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Assembling Southern Urbanism: Explorations in Informal Urban Design

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Summary

Forms of informal urbanism have become integral to the ways in which places across diverse geographies are shaped and experienced, particularly within what is often referred to as the Global South. In this presentation, I discuss our research exploring the intersections of informal urbanism, urban design, comparative urbanism, urban morphology, and public space. My focus is on addressing the enduring challenge of understanding the complex dynamics of informal urbanism in relation to urban design, and on exploring how forms of urban informality work within a global context. The presentation also reflects on our recent and forthcoming book projects in relation to these themes.

Keywords

Southern Urbanism; Informality; Urban Design; Informal Urbanism; Comparative Urbanism; Public Space; Urban Morphology; Urban Design research; Urban Design Pedagogy; Urban Studies