

## Background

Megacities and megaurban regions have become a focal point of economic, political and social development in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many of the complex megaurban processes and structures are linked to global change processes, and many of them are strongly influenced by informal networks and institutions. In the past six years more than 100 researchers in Bangladesh, China and Germany have been collaborating within the research framework of the Scientific Priority Program “Megacities-Megachallenge. Informal Dynamics of Global Change” to explore the interlinkages of informality and global change in the megaurban contexts of Dhaka (Bangladesh) and the Pearl River Delta (China).

The research program’s final colloquium will reflect this collaborative work with presentations on interdisciplinary research in the key areas of research. In order to broaden the scope of presentations and discussions, the organizers also invite presentations of papers by researchers outside the research program who work on the respective subjects.

### The central topics include:

- new challenges and forms of megaurban governance
- megaurban economies
- material and resource flows
- settlement development, megaurban landscapes
- environment and health
- migrants and migrants’ spaces

### Deadline Call for Abstracts

Papers with a special reference to aspects of informality and the interlinkages with global change are especially welcome. The **deadline** for the **call for abstracts** as well as **registration** (not more than 300 words) will be **15 February 2013**.

**Please use the attached form to register and submit your abstracts** to Harald Sterly ([h.sterly@uni-koeln.de](mailto:h.sterly@uni-koeln.de)), CC Dr. Tabea Bork-Hüffer ([t.bork@uni-koeln.de](mailto:t.bork@uni-koeln.de)) and Ms. Andrea Lepper ([alepper.uni-koeln@gmx.de](mailto:alepper.uni-koeln@gmx.de)).

**Date and Time of the conference:** 14.-16.04.2013

**Venue:** Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn , Ahrstr. 45, 53175 Bonn  
([http://www.stifterverband.org/veranstaltungen/wissenschaftszentrum\\_bonn/](http://www.stifterverband.org/veranstaltungen/wissenschaftszentrum_bonn/))

**Accommodation:** the WZ Bonn recommends the hotels in the attached list.

**Conference Fee:** EUR 80 (covering conference facilities and catering)





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4.	Hilton, Berliner Freiheit	5,2	****	7269-0	€ 167
5.	Domicil, Thomas-Mann-Str. 24	5,5	****	72909-0	€ 127
6.	Königshof, Adenauerallee 9	4,7	****	2601-0	€ 140
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