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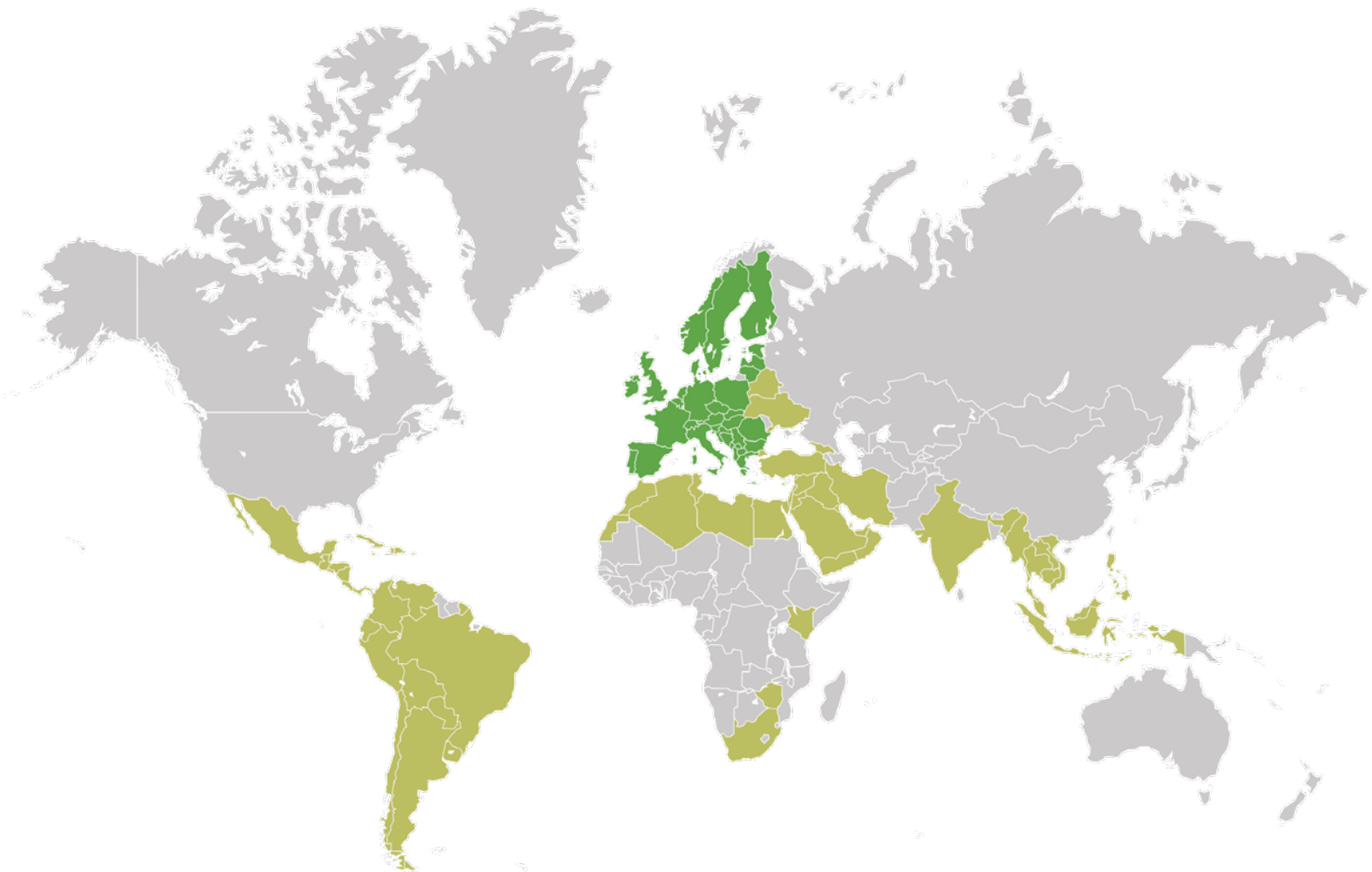
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EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE GLOBAL
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DISCOURSE



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

September 2021 | IHS, Erasmus University Rotterdam

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This year's TRIALOG conference is dedicated to a critical (self) reflection of past and future roles of European civil society and academia in the global urbanisation discourse. Civil society's engagement from North to South in urban development provides a complex picture that can be interpreted in many ways. Twelve panels will assess the roles and impacts of urban stakeholders, particularly of Civil society Organisations (CSOs), and the transitions and reform processes they underwent over the past decades.

