

Overlooked Cities in Asia: Interrogating blind fields in urban knowledges and praxes

Conference Programme

**Urban Studies Foundation Seminar Series
6-8 September 2023, Bandung, Indonesia**

Overlooked Cities Collective

Conference schedule

	Day 1 (6th September 2023)	Day 2 (7th September 2023)	Day 3 (8th September 2023)
Morning	08:20-08:40 Arrival and registration		
	08:40-09:00 Opening remarks & Introduction Saut Sagala, Hyun Bang Shin, Overlooked Cities Collective 09:00-10:30 Session 1: The politics of overlooked cities <i>Chair:</i> Yimin Zhao, <i>Discussant:</i> Hung-Ying Chen 10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea break 11:00-12:30 Session 2: The political economy of overlookedness <i>Chair:</i> Erwin Nugraha, <i>Discussant:</i> Hyun Bang Shin	09:00-10:30 Session 4: The lived experiences of (counter-) overlooking <i>Chair:</i> Isolde de Villiers, <i>Discussant:</i> Rita Padawangi 10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea break and network presentation 11:00-12:30 Session 5: Overlooked urban/rural forms <i>Chair:</i> Erwin Nugraha, <i>Discussant:</i> Ofita Purwani	08:30-11:30 ECR workshop (incl. coffee/tea break) 11:30-11:50 Closing remarks 11:55 Friday congregational prayer for Muslim participants
Lunch			
Afternoon	14:00-15:30 Session 3: Spatial frontiers of/beyond overlookedness <i>Chair:</i> Isolde de Villiers, <i>Discussant:</i> Adam Abdullah 15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea break and arts installation 16:00-17:30 Keynote plenary (with livestreaming) Rita Padawangi, AbdouMaliq Simone, Hyun Bang Shin 17:30-18:30 ECR Mentoring Meeting 1	13:30-16:00 ECR Mentoring Meeting 2 (incl. coffee/tea break) 14:00-15:30 Session 6: Knowledge production for counter-overlooking <i>Chair:</i> Yimin Zhao, <i>Discussant:</i> Xiangming Chen 15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea break 16:00-17:30 Forum session	14:00-17:00 Field visit / city tour
Evening	18:30-19:30 Conference dinner 19:30-21:30 Film screenings	19:00-21:00 Conference dinner	

Keynote plenary

“Overlooked Cities in Asia: Interrogating blind fields in urban knowledges and praxes”

6th September 16:00-17:30

Dr Rita Padawangi

“To Overlook | To Look Over”

Rita Padawangi is Associate Professor of Sociology at Centre for University Core, Singapore University of Social Sciences. With academic trainings in sociology, urban design and architecture, Rita’s research interests span across the sociology of architecture, social movements and participatory urban development. She coordinates the Southeast Asia Neighbourhoods Network (SEANNET), a collaborative project on urban life in cities that connect academic institutions, scholars and communities for research and education. Rita’s recent works focus on the humanistic aspects of city-making, particularly place-making in city neighborhoods, through collaborative approaches in research, teaching, and community engagement. Her recent research projects include themes of vernacular heritage, urban disasters, and urban aspirations.

Professor AbdouMaliq Simone

“Inoperable Relations: Urban Life at the Extensions”

AbdouMaliq Simone is a Senior Professorial Fellow at the Urban Institute, University of Sheffield. He works on issues of spatial composition in extended urban regions, the production of everyday life for urban majorities in the Global South, infrastructural imaginaries, collective affect, global blackness, and histories of the present for Muslim working classes. He is also a research associate at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, visiting professor at the African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, research associate with the Rujak Center for Urban Studies in Jakarta, and research fellow at the University of Tarumanagara. For three decades he has worked with practices of social interchange, technical arrangements, local economy, and the constitution of power relations that affect how heterogeneous African and Southeast Asian cities are lived. He has worked on remaking municipal systems, training local government personnel, designing collaborative partnerships among technicians, residents, artists, and politicians.

