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“Creative Economies” Session

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Speaker Biographies

Dr Graham Alabaster

Dr Graham Alabaster is a public health engineer by profession and is UN-Habitat’s Head of office in Geneva, where he represents the Office of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat. He is responsible for liaison with Geneva-based member states and organisations. He holds a BSc in Chemical Engineering and a PhD in Civil Engineering.

After an early career in academic research and post-doctoral researcher in the UK and Africa, and a period in industry, he joined UN-Habitat in 1992. Since then he has looked after many different portfolios including: Slum upgrading, environmental infrastructure; health and environment; Water, Sanitation and waste management. In addition, he has been responsible for developing relationships with the regional development banks and the private sector. During this period, he has been on secondment to both the World Health Organisation, and UNHCR, where he has applied his expertise to preventative health in urban settings and humanitarian environments. The work has usually included both policy advice to members states and project design and implementation. He was responsible for the development of the UN-system wide monitoring mechanism for SDG 6 on Water, and also the co-custodian of indicator 6.3.1 on wastewater.

He is currently the co-chair of the RBM End Malaria Now, Multi-sectoral working group. In addition, he represents UN-Habitat on many inter-agency bodies and advisory groups. He has also produced a variety of publications including global reports and technical papers in journals. He has over 35 years- experience in the urban sector and has worked in over 50 countries in all regions of the world.

Professor Dianne Davis,

Professor Diane Davis is founding president of the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) established in 1993. It is a non-profit organization accredited to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The book, *Hospitable Design for Healthcare and Senior Communities*, written with Dr. Albert Bush-Brown, initiated the “Better living...Adding Life to Years” programs. To stimulate greater understanding her efforts include: The “Cross-Sectoral” Windsor Consultations, “Integrated Communities: A Society for All Ages” Student Competitions, and events addressing interaction of ICT, disability, health and rehabilitation. Professor Davis fosters new mindsets and develops products and services for the hospitality, healthcare and educational industries around the world. Her work has been cited in “Who’s Who of American Women” since 1966.



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Known as an industry catalyst, change agent, and futurist, her goal is to develop “cross over” ventures and stimulate traditional “sleeping” organizations to move into the forefront of performance and impact.

Mr. Roberto Donà

Roberto Donà is an academic and a business practitioner with a long experience in China. He is a Professor of Practice in Management at IBSS, the business school of Xi’An Jiaotong Liverpool University in Suzhou, where he serves also the Associate Dean for Corporate Affairs. He is also Honorary Professor at School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of University of Chinese Academy of Science.

Dr. Theo Dounas

Dr. Theo Dounas is an architect and an academic expert in design computation for architecture. His research focuses on decentralised production via blockchain, generative and parametric systems with a tight orchestration between design and fabrication. He is registered and chartered in the UK and the EU, and currently the learning excellence leader at the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland where he directs the MSc in Advanced Architectural Design and orchestrates the school’s efforts in digitisation. He was one of the founding members of the Xian Jiatong-Liverpool University Department of Architecture in Suzhou, China. He has practiced as an architect in Greece and China.

Ms. Fumiko Green

At the end of 2019, after over 45 years in USA, she along with her husband relocated to her native Japan to focus on STEAM education for youth. One of the projects she has begun since she travelled between Japan and USA since 2012 for development of experiential learning programs is Kimono recycle. She has established Vintage Kimono Collection/storage area in her hometown working with a vintage kimono store owner and a Kimono Couture Dress designer to promote recycle of the exceptional handmade silk Kimono since Jan 2020.

Mr. Subharthi Guha

Subharthi Guha is Architect and Urban Planner, with an experience of design across 25 countries and over 50 projects with a skillset of winning competitions, developing concepts and construction of highly creative work. Having worked alongside architect Charles Correa on numerous international buildings, masterplan and rural re-development projects, he joined Zaha Hadid Architects, London in 2010, expanding his repertoire of built projects. Working at ZHA for the past 13 years, his experience range across all sectors including high end residential, commercial, infrastructure, housing and retail.



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He founded the award-winning studio conceptSG Ltd in 2006 which works on avant-garde buildings and new growth models of city planning across the globe. All of the works on Architecture and City planning strategies have been awarded and widely published whilst some have been adopted as part of Urban advisory boards in India and the UK. He is an Honorary Scholar at XJTLU, Suzhou and has taught and lectured worldwide in institutes such as the Architectural Association London, TU Delft, Netherlands, Washington State University, Univ. of Maryland, Savannah College of Art & Design, CEPT Ahmedabad, XJTLU China, Sharda University and School of Planning and Architecture Delhi/ Vijaywada.

