

Seminar Series - 4

Understanding the Nature of Governance in Cities: Perspectives from Latin America and Africa

October 9, 2020 (Fri.) JST 1:00-2:30 pm

<Zoom Meeting>

Although typically associated with the state and formal institutions, scholarship suggests that governance is a broad concept. Instead of associating it only with the state, one could pay attention to the role of social networks and non-governmental actors who carry out the functions of governance. Still yet, others argue that one could go beyond the state versus non-state arguments to understand governance as composed of interactions among different actors including the state. Within the context of a world where cities are key sites of change, these discussions help in understanding the urban landscape. Deregulated service provision, dynamics of organized crime and violence, and the private sector shape urban spaces in many cities. Actors engaged in governance include market actors, social networks, NGOs, government officials, politicians, armed actors, and many others.

Keeping in view this complexity, and that the world is becoming increasingly urban, this event focuses on the question: what is the nature of governance in cities in Latin America and Africa? Both regions present key sites of analysis. Latin America has long contributed to debates on cities, while Africa is at the forefront of urbanization trends. Insights from both regions are valuable for theoretical debates and policies related to governance and politics in cities.

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