A diversified landscape of European CSOs and academic institutions has emerged that critically reflects but also actively engages in the urban development of the Global South. European civil society has effectively challenged prejudices and the hegemonic interpretations of development and promoted alternative ways for urban development. By learning from, exchanging on, and informing about the conditions and dynamics of urbanisation globally, Europe-based journals, associations, and institutes have contributed to the current, multifaceted interpretation of cities in the South, specifically in regards to the situation of the urban poor, spatial justice, housing, etc.

This conference looks into what the major contributions of Europe from its civil society were in the past, but also how false assumptions and alternative hegemonies have triggered our understanding and ways of actions in the present. Considering its geographic position, we also would like to discuss the future of a globalized civil society: What will the coming generation of CSOs look like?



CONFERENCE CALENDAR

SESSIONS SCHEDULE:

The conference offers twelve thematic sessions within the following schedule. Each panel session explores the unique topic with the help of invited specialists and leaves space for open discussions and the generation of new ideas.

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UTC time	8 <u>WE</u>	9 <u>TH</u>	10 <u>FR</u>	11 <u>SA</u>
15:00 16:30	OPENING SESSION	PANEL I		
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Note: This schedule follows the **UTC standard** time. UTC (Universal Time Coordinated) is **2 hours behind CEST** (Central European Summer Time)!

For your attention:

All panels are held in English language. Some panels may provide summarized translation between English and languages spoken by invited panelists.

Please note that by attending the session, you will consent to the recording.

As part of the conference, results and findings of some of the conference panels can be published by its organizers in our Trialog e.V. journal publication.

PANELS OVERVIEW

SESSIONS SEQUENCE:

- I "In between"-ness, part 1 (Eastern Europe)**

A conversation about the continuously evolving and changing actors' landscape as well as the frame conditions linked to urban practice and discourse over the past decades.
- II "In between"-ness, part 2 (MENA region)**

Discussing the experience of "in-between-ness" when navigating work, life, values and co-operation in Europe and the MENA region.
- III Housing Justice - Reflections on the International Mobilities of Housing Ideas and Practices**

Addressing the translocal journeys of housing ideas and practice, the panel reflects on the exchange of concepts and the conditions of adequate housing.
- IV The Role of Civil Society Organizations for Action-oriented Research Projects**

Case studies from Asia highlighting the role of CSO's opportunities and limitations for engaging in action research.
- V The 'Urbanisation' of Municipal Partnerships - Civil Society and State in Local and Transnational Negotiation Processes**

The relations of public sector and civil society in transnational urban development - a discussion of city-to-city exchanges.
- VI An Informal Debate on the Informal - Different views on concepts and underlying characterization**

An exchange to generate an engaging debate on the challenges and recent advancements in conceptualizing the informal.
- VII A Ripple Effect of Community Mobilization through CSOs**

Tracking the impact of civil society work and approaches on different groups of actors. Discussing the paradigm shift in the notions of urban development and volunteering.
- VIII Housing, civil society and the State**

A conversation between different generations of TRIALOG e.V. members on its contribution to the Housing, civil society and the State discourse.
- IX Connecting Community and Organizational Resilience in Nairobi and Rotterdam**

A debate on the challenges and recent advancements in collective action taken by communities during Covid-19 in Nairobi and Rotterdam.
- X Reflecting Power Relations in North-South Civil Society**

A discussion on the responsibility and possibilities of CSOs from the Global North to critically reflect on development discourse and their own role in the development hierarchy.
- XI Voicing the Invisibles**

An exchange on challenges experienced by 'marginalized groups', with a particular focus on women-led grassroots movements.
- XII UD Alumni: Career or Identity? How can alumni CSOs reinforce the voices of Urban Development specialists?**

Personal stories and experiences of international Alumni that graduated from European Urban Development (UD) programs.

PANEL I

Thursday, 9th September, 15:00 (UTC)



"IN BETWEEN"-NESS, PART 1

Discussion on the cooperation and collaboration process between Western actors and Eastern European urban initiatives and CSOs.