Professor G D Jayalakshmi

Professor G D Jayalakshmi (commonly called Jaya) is an award-winning, experienced filmmaker, educator and media consultant. Jaya's industry experience spans eleven years at the BBC, where she was a producer, making mainly documentary films. Then she set up her own production company in order to pursue her interest in fiction film-making. Jaya has won several awards including the Platinum Award at Worldfest Houston and *Bluefire! British* at Kino International Short Film Festival. She was also the runner up, BAFTA/TAPS British Writer of the Year. Her films have screened at major international festivals – Cannes, Berlin, San Francisco, Houston and they have toured with the British Film Institute Spice Tour programme. Recently, Jaya has completed two documentaries in China for the Aga Khan Awards in Architecture.

One of Jaya's proudest moments, though, is working with multiple stakeholders including London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Liverpool School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine the UK Medical Research Council; Commonwealth Broadcasting Association and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Gambia Radio and TV Services to create 'Bolonghodalla' (aka By the River) – a 26 part drama series aimed at combatting malaria which the World Health Organization deemed as 'flagship programming; and rolled it out across all countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Currently, she is a Professor of Creative Practice at Edinburgh Napier University and heads the Centre for Creative Practice. She is passionate about ideas and the need to extend knowledge for 'all experience is an arch wherethrough gleams the untravelled world'.

Dr. Christoph Karle

Christoph Karle qualified 1995 in medicine at the University of Heidelberg. He studied medicine and mathematics at the University of Heidelberg, at the Baylor College of Medicine (Houston/Texas) and the University of Leicester (UK). After residency at the Medical University Hospital in Heidelberg, he specialized in internal medicine, cardiology and human genetics. His postdoc fellowship at the department of molecular electrophysiology ended successful with a Ph.D. in 2005 and two years later with a full professorship at the University of Heidelberg. He holds another M.D. in den United States after successful USMLE graduation in 1996.



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He founded the private clinic "PraeMedicum" Stetten Castle near Stuttgart in 2021 - dedicated to a new model for basic medical services in rural areas, comprising cardiology, human genetics, family medicine, pain therapy, orthopedics, ophthalmology, ear-nose-throat, psychotherapy and physiotherapy. This model combines lucrative cost centers like check-up diagnostics and interventional cardiology with putative loss-making cost centers like conservative cardiology and family medicine.

Among many patents, he holds an international patent describing a new nano-particle inhalation agent for Covid-19-SARS. In 2015, he founded the non-for-profit-organization HGDZ, dedicated to emergency strategies for rural areas. HGDZ financed about 150 automatic defibrillators stationed in small villages and organized emergency seminars teaching how to behave in a sudden-cardiac-arrest situation. In 2015 he became delegate in the Hohenlohe county parliament in order to collect political experience for one legislative period. He is high-level facilitator and scientific board member of the German Foundation for Chronically Ill People in Berlin which consults the German Ministry of Health and the G-BA (Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss), a board responsible for all health decisions in Germany.

Ms. Jaclyn Lee

A 2018 Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business Honoree, Jaclyn is a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Advocate, Change Enablement Champion, and Business Strategist who works with leading enterprises around the globe to create high-impact and sustainable changes in workplaces and communities with creativity, purpose, and result-oriented solutions. In 2020, Jaclyn founded D-I-C-E Consulting and iHub at D-I-C-E to bring her significant experience and leadership to companies looking to foster an inclusive and engaging workplace culture.

Passionate about paving the way for NextGen and nurturing young talents, Jaclyn is also a lifelong Mentor. Her highly acclaimed mentoring program Calling for Allyship is covered by North New Jersey.com, Yahoo, GCTV, World Journal, etc. Jaclyn's professional experience includes key leadership roles with AIG, MassMutual, MetLife, Arthur Andersen Business Consulting, and Evergreen. During her tenure with world-class organizations, Jaclyn's career path expanded beyond the spectrum of People, Culture, and Employee Experience. Her business credential is also highlighted with substantial contributions in Multi-cultural Marketing, Operation Excellence, and Customer Experience. Jaclyn currently co-chairs the Diversity & Inclusion Committee of the SHRM NJ Chapter. She earned an MS in Management from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and is a certified Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR) and a Senior Professional with the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM-SCP). She completed the Diversity and Inclusion Executive Program for HR professionals at Cornell University in 2020.



