



Geographisches Kolloquium

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Ecologically Smart Cities: Mapping human-nature interactions in cities of the Global South

Cities are on a breakneck path to growth, especially in the global South. Across the world, most cities were originally built on a firm basis of local ecology, drawing on the biodiversity in the rivers, lakes, forests, grasslands and coastal areas around them for food, water and building material. Yet over centuries we have forgotten this ecological history. Instead, human pressures have transformed the ecology of most cities beyond recognition. It has never been more clear why we must begin to think ecologically about our urban future. Drawing on examples from India and other Global South cities, this talk will discuss how we need to re-design cities to accommodate ecology, building Ecologically Smart Cities to accommodate both nature and human wellbeing – thereby enabling greater resilience to climate change and urban stresses.

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