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This debates and presentations series offers an interdisciplinary reflection on the development of cities in the Global South and the different dynamics that shape them today. Renowned experts will share their alternative readings of these specific urban spaces. The lectures will acknowledge both the tensions and frictions in such sites, as well as the opportunities that are generated thanks to, or in spite of them. The debates pay much attention to the specific ways in which civil societies' and city dwellers' 'agency' is enabled or disabled.

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Alternative visions on African Cities - Cases from East Africa

Garth Myers Urban Planner, Trinity College Hartford, Connecticut

Viviana d' Auria ASRO, KULeuven

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Cities of Disaster -Cases from Asia

Shigeru Ban Architect, Cornell University, NY (tbc)

Tom Corsellis Architect, Director of Shelter Center, Geneva (tbc)

Moderator Bruno De Meulder ASRO, KULeuven

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The Speculative City - Cases from Kinshasa & Mumbai

Arjun Appadurai Anthropologist, New York University

Filip De Boeck IARA, KULeuven

Moderator Knut Graw IARA, KULeuven

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Cities and Poverty -Cases from South Africa

Carole Rakodi Urban Planner, University of Birmingham)

Vanessa Watson African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town

Moderator Hannah Leroux ASRO, KULeuven

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Images of the City -Cases from Indonesia

Aryo Danusiri Sensory Ethnography Lab Harvard University

Stephen Cairns Architecture and Urbanism, University of Edinburgh

Moderator Lieven De Cauter ASRO, KULeuven

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