Political shocks and economic transformation became catalysts of urban activism and discourses in various European countries since 1989, and manifested in their own unique ways in Post-Soviet East countries. This is visible in its human settlements, be it rural or urban. Due to very context specific transitional and transformative dynamics across sectors (politics, economy, society, academia, etc.) these countries were forced to navigate through evolving an urban development practice and discourse responding to the recent societal dynamics, dealing with the repercussions of planning practices from the past decades that shaped urban life. This includes reflecting on or even pushing towards new planning paradigms and seeking cooperation on an eye-to-eye-level. Linked to that, throughout the past few decades since the landscapes of actors and options to have one's voice heard evolves, transitioned, changed, or simply persisted. This was accompanied by be it media, civil society, urban activism and, consequently, inter alia, manifested by an increase of international attention through development aid, political discourse. The panel aims to facilitate a conversation about the changing evolving actors' landscape as well as the frame conditions linked to urban practice and discourse over the past decades.

Ukraine

transformation

activism

cooperation



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PANEL II

Wednesday, 15th September, 15:00 (UTC) 














“IN BETWEEN”-NESS, PART 2

Adapting Far From Home: Young urban actors from MENA and their experiences in Western host countries

Protracted complex tensions and conflict in the MENA region continue causing major challenges for individuals, families, and communities across generations and backgrounds. Responses cover the entire spectrum ranging from coping with new normalities to entirely relocating, thus finding new bases in various locations across Europe and on other continents. Being away from home means facing new normalities in host countries with its often differing societal environment and values. This includes navigating through challenges and opportunities to adapt and thrive, while staying connected with home.

The panel brings together discussants from contexts such as Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Syria, and Yemen sharing their personal, civic, professional and academic experiences of “in-between-ness” through a conversational and anecdotal exchange in a virtual fishbowl format. The result of this panel is to map out and share thoughts on opportunities of improved and mutually supportive interactions across borders.

MENA liminality civil society migration

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LY Fasila, Inc.
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PANEL III

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JOURNEYS OF HOUSING JUSTICE

Reflections on the International Mobilities of Housing Ideas and Practices

This panel aims to interrogate and reflect on particular housing experiences and how they have been informed by alternative international circulation of housing ideas and practice. The focus of the panel is on how the exchange of knowledge and learning might have informed the emergence of modes of housing production that address the right to adequate housing. The panel hopes to reflect about the following questions: 1) What is the landscape of knowledge sharing around housing? Who is involved, how do they exchange knowledge? And for what purpose? 2) How do the journeys of housing ideas and practices generate meaningful and reciprocal learning exchanges as well as grounded and responsive housing experiences that advances the right to adequate housing? And 3) Which elements should a housing policy have, and what role should the different type of housing provision play in a socially just housing policy framework?

housing rights

housing policy

knowledge mobility

learning



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PANEL IV









Thursday, 16th September, 12:00 (UTC) 

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS FOR ACTION-ORIENTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

During the session, several projects of the research programme Sustainable Development of Urban Regions (SURE) supported by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) will introduce their case-study related approaches and highlight the role of CSOs while elaborating on their limits in action.

Short presentations of the Build4People (Cambodia), PolyUrbanWaters (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos) and SUREProgramme Facilitation and Synthesis Research (South-East-Asia and China) projects will lead to a moderated discussion. Questions raised by the moderator include reflections on the significance of CSOs within the SURE consortium with about 150 institutions involved in total and their continuously evolving role in regard of urban planning and of sustainable development of urban regions. Which specific contributions provide CSOs to promote good urban green governance, to increase of public participation, to strengthen local capacities and to accelerate the transformation from rather static master planning towards process oriented and inclusive action planning approaches?


green governance South-East Asia public participation local capacities

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PANEL V

Thursday, 16th September, 15:00 (UTC) 

THE 'URBANISATION' OF MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS – Civil Society and State in Local and Transnational Negotiation Processes

This conference session takes a close look at transnational city-to-city exchanges.

It is widely recognized that cooperation between civil society and city administration is vital for an integrated urban development approach and its local implementation. However, civil society and its role in participatory planning seem to be largely absent from taking part in so-called municipal partnerships.

There is a surprising gap between an ever more professionalized inter-municipal networking on the one hand and local practice of urban development on the other. A gap that is often accentuated by city administrations, with their offices for „global action“ and for urban development remaining separated from each other.

