)

TEA BREAK: 11:30 am - 11:45 am

POST TEA BREAK: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

1C : Co-creating the Caring City :

Bahar Sakiziloglu (IHS)

1D : Gender and Safety in Public Spaces :

Maartje van Eerd

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

POST-LUNCH SESSION: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

1E : DISCUSSION SESSION (1 HOUR) on

lectures of the day : Moderator Hussain
Indorewala

TEA BREAK: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

POST TEA BREAK: 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm

1F: Excursion to Vadodara : Guided by

Advaita Jalan (Navrachana University)

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The Excursion of Vadodara is intended to explore questions on the “Right to the City. Whose City is it Anyway?”. Public places selected represent the spirit of old Vadodara City – resonating equity, care, gender and safety for all.

CENTRAL
LIBRARY

STOPS

SAYAJI
BAUGH

1) The historic **Sayaji Baugh**, designed as a designated garden during reign of Sayajirao Gaekwad III. Even today, functions as an inclusive, equitable and safe public space for all. It demonstrates the spirit of a democratic and inclusive space.



4) **Central Library Vadodara**, also located within the historic core which has played a pivotal role in the Library Movement initiated by Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad III. The design of the library is one of its kind in the city and still holds relevance in purpose as a Library and as a multifunctional space. It was established with a vision to encourage girl child education for which special provision of a separate section and entry for women and children was provided.

SURSAGAR
PRECINCT

2) **Sursagar Precinct** surrounded by academic and social institutions working towards empowering girls, women and others through education and unique model of the “Project Gazra”.

- This precinct also houses **Shri Maharani Chimnabai Stree Udyogalaya**, a vocational centre for empowering women was established in 1914 during Gaekwad period serves as an extension of the Social Reforms implemented during his tenure. Today the organization is fully functional and made relevant under the “Project “Gazra”. This project focuses on creating inclusive spaces regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, or background.



MANDVI
GATE



3) **Mandvi Gate** a pavilion (viewed from bus) at the intersection of cardinal axis within walled city area of Vadodara representing a secular and multifunctional space.

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DAY 2 : THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY, 2027

Understanding the Planetary Limits



ASHOK LALL



PRASOON SINGH



CHARMAE NERCUA



UDIT AMIN



SHYAM KHANDEKAR



SUBHAGYA RAVAL

MORNING SESSION: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

2A : **Designing Low Carbon Futures : safety from Climate Change** : Ashok Lall

2B : **Safety from floods** : Prasoon Singh (TERI)

TEA BREAK: 11:30 am – 11:45 am

POST TEA BREAK: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

2C : **Co-creating Nature-based solutions** : Charmae Nercua (IHS)

2D : **Safety against Rising Heat** : Ashok Lall

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

POST-LUNCH SESSION: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

2E : **DISCUSSION SESSION (1 HOUR) on lectures of the day** : Moderator Shyam Khandekar

TEA BREAK: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

POST TEA BREAK: 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm

2F : **Excursion to Alembic City, Vadodara** : Udit Amin along with Shyam Khandekar & Subhagya Atale Raval

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DAY 3 : FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY, 2027

Day Trip to Ahmedabad and visit to 3 massive Urban Planning Interventions - the future ambitions of Ahmedabad city.

STOPS

**GIFT
CITY**

1) Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City): It is India's first operational greenfield smart city and international financial services centre, which the Government of Gujarat promoted as a greenfield project. The city is designed so residents can walk to work, and includes commercial, financial and residential complexes along with social facilities such as schools, clubs, parks etc., enhancing the quality of life for its residents. The uninterrupted infrastructure and 24/7 top-of-the-line security surveillance measures make GIFT City safe and secure for the families staying.



**NARENDRA
MODI
STADIUM**



2) Narendra Modi Stadium:
An international cricket stadium with seating capacity of 132,000. It is not only the world's largest cricket stadium but is also the largest overall stadium in the world by capacity. It is owned by the Gujarat Cricket Association.

**SABARMATI
RIVER
FRONT**



3) Sabarmati River Front: Sabarmati river has been an integral part in the life of Ahmedabad since the time the city was founded in 1411 along its banks. Sabarmati Riverfront project was conceived with the objective of providing the following:

- **Environmental Improvement** - reduction in erosion and ; sewage diversion; water retention and recharge and river cleaning.



- **Social Upliftment** - This project aimed at resettling over 10,000 households that were previously living in slums along the banks of the river and at integrating the informal activities such as laundering of clothes and informal markets.



- **Creation of Parks & Public Spaces** : One of the key features of this project is a two-level, continuous promenade at the water's edge along each bank of the river.



- **Provision of Socio-Cultural Facilities** : To provide new and improved facilities for the city and to include sections with particular needs, provision of markets and vending areas to include street vendors , laundry facilities for the washing community, trade and fair facilities for the business community.