Professor Hyun Bang Shin

“Theorising from/about Overlooked Cities: Area Studies and Urban Studies Approaches”

Hyun Bang Shin is Professor of Geography and Urban Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science and former Director of the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre. He is currently Head of Department in the Department of Geography and Environment. His research centres on the critical analysis of the political economy of urbanisation, politics of displacement, gentrification, housing, the right to the city, urban spectacles, and speculative urbanism with particular attention to cities in Asian countries such as China, South Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam and Singapore. His most recent projects on circulating urbanism and Asian capital involve field research in Quito, Manila, Iskandar Malaysia, Kuwait City and London.

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Paper sessions

Session 1: The politics of overlooked cities

6th September 09:00-10:30

- **Amalinda Savirani** | Geography of resistance, labour union, and urban spatial politics in Bekasi, West Java Indonesia
- Aditya Purnomo Aji, Ahmad Sobari, Nahda Saniyya | Connecting Narratives of Youth Networks in Secondary Cities' Development
- Alvaryan Maulana, **Naufal Rofi Indriansyah** | In the middle: overlookedness of Indonesian cities from above and below
- Anindita Datta, Maria Anne Fitzgerald, Ushna Saikia | Overlooked Urbanisms and the 'Subaltern': Feminist Explorations of Belongingness and Exclusion in Dibrugarh and Kochi, India (*contribution tbc*)
- **Adam Abdullah** | The myopic epistemologies of thermal (non-)vision: overlooking thermal urban conditions of Southern cities

Session 2: The political economy of overlookedness

6th September 11:00-12:30

- **Ofita Purwani** | Royal agency and traditional narratives over contemporary development in Yogyakarta
- **Yayuk Windarti** | Creating Dreams in Overlooked City: Slum Area Transformation into Thematic Village Tourism in Malang City
- **Sanchari Mukhopadhyay** | The Emerging Spaces of Urban Imaginaries amidst the New Urban Walls: Anecdotes from the people at the Margin of the Capital City of India
- **Joshua Rommel Hayag Vargas** | City on the Line? Emergence of Remote Work in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Industry as a Challenge to Urban Futures in the Philippines

Session 3: Spatial frontiers of/beyond overlookedness

6th September 14:00-15:30

- **Xiangming Chen** | "Overlooked But Not Overpassed": A Frontier Tale of Horgos and Alashankou as Small Global Logistics Hubs
- **Yang Song** | Gardening an urban interstice: An overlooked politics of extended urbanism in Chinese cities
- **Harshali Damodar Ghule** | Studying Urbanizing Villages in India: Challenges and Alternative Approaches
- **Adiwan Fahlan Aritenang** | The Evolutionary Development of a Growth Centre: The Case of Batam City

Session 4: The lived experiences of (counter-)overlooking

7th September 09:00-10:30

- **Hung-ying Chen** | Overlooked Belongings – Homeless as Resistance
- **Dhimas Bayu Anindito** | What They Do Not Talk About When They Talk About Human Rights City: Challenging the Overlooking Practice through Learning from The Advocacy for The Rights of Person with Disabilities in Wonosobo, Indonesia
- **Hang Wei** | From "Longing" to "Exclusion": How are Scales and a Sense of Scalarity Co-constructed in the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- **Shuting Mai** | Invisible Topophilia: grassroots' emotional experience in street working space in Macau
- **Xuan Xue** | In defense of personality: Experience of creative placemaking in China

Session 5: Overlooked urban/rural forms

7th September 11:00-12:30

- **Ge Zhu** | Looking at the overlooked through gentrification? The redevelopment of historical quarters in Qingdao, China
- **Miya Irawati** | Everyday practices of urban-rural land in Jakarta's extended urban region
- **Chee Kien Lai** | Rural Singapore as Urban History
- Piao You and Binghuang Xu | Re-farming: from individual farming practice toward land as school
- **Elisabeth Veronika Wambrau** | Crucial integration of indigenous ecology in coping with the destruction of modernisation: Reflections from 'overlooked' Jayapura, Papua