We aim to bring together representatives from cities and civil society to examine how integrated urban development concepts can be strengthened in the international cooperation between cities.

cooperation

participation

global action

local practice




The confirmed list of participants will be made available shortly on the [TRIALOG website](#).

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PANEL VI

Thursday, 16th September, 17:00 (UTC) 

AN INFORMAL DEBATE ON THE INFORMAL

– Different views on concepts and underlying characterization

Despite almost 50 years of debate and broad application, the idea of informality remains largely abstract: only the informal economy has been more rigorously assessed (ILO), while other applications in relation to housing, land, institutions, or laws remain largely under-defined. In the perspective of growing interest (the new Global Program on Informality of Cities Alliance; second Global Report on Slums of UN-Habitat) and the relevance of slums, and ultimately how to tackle informality, in the global pandemic, this session aims at generating an engaging debate on the challenges and recent advancements in conceptualizing the informal.

What actually is informal? What advantages and disadvantages does informality provide? And what are ways to harness its strengths? are some questions our invited experts will be addressing. In light of the policy urgency, a better understanding of the informality needs to be developed before evaluating and deciding on specific interventions to address it.

informality

policy interventions

slums

recent advancements



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PANEL VII

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A RIPPLE EFFECT OF COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION THROUGH CSOs

Focussing on sharing voices from the ground: practitioners, civil society activists, volunteers and residents. The panel will bring these voices into the discussion and present the work of the EZBET project to show the impact of community mobilisation. The EZBET Project is an academically based integrated community development project and civil society organisation originally initiated in Germany.

EZBET has had a significant impact on volunteering with residents of informal settlements in Cairo through partnership, delegation and citizen control. It is striking that some of the EZBET volunteers have been able to establish their own initiatives in different areas of urban development. The panel discussion will present selected examples of these development initiatives as well as the voices of some local residents. Invited keynote speakers from government institutions and international civil society organisations will additionally reflect on the work of EZBET.

Egypt informality partnership civil society



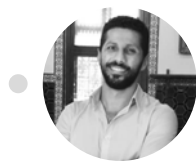
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Ezbet Abu Qarn
| Community Members



Hussein Mohamed
| EZBET Volunteers

Mahmoud El-Salamouny
| EZBET Volunteers



Salsabil Fahmy
| Kairos City Lab

Barihan Amr
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Dr. Manal El-Shahat
| EZBET e.V.



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PANEL VIII

Friday, 17th September, 17:00 (UTC)



HOUSING, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE STATE

TRIALOG has explored community-based housing finance and self-determined approaches described as the 'social production of habitat'. Some have argued that undignified housing conditions in fast-growing cities will never disappear unless the State takes an active part in housing development. Yet, all too often, State-funded, but private-sector-driven housing programmes have justified forced resettlement and produced uniform as well as remote built-environments.

While trying to facilitate a conversation between different generations of TRIALOG members, this panel will try to answer three questions:

- What has been learned about the adequate roles of State, civil society and the market vis-a-vis housing production and urban upgrading?
- To what degree has TRIALOG been able to inform debate and contribute to appropriate housing and upgrading solutions?
- How should TRIALOG address these topics going forward in order to remain a relevant and progressive voice in national and international debates?

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housing

governance

vision



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| University of Stuttgart



Prof. Johnny Åstrand
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| Rapid Urbanism / IAUAL



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PANEL IX

Thursday, 23d September, 15:00 (UTC) 

CONNECTING COMMUNITY AND ORGANISATIONAL RESILIENCE IN NAIROBI AND ROTTERDAM

How can we better connect community resilience initiatives (CRI's) to local governments? Communities across the world take collective action during Covid-19. They offer a range of (temporary) coping mechanisms, which may be invisible, but crucial for community resilience. The initiatives range from sheltering the homeless, to making masks, creating employment, bringing people to hospital, improving public space, and ventilating buildings. Our research shows that the networks between community initiatives and local governments can be improved upon. In this session we explore networking: How are CRI's and local governments connected in Rotterdam and Nairobi? How can the network of two cities which are far apart enable learning?

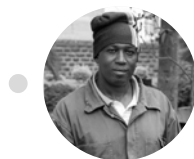
Community resilience entails that communities take collective action to prevent a crisis, cope with it and/or thrive afterwards. Research shows that (1) there are many communities initiatives during Covid-19; (2) the link between community initiatives and local governments, funders and NGO's is often weak, but there are promising examples; (3) if community initiatives are supported, then these tend to be the same people as always (those with the networks and contacts), while new initiatives find it hard to connect.

