



Seminar Week

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Constructing a Taxonomy of Urban Commons

Addis Ababa

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Since the turn of the 21st century, massive construction projects in housing, commercial buildings and infrastructure have transformed the urban landscape of Addis Ababa, making its urban renewal one of the largest socio-spatial experiments in Sub-Saharan Africa. During this Seminar Week, we will explore the role that the presence of common resources – land and water in particular – have played in this rapid transformation process. Collectively we will construct a taxonomy of land-and-water-based urban commons that have emerged in this ‘exploding’ Afropolis, and document how each of these contributes to urbanisation processes and to urban life.