

Slumdog Cities:

The Politics of Subaltern Urbanism

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The study of megacities in the global South has come to be dominated by two contrasting paradigms: an apocalyptic vision of a "planet of slums" and a populist vision of entrepreneurial "shadow cities." This talk will critically examine such paradigms, calling into question the ways in which "subaltern urbanism" is currently framed. Drawing on postcolonial theory, it will present an alternative framework for the understanding of urbanism in the

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