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Mr. Scott Lee

2021 Calling for Allyship Proposal Writing Contest Winner for High School Division, Scott is a senior at North Hollywood High School in Los Angeles, California. Interested in helping to build a better future for all, he has taken a keen interest in public policy and community engagement to solve local issues. An active member of the community, he serves as a member of the Los Angeles Times High School Insider Youth Advisory Board and the Holocaust Museum LA Teen Board. He has also formerly served on the Los Angeles Mayor's Youth Council and was a part of Citizen University's Youth Collaboratory. Focusing on initiatives that relate to education and journalism, he has sought to tell and preserve the stories of those who have valuable lessons to share with the world based on their diverse experiences. Besides his interests in community building, Scott also fosters an interest in the arts and graphic design. Focusing on sculptural art and motion graphic design, he can often be found near a computer or work desk to complete an art project or video concept.

Professor Gisela Loehlein

Prof. Gisela Loehlein has an extensive global experience in both academic, practice and government. Gisela's versatile nature and keen interest in cultures has expanded her portfolio across the Europe, Australasia and Middle East. Having worked on over 30 of the renowned projects that Dubai and its region is synonymous with. Prof Gisela Loehlein has more than 2 decades of Higher education experience. During that time, she has spearheaded new initiatives in architecture and higher education. As an experienced senior executive, she led policy alignment, international quality assurance initiatives, recruitment, retention, and campus development initiatives.

Prof. Gisela Loehlein is a thought leader and regularly serves as advisor to senior leaders, organization, and colleges across the world on capacity building and internationalization, future proofing higher education and architecture and design. A natural international networker that always strive to surpass expectation and providing colleagues and students a cohesive enabling environment.

In higher education administrative roles, she helped to drive meaningful change in higher education as advisor to sheikhs in the UAE or in her role as advisor to the German Bundestag as part of the higher education reform in Europe.

Her graduates have gained international acclaim, winning the Aga Khan Award, scholarship recipients of top international architecture schools such as Harvard, Princeton, Delft university to just name a few. She is well versed in diverse higher education and systems and frameworks. Raised in a brick manufacturing dynasty family in Germany, she initially went to a management school in Germany before going to the UK for her bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering and a Ph.D. in Architecture.



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Professor Davide Lombardi

Davide Lombardi is a chartered architect and scholar, holding a degree in Architecture with honors (BA+MA, Università degli Studi Gabriele d'Annunzio) and a Ph.D. degree in Architecture (School of Advanced Studies Gabriele d'Annunzio). Currently, he holds the position as Associate Professor and Interim Head of Architecture Department at the Xi'an Jiaotong – Liverpool University (Suzhou, China). He currently serves the Department of Architecture by leading its Master of Architectural Design and providing his support by holding different service roles. D

uring the last years, he has been instrumental in creating streamlined processes to smoothen the regular operations related to departmental academic life. He took the lead in aspects such as students' exchange schemes development, students' admission pathways creation, curricula modifications and improvements, ensuring the compliance with academic and professional body's quality standards, marketing and outreach, IT coordination and procurement.

His research has been published in books, journals and conference proceedings via key-note speeches in international universities (Oxford-Brookes Rome Visiting School, Nanjing University, Beijing Institute of Fashion and Technology, Royal University of Bhutan, UDLAP Puebla). Teaching wise, he is the supervisor of several Ph.D. candidates in XJTLU and UoL, Module Leader for the M/Arch final year project and delivers lectures for multiple modules within the BEng program. He also co-supervises UG and PG thesis in the civil engineering program.

Further, he organises extra-curricular workshops around digital architecture with international experts in digital representation, advanced structural design, and decentralisation in architecture. As a professional, he collaborates with various architecture firms on large-scale international projects and small design proposals in different countries (Italy, China, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Greece, Serbia).

Mr. Karl Wolf

Karl Wolf first studied mechanical engineering and set up his own business painting dentists' chairs. During this he developed the first solariums and was market leader in England and Australia. At the age of 30, he sold everything and made his mark in the real estate business. With his company, Wolf Liegenschaften, he is a real estate portfolio holder and private asset manager based in Hanau/Germany. His company develops and builds commercial and residential properties for its own portfolio, rents out the properties and offers caretaker services or rental management. This has been going on for 40 years with currently fifteen employees. The regional focus is on the Rhine-Main region and Berlin. He was one of the first in Germany to convert a US barracks into a residential area. He is also the co-owner of one of the largest electricity and gas brokers in Germany. With his family foundation, he supports social and many church projects.