

Moral economies of 'development' in urban Africa

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This interdisciplinary symposium brings together scholars from three continents to discuss the intersections and tensions between moral economies of 'development', religious urbanisation and social change in contemporary Africa. How are visions of the 'ideal city' materially articulated in religious imaginaries, experiences and concrete urban developments? What kind of centralities and peripheries are produced and reproduced through mega-urbanisation and religious place-making? How should development policies and analyses take account of religious dynamics and religious actors in African urban contexts?



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