
Radical urban ecologies

Postcolonial, feminist principles to tackle systemic injustice

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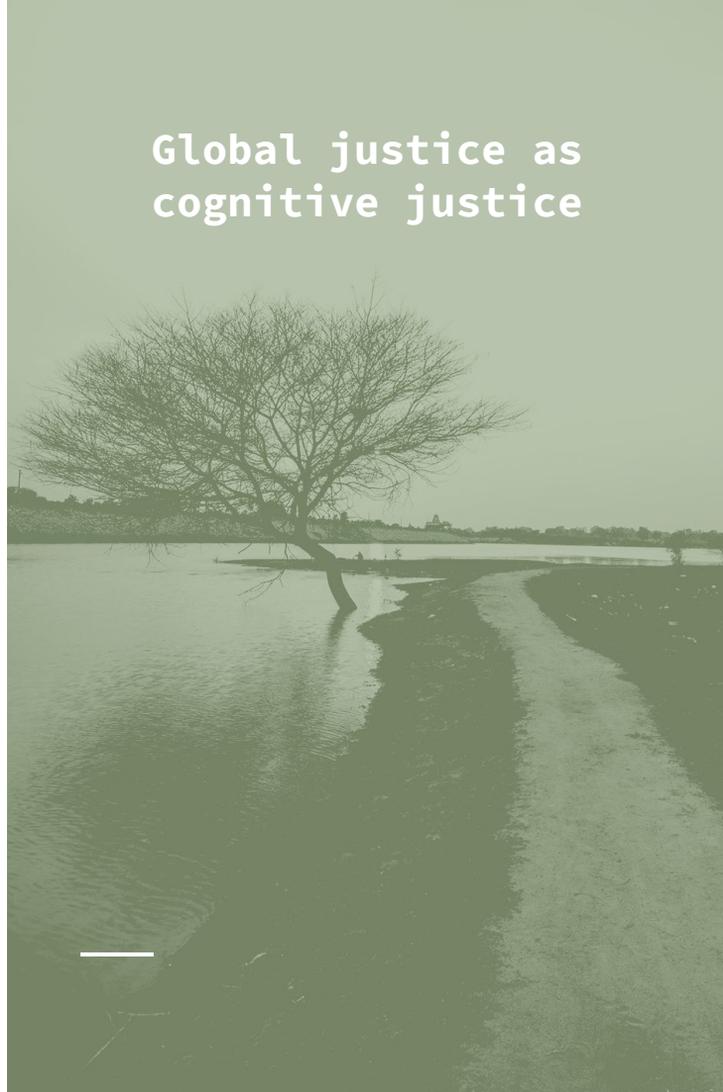


*We do not need alternatives
so much as we need an
alternative thinking of
alternatives ...*

*To overcome this
epistemological condition
and thereby decolonize left
thinking and practice, it is
imperative to go South and
learn from the South*

(de Sousa Santos, 2015)

Global justice as
cognitive justice



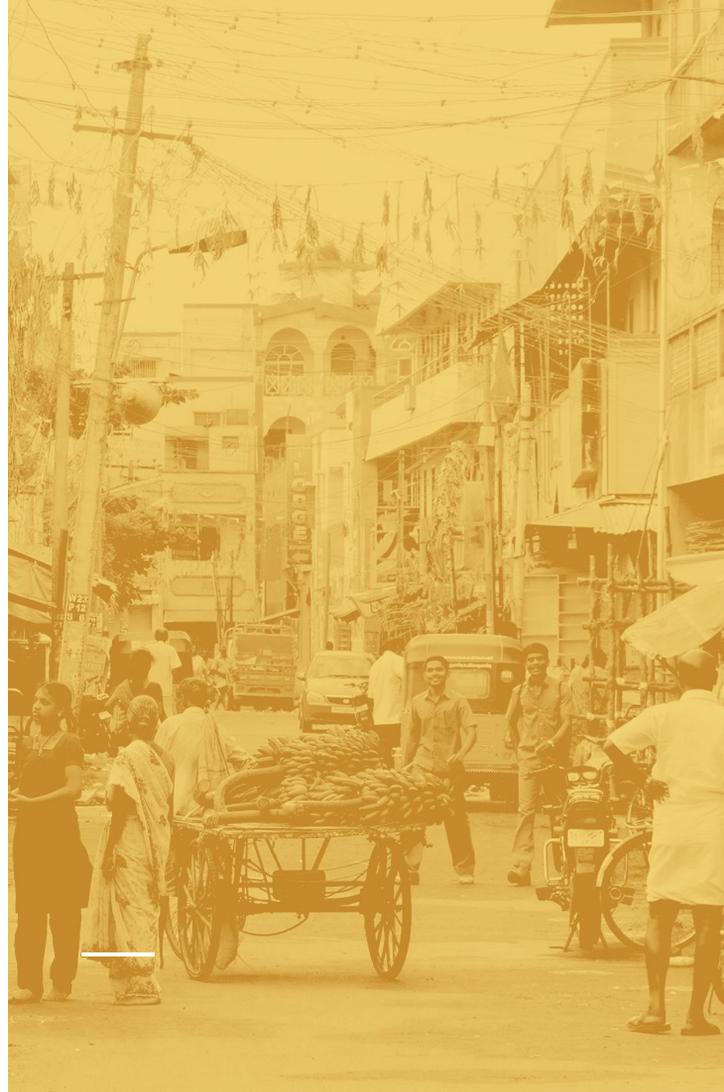
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Challenge Western-based notions
of progress and modernity

