



Eviction & Displacement Dialogue

Precarious land tenure regimes underwrite ordinary citizens' housing and employment conditions in urban Pakistan. In Karachi, a recent wave of Supreme Court backed anti-encroachment drives has displaced formal/informal businesses, evicted people from their homes, and destroyed other structures deemed 'illegal'. Even though Karachi's yearlong anti-encroachment drives have been widely reported in mainstream media, the narratives overlook the voices of those directly impacted. In our evictions and displacement dialogue, we aim to address this gap by inviting residents from settlements that have been demolished or are under threat of eviction. Our panelists will discuss their experiences, trials and tribulations, and expectations about their futures in the context of Karachi's violent urban planning and politics. These are residents, advocates and community activists.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Friday, 11th October 2019

Ghani and Tayyab (GT) Auditorium at IBA Karachi's Main Campus

Panelists:

- **Mr Ali Shah:** Advocate and resident from one of the impacted settlements. Ali Shah is the legal representative for the Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) affectees.
- **Ms Rubina Naz:** School teacher whose house was demolished under the current evictions.
- **Mr Sagheer Ahmed:** Community activist who has engaged in extensive community mobilization.
- **Mr Muhammad Rizwan:** Member of the Quarters Mutasirin Committee campaigning for legal tenure.
- **Ms Seema Liaquat:** Representative of the Urban Resource Center (URC) helping communities organize and resist evictions across Karachi.
- **Ms. Fizza Qureshi:** Moderator & Research Associate Karachi Urban Lab.

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