Kenya Netherlands community cooperation



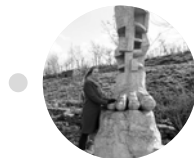
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PANEL X

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REFLECTING POWER RELATIONS IN NORTH-SOUTH CIVIL SOCIETY RELATIONSHIPS

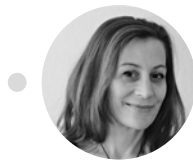
This panel picks up one main theme of the conference: the responsibility and possibilities of CSOs from the global North to critically reflect on development discourse and their own role in the development hierarchy. It is argued that participatory urban planning exercises are based on idealized assumptions of how participation mechanisms can increase citizen voice. Development practitioners are not exempt from power hierarchies between governing and governed. They work within discursive and institutional constraints that promote linear theories of change and favour (presumed) impact over reflexivity, learning, and incremental change. These positions will be discussed from both a Northern and a Southern CSO perspective, focussing on the blind spots of the relationships between Northern CSOs acting as donors, Southern CSO grantees and the grassroots they both claim to support. How much leeway do they actually have in challenging commonly held discourses and practices of development assistance without jeopardizing their organizations' primary objectives?

North-South relations

development assistance

power

participation



Dr. Julia Plessing

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PANEL XI

Friday, 24th September, 15:00 (UTC)



VOICING THE INVISIBLES

Grassroots civil society movements led by “women” from different contexts of injustice and marginalisation have proven over time to bring positive community outcomes. In contrast, the Western (i.e. European-influenced) development paradigm, which aims to modernise “developing” countries, usually has negative consequences by affecting local people or communities and alienating people from their culture and traditions. In addition, their basic development problems are not solved. The sense of loss of identity, marginalisation and injustice causes people to organise and fight for their existence, rights and identity.

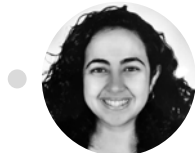
The panel will present successful examples and stories of “women” in the Global South as a grassroots movement. Women take the main responsibility for building community-based organisations to address these violations and the other development challenges. The discussion will highlight: the motivations that drive women to participate in such movements; the challenges they face in raising their voices; the areas of action (education, mobilising other women or their children, economic, community empowerment, spatial development, etc.); whether men are also part of the movement; and the different qualities that women bring to the development process.

women

participation

injustice

empowerment



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PANEL XII

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT ALUMNI:

Career or Identity? How can alumni CSOs reinforce the voices of Urban Development specialists?

This panel builds on the real-life stories and experiences of young specialists who graduated from European Urban Development (UD) programs. It looks at the on-the-ground impact that alumni can provide in diverse contexts worldwide and the role of Alumni organizations in this process. The session takes us into the intricate career journeys of those who once decided to start changing the world for the best. By looking at this non-linearity from different angles, the session tries to answer the central question: What stops young specialists from effective practical contributions to the urban development field?

The discussion reveals the deep-rooted crisis young professionals face after graduation from UD programs, which starts with job acquisition. While the requirements for entry-level positions in the UD field ask for years of internships or volunteering, the traditional architectural or planning sector either does not recognize or has no capacity to apply sustainable development practices. In this regard, the Alumni CSOs could be seen not just as a supportive platform of like-minded people but a backbone for an opportunity-making network providing mutual learning benefits and navigating professional challenges.