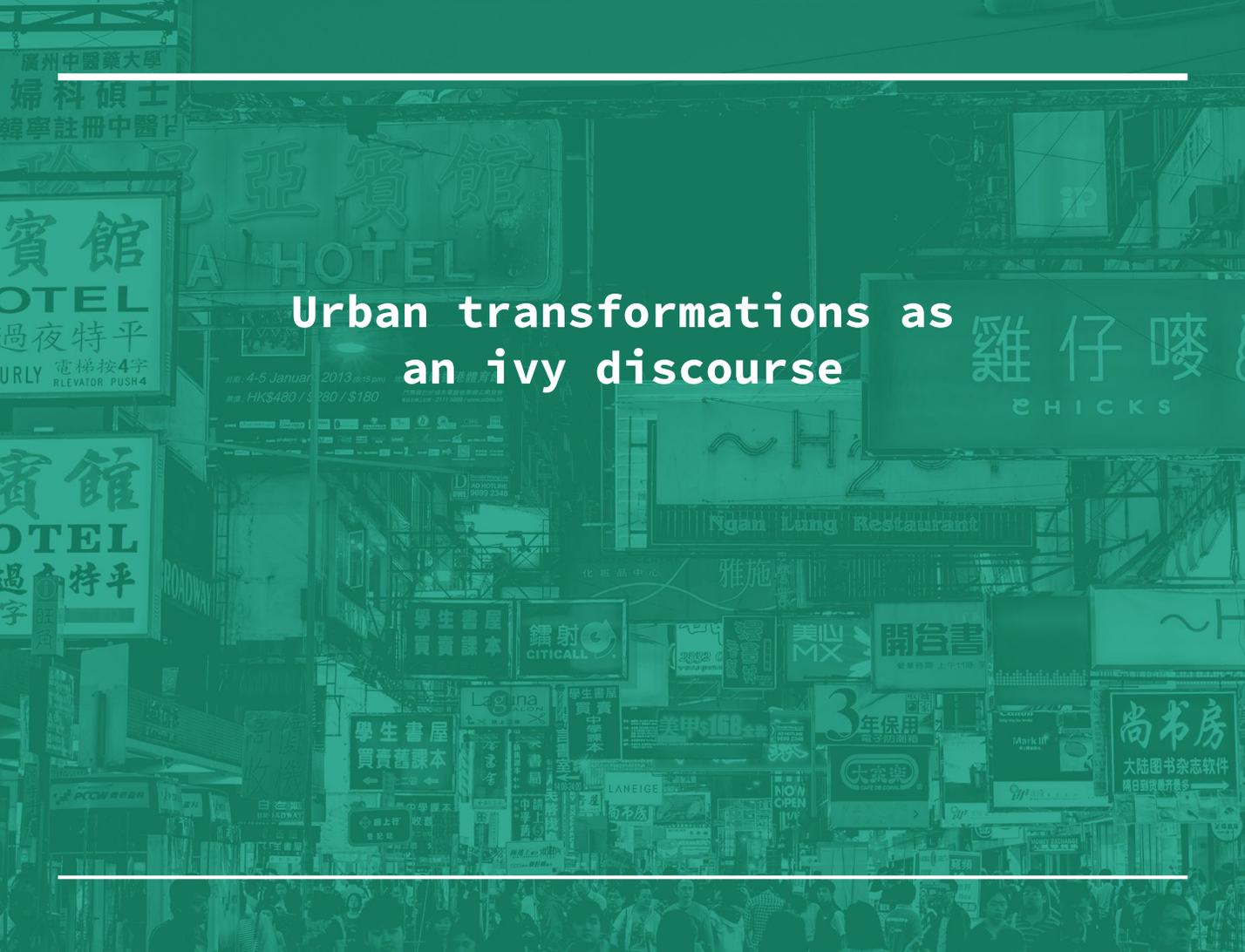
Break free from nature-society
dichotomies

