

Narrating Urban Lives

Theoretical Interventions for Global Urban History
A public conversation series February-June 2024

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1st Feb 24 - 5th Jun 24

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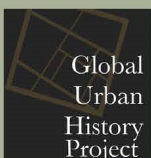
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In this series of public conversations we reflect on what histories count or should count when narrating urban lives in a planetary age. In so doing, we question dominant narratives to think through the political stakes of history as a plurality of practices and projects. Which ways of knowing and being undergird historical narratives and their temporal and spatial structures? How do ecological crisis and planetary awareness inflect our understanding of urban lifeworlds and politics? How to write a history of global modernity from the urban underside? What urban worlds does anti-colonialism conjure? And how does history-writing as activism or advocacy engender new research practices beyond the archive? These questions will frame our interdisciplinary discussion, with the aim of advancing histories and theories that can do justice to the plurality of urban life.

This series builds on the “Dream Conversations on Theory” of the Global Urban History Project, is co-hosted by Critical Urbanisms (University of Basel), UTA-Do African Cities Workshop (Nairobi), the Urban Studies Institute (Antwerp University) and the Beyond Inhabitation Lab, and organized by Kenny Cupers, Greet De Block, Anwasha Ghosh, Wangui Kimari, Carl Nightingale, Rosemary Wakeman.



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Presenters: Maria Kaika, Matthew Vitz, and Carl Nightingale

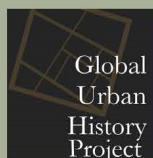
Moderators: Greet De Block and Wangui Kimari

An Introductory Conversation between Global Urban Historians and Urban Political Ecologists on Theory and Research Practice

1st Feb at 14:00-16:00 UTC

RSVP for Zoom link [here](#)

What concepts best capture the relationship between cities and the planet? What places and processes should we research, and how, to give these concepts empirical traction? This event is based on the idea that Global Urban Historians and Urban Political Ecologists have much thus-far untapped mutual inspiration to offer each other as we research what many consider to be the most significant transformations of the relationship of human and non-human space in all time. The conversation will bring together scholars in both fields who are engaged in empirical practice that relies on, as well as can potentially radically reconfigure, such basic concepts as "city," the "urban" "hinterland," "urbanization" "extended or planetary urbanization," "environment," "ecology," "nature," "more than human," "Anthropocene," and "planet Earth" itself.



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