



## ZMO-Kolloquium Winter Term 2015/2016

### *The Future of the City: Contested Urbanism in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*

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#### **Venue:**

Zentrum Moderner Orient  
Kirchweg 33

14129 Berlin

#### **Schedule change**

All lectures will start at 5 pm sharp and will last until 6:30 pm.

Thursday, 24 September 2015, 5 pm

#### **India's GIFT: The Hubris of Technotopia in a Future of Smart Urbanization**

*Ayona Datta*, University of Leeds

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Thursday, 22 October 2015, 5 pm

#### **Kuwait's Urban Alternative: Youth Activism and Rights to the City**

*Farah Al-Nakib*, American University of Kuwait

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Thursday, 26 November 2015, 5 pm

#### **Abide in Me: An Enduring Faith in the Disappearing City. Reflections from the 'Deep South'**

*AbdouMaliq Simone*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen

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Thursday, 17 December 2015, 5 pm

#### **The Architecture of 'Reprendre' and the Future City: Cases from Kinshasa**

*Filip de Boeck*, University of Leuven

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Thursday, 28 January 2016, 5 pm

#### **Streets and Walls: Mobility and Visibility in Tehran**

*Shahram Khosravi*, Stockholm University

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Thursday, 3 March 2016, 5 pm

#### **Authoritarian Urban Planning and The People's Response: Understanding the Protest in Gezi Park**

*Tarik Sengul*, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

Asia, Africa and Middle East are among the fastest urbanizing world regions in recent decades. This lecture series examines dominant trends in urbanization and the impact of these trends on urban spaces and the meanings of urbanity. We explore not only the future of urban development, but also how the future is articulated in cities through urban planning, place-making and everyday practice. Moreover, we are interested to examine how and under what conditions, the future is enacted in the present, as well as informed by the past. We ask questions, such as what is the future of the city, and how much does it mark a break with past and current understandings of the city? How much does urban expansion blur the distinction between the urban and the rural? What are the different ideas, realities and practices that shape the urban future?

We address the need to explore the interconnection between cities via various forms of human, economic, and political (transnational and/or translocal) capital, and the intersection of global influences and local dynamic in shaping urban development and life. Last but not least, we ask who are the beneficiaries and losers of the various forms of urban growth, and how different actors claim their rights to the city.

#### **Organizers:**

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