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Urban Age Mexico City conference, 24 and 25 February 2006

Thinking Mexico City's way into the twenty-first century is the aim of the Urban Age conference organised by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society.

Urbanists from all corners in Mexico City will be joined by a multidisciplinary group of international experts to re-think the city's present problems and future prospects. The Mayor of the Federal District Alejandro Encinas, the Governor of the State of Mexico Enrique Peña Nieto and Minister José Luis Luege Tamargo from the Mexican government as well as Dr. Josef Ackermann, Chairman of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank lead an impressive group of decision-makers that will gather to discuss more sustainable forms of growth and new opportunities for urbanism in the mega-city. Top-level members of city governments in the Americas and Europe such as Sao Paulo, New York City, London and Barcelona, will share their expertise of working in cities with similar problems and their innovative approaches.

Enrique Norton, Ricardo Legoretta, Felipe Leal, Marinela Servitje, Néstor García Canclini are part of the long list of academics and practitioners, architects, urban designers and planners, business and civic leaders from across the city and the world that will debate alternatives and interventions for a city with enormous economic, social and environmental challenges that nevertheless seems to be regaining ground in terms of its urbanity.

Discussions will centre around the revitalisation of the historic centre and re-densification of the central city; a stronger focus on public transport; the need for more good-quality public spaces and cultural outlets across the metropolitan area; and other economic and social strategies for the Mexico City of the twenty-first century.

Our partners in Mexico City are Government of the Federal District, Government of the State of Mexico, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Iberoamericana University and Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation.

This event is part of a joint initiative called "Urban Age" of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society to discuss the shape of rapidly expanding world cities and what can be done to improve the everyday lives of urban dwellers around the globe. After New York, Shanghai and London, this is the fourth conference of the project and will be followed by events in Johannesburg and Berlin later in 2006.

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