- **Sustainable Development** : Project aims to be self-financing – to achieve its goals without relying on any funding from the government



- **Revitalisation of Neighbourhoods**



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DAY 4 : SATURDAY 9TH JANUARY, 2027

Heritage, Landscape & Urban Planning



VINAYAK
BHARNE



SHYAM
KHANDEKAR



KELLY
SHANNON



KARNA
SENGUPTA



JEAN PAUL
CORTEN



SUBHAGYA
RAVAL



PRATYUSH
SHANKAR

MORNING SESSION: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

4A : **Saving and Repurposing heritage :**
Vinayak Bharne

4B : **Attaining urban resilience through
redevelopment :** Shyam Khandekar

TEA BREAK: 11:30 am - 11:45 am

POST TEA BREAK: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

4C : **Saving cities through landscape
urbanism in South-East Asia:** Kelly
Shannon

4D : **Safety of other than human actors :**
Karna Sengupta

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

POST-LUNCH SESSION: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

4E : **Heritage as an Asset for Urban
Development :** Jean Paul Corten (IHS)

4F : **Safety through Landscape Design &
Engineering :** Subhagya Atale Raval
(Lanarch)

TEA BREAK: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

POST TEA BREAK: 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm

4G : **Discussion Session on lectures of the
day & on visit to Ahmedabad :**

Moderator: Pratyush Shankar
(Navrachana University)

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DAY 5 : SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY, 2027

Public Spaces and Public Participation: The Collaborative City



JOHN JUNG



ADARSH KAPOOR



SHYAM KHANDEKAR



JAGAN SHAH

MORNING SESSION: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

5A : The role of technology in attaining urban safety : John Jung (ICF)

5B : Safety through Smart Mobility : Adarsha Kapoor (Creative Footprints)

TEA BREAK: 11:30 am – 11:45 am

POST TEA BREAK: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

5C : The role of public participation in Intelligent Communities : John Jung (ICF)

5D : Co-creating Public Spaces through Public Participation : Shyam Khandekar

5E : DISCUSSION SESSION on lectures of the day : Jagan Shah

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

POST-LUNCH SESSION: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

5F : Ending the event with appraisal and distribution of certificates.

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Urban Designer + City
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ATTAINING URBAN
RESILIENCE THROUGH
REDEVELOPMENT
AND
CO-CREATING PUBLIC
SPACES THROUGH PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION



JOHN JUNG

(US and Canada)

Urban Planner + Co-Founder
and Chairman of ICF

THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY
IN ATTAINING URBAN
SAFETY
AND
THE ROLE OF PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION IN
INTELLIGENT COMMUNITIES



CHARMAE NERCUA

(Netherlands and
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Housing and Urban
Management Specialist

CO-CREATING NATURE-
BASED SOLUTIONS



JEAN PAUL CORTEN

(Netherlands)

Cultural Historian +
Heritage Specialist

ADDRESSING SHARED
HERITAGE



VINAYAK BHARNE

(USA and India)

Urban Designer + Architect

SAVING AND REPURPOSING
HERITAGE



ASHOK LALL

(India)

Architect + Researcher

DESIGNING LOW CARBON
FUTURES : SAFETY FROM
CLIMATE CHANGE AND
RISING HEAT



MAARTJE VAN EERD

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Human Geographer and
Social Development
Specialist

INCLUSIVE CITIES /
EQUITY + JUSTICE / GENDER
+ SAFETY



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(Netherlands and Turkey)

Urban Sociologist

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Architect and Urbanist



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(India)

Landscape Architect

**SAFETY THROUGH
LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND
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**HUSSAIN
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Teacher + Urban
Researcher



KELLY SHANNON

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Landscape Architect
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**SAVING CITIES THROUGH
LANDSCAPE URBANISM
IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA**



KARNA SENGUPTA

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Architect + Urban Designer

**SAFETY OF OTHER THAN
HUMAN ACTORS**



ADARSHA KAPOOR

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Architect + Urban Designer

**SAFETY THROUGH SMART
MOBILITY**



PRASEON SINGH

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Climate Resilience and
Hydrology Expert +
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SAFETY FROM FLOODS



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Architect + Urban Designer



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

The course will take place with a maximum number of participants which is 60.

OFFER VALID FOR INDIA PARTICIPANTS ONLY :

(A) Early Bird Discount valid only till 15th September, 2026

	Regular Fee	Early Bird Discount	You Pay	You Save
Single Seat	₹ 70,000.00	10%	₹ 63,000.00	₹ 7,000.00
Group Booking for 3 Seats	₹ 2,10,000.00	33%	₹ 1,40,000.00	₹ 70,000.00

(fee mentioned in table is excluding 18% tax)

SPECIAL PACKAGE OFFERED TO PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE INDIA :

You Pay	You Get
Single Seat Package Fee @ Euros 1250.00	★ Cost of lectures, workshops and all visits to organisations and sites during the weeklong programme. ★ Your domestic travel (round ticket) from Mumbai or Delhi to Vadodara ★ Your stay during the Expert Program, prefixed by one day (this cost includes single occupancy room rental, breakfast and dinner)

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REGISTRATION:

Participants from India will have to pay their course fees to MyLiveableCity, while participants outside India will have to pay their fees to our affiliate M/s Icons/NL, based in The Netherlands. Registration of eligible candidates will take place on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration will be deemed confirmed on full payment of the registration fees.

CANCELLATION:

Please note that in case of cancellation request received from the participant, only 50% of the amount will be refunded, however, if the course is cancelled by MyLiveableCity, the participant will be fully refunded.

BOARDING AND LODGING:

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements in booking their accommodation.

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