Session 6: Knowledge production for counter-overlooking

7th September 14:00-15:30

- **Shuran Song** | Taking Action: Placemaking Movement's Networking and Coordination in Asia Region
- **Elisa Sutanudjaja** | Citizen Urbanism: Reflection of the Urban Activism in Indonesian Cities
- **Yixue Yao** | Decolonizing Practice as Social Construction: A Revisit to Decolonising Approach in Urban Studies
- **Yu Qiao, Yuting Zhang and Pu Zhang** | Rediscovering everyday life: Exploring limitation and potential of doing participatory video in local heritage conservation
- **Chuan Wang, Yinan Dong, Kexin Cheng, Qiyue Guo** | Co-production in Xiaoxihu: an alternative solution for deprived urban areas

Artistic sessions

Installations at the exhibition space

6-8th September, with short introduction on 6th September 15:30

- **Hamzah Al Asadulloh** | Overlooked Mobility: Gapura as Urban Thresholds
- **Intan Anggita Pratiwie** | Kesadaran Pengelolaan Limbah Pakaian pada Masyarakat di Kota-Kota yang Terabaikan (Awareness of Clothing Waste Management in Communities of Overlooked Cities)
- **Yu Qiao, Yuting Zhang and Pu Zhang** | Rediscovering everyday life: exploring the potential of participatory video in local heritage conservation (see also Session 6)
- **Luigi Monteanni and Reak Balebat Pakidulan** | The city outside the city: an acoustemology of Bandung's peripheral communities
- **Akino Tahir** | Lost in the Crowd: the Significance of Place in a Young Refugee's Fight Against the Refugee Narrative

Film screenings

6th September 19:30-21:30

- **Michael Wang** | Unable to Escape
- **Joshua Rommel Hayag Vargas** | Filipino City, American Time
- **Song Yi** | The Trans-regional Space within and beyond the Overlooked City: Extending Settlements through the Rail Network

ECR mentoring programme

Day 0: Welcome dinner

Day 1: ECR Mentoring meeting 1 | Discussion on writing and publishing

Day 2: ECR Mentoring meeting 2 | Feedback on papers and mentoring in groups and 1:1

Day 3: ECR Workshop Panels | Subjects, knowledges and policy discourses

Workshop Panel 1: Subjects

8th September 08:30-09:30

- **Aireen Grace Andal** | The overlooked inhabitants in an overlooked city: Examining elsewhere cartographies of slum-dwelling children's play spaces in San Jose del Monte City, Philippines
- **Chester Arcilla** | Beyond forced eviction and demolitions: Home-unmaking and remaking in liminal urban Philippines
- **Jiahui Zeng** | Shock City: Architecture, temporality and work in an east Indonesian nickel booming town
- **Inês Nunes** | Remapping Kandy through the legacy of Minnette De Silva: entanglements of overlookedness between a city and a career
- **Kunal Jha** | The City Builders: Exploring Living Conditions and Urban Disconnect of Construction Labourers in Ludhiana City, India

Workshop Panel 2: Knowledges

8th September 09:30-10:30

- **Karina Putri** | The Overlooked Meaning of Justice: The Case of Jakarta
- **Anitha Silvia** | Jaringan produksi pengetahuan perkotaan di kepulauan timur Indonesia dan Timor Leste (Urban knowledge production networks in the eastern islands of Indonesia and Timor Leste)
- **Wenjing Qiu** | Rethinking Ethics in Urban Knowledge: towards the everyday ethics of kampung dwellers in Indonesia
- **Umar Al Faruq** | Imagining Nusantara and its Unspectacular Others: Articulations of 'Overlooking' in Reproducing Hegemony

Workshop Panel 3: Policy discourses

8th September 10:30-11:30

- **Vidushi Shukla** | Being "Metro": Overlooked Cities in Public Policy
- **Alia Salleh** | The virtue of development: understanding the ideology of development in the context of redevelopment-led eviction in Kuala Lumpur
- **Nguyen Dang Dao** | "More than just a satellite: The development pathway to smart city for secondary cities in Vietnam"
- **Tania Debnath** | Mainstreaming 'Overlooked' Paraygraj, a Regional City in North India: An Understanding of Cities beyond Megacities

- **Nerea Viana Alzola** and Takahiko Ueno | Reframing Overlooked Cities: Exploring Hamamatsu's Role in Decolonizing the Urban Sustainable Development Goals