graduates

challenge

practitioners

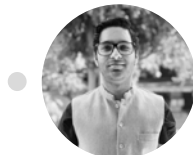
network



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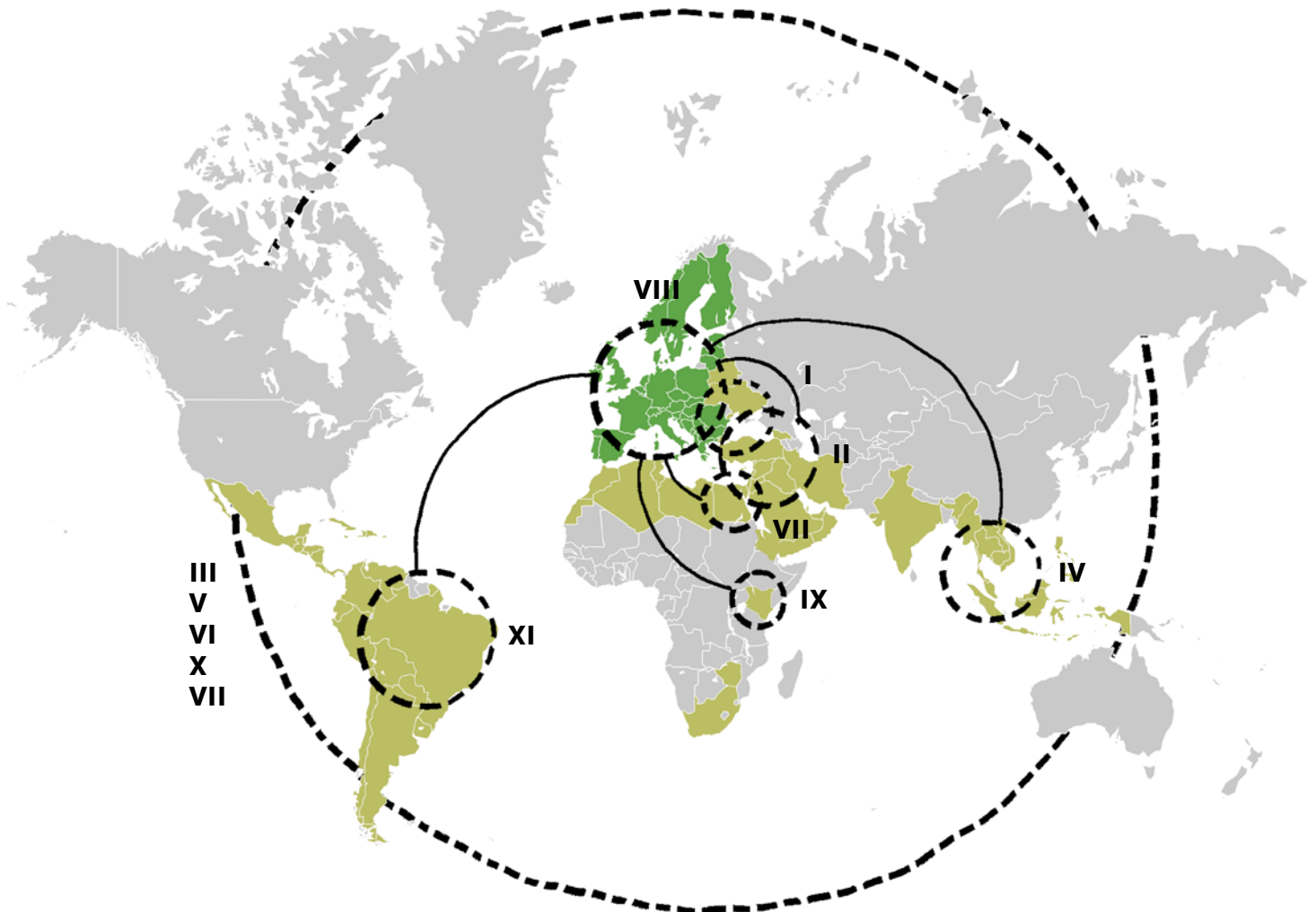
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Please don't miss our special opening event on 8 September at 3:00 p.m. UTC (5:00 p.m. CEST/UTC+2, Rotterdam time) and our closing event on 25 September at 9:30 a.m. UTC (11:30 a.m. CEST/UTC+2, Rotterdam time), for framing this year's conference's overall theme.

THE OPENING PANEL

Wednesday, 8th September, 15:00 (UTC)



Franziska Laue | Trialog e.V:

– Welcome and opening, TRIALOG Board

Maartje van Eerd | Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies:

– Welcoming of the host institution

Alexander Jachnow | Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies:

– Reflection on the Role of Civil Society

Guests for commenting: **Celine d’Cruz** | **Margarita Greene** | **Constant Cap**

Moderation of the discussion: **Dorcas Nthoki**

Oleksandra Tkachenko | IHS Alumni International Board:

– Brief introduction to the announced panels



THE CLOSING PANEL

Friday, 24th September, 15:00 (UTC)



The Closing panel will provide a recap of the conference's 12 panels reflecting Civil society's engagement from North to South in urban development from various angles, along with closing statements by the organizers.

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