The uses of messiness: understanding climate governance in practice

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PART 1: Trees like chicken bones

Natalie Thomas, Young Poets Network

Early April Heatwave

They're twisting the swings in the park next door, metal coils against wood, the ache echoes in the dry air. It sounds like deep August, everyone outside in the sun. We take a drive towards leafless woodland, picnic in the boot, windows down, radio on. Sunlight spills through stripped, craggy branches. Has it ever been this hot in April? Cross-legged on the gingham rug, sucking slices of cucumber. Our eating is dazzling. But the trees – they are grey little chicken bones, the waste of last night's winter. You pour out the Pimms, slosh in strawberries and god have you ever seen such big British strawberries? And so early? They're wet and fresh but the trees – the trees, I can't stop looking at the trees.

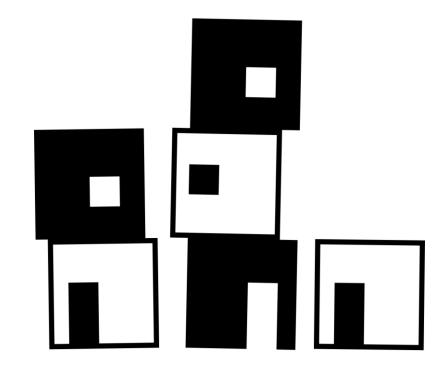


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PART 2: Order in climate change governance

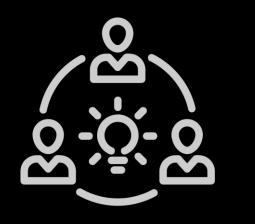
'...Orchestration as the dominant mode of climate governance...'

Bäckstrand, 2017



'urban governance is enhanced when it involves multiple actors, supportive national governments, and subnational climate networks...' IPCC 1.5 degrees report, 2018 '... calls for coordination do not dissipate.'

Chan et al, 2019



Coordination entails: Avoiding duplication and maximizing synergies Institutionalisation and norm sharing



'Order theories' explain how climate change is made governable in urban areas

PART 3: Reasons for engaging with messiness



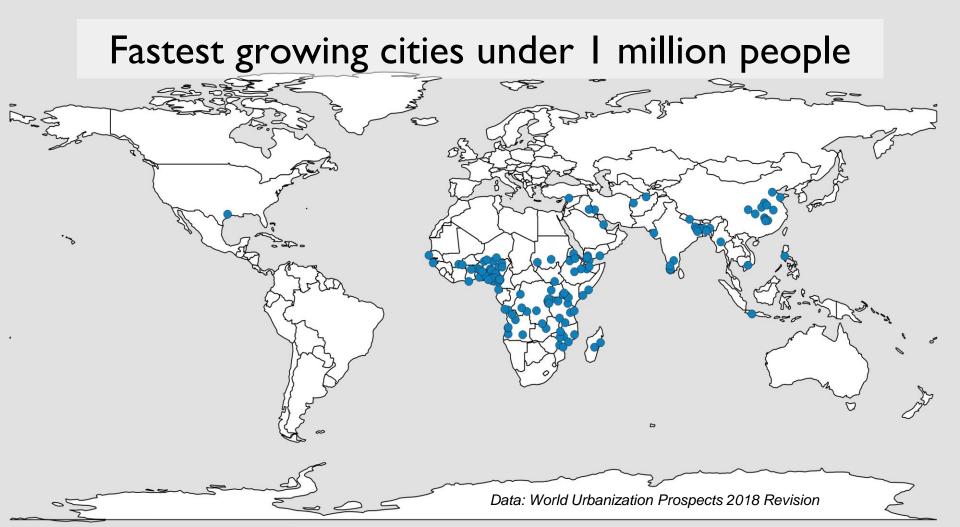
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Briquette making in Kampala



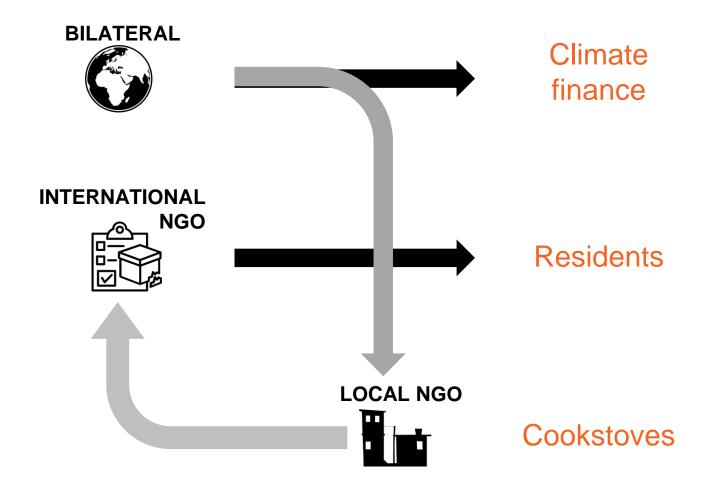
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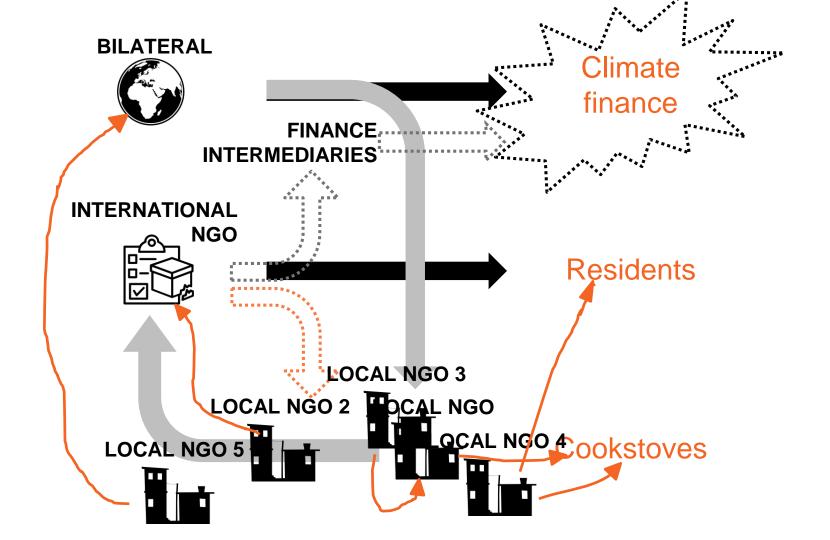


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Cookstove improvement programmes in Maputo





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Land tenure and resettlement in Kampala

where property rights are clear ... they can be recognised, claimed and enforced. Where there can be acknowledgment of other's land rights, ownership, and enforcement, planners can discourage poor people from settling on risk-prone land by exercising their right to exclude people from accessing certain parcels of land and encouraging settlement elsewhere"

Marx, Johnson and Lwasa, forthcoming

Reasons for engaging with messiness

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PART 4: Messiness and structural change

When looking into the human, life and nature "none of them are domains that present themselves to the curiosity of knowledge spontaneously and passively." Foucault, 1966, The Order of Things

Governing with Messiness







Understanding the ordinary contexts of climate governance



Transforming environmental governance theory