Revalue non-Western forms of
knowing

Situate action within lived
experiences



DO NOT OBSTRUCT
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Urban transformations as an ivy discourse

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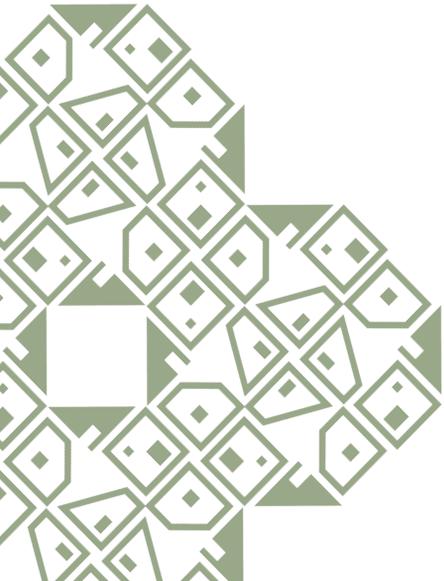
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Western-based progress

Reproduction of paradigmatic concepts, such as 'development' and 'sustainability'

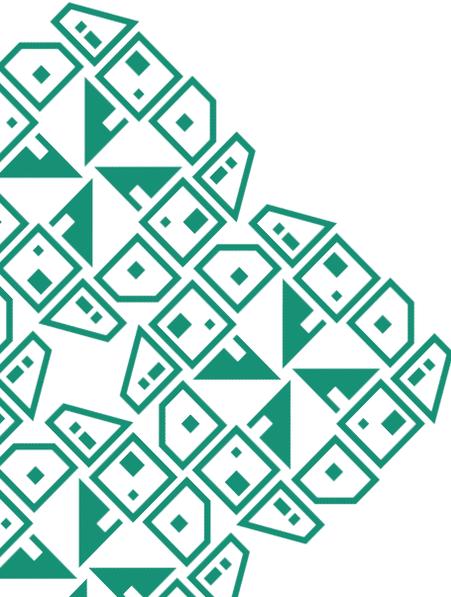
- Transformation pathways replicate development rationales
- Sustainability is adopted as the endpoint of transformations
- Visioning exercises replicate assumptions of Western modernity



Nature-society dichotomies

Reinforcement of rational-scientific tradition

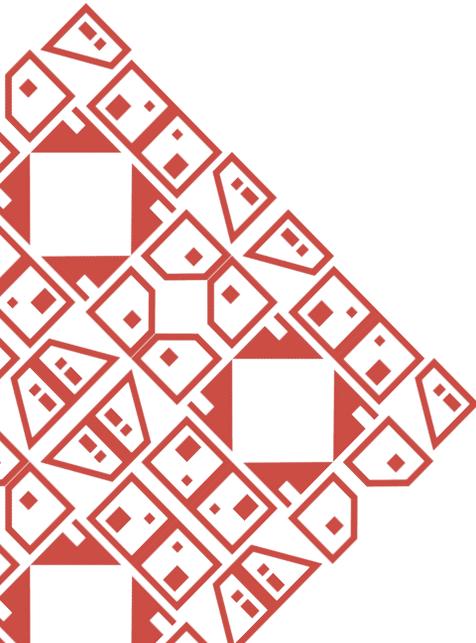
- Invisibility of nature
- Natural science approach
- Instrumentalization - approaching nature as an ecological resource



Revalue non-Western knowing

Drawing on established sources of epistemic influence

- Recycling theories from the global North
- Failure to engage with other epistemologies



Situated knowledge

Failure to connect with lived realities

- Prescribing action through complex frameworks
- Absence of the voices of the marginalized





PATH DEPENDENCIES...

THANK YOU

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