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EXERCISE 2 GLOBAL LEARNING

What does it mean to think about processes of social and spatial change in a city like Berlin from the perspective of the global south and vice versa?

Hentschel 2011, George Simmel Kolloquium

Critical urban researchers have complained in recent years on the distribution of the urban world in northern cities and towns of the south: the global fancy cities and creators of modern life styles in the north; the mega-cities and places of informality and the chaotic growth in the south. Also the theory production of the built environment disciplines has been divided along these categories: urban theory from the „North“ can pass directly its knowledge and experience to the “South“, while the „South“ at best offers interesting empirical cases where failures of any theory are (a- priori) expected. (Hentschel 2011, George Simmel Kolloquium)

Inspired by this criticism, we would like to understand in-depth about the dialogue between “North“ and “South“ through a series of crucial readings.

Your reflections on the readings should advance a better understanding on the nature of this relationship by asking you to summarize critical passages in the text and respond the following key-questions:

- What are the main topics in the dialog?
- Which are the specifics and characteristics of the described North-South relationships?
- What are the main problems and conflicts?
- What are proposed collaboration strategies?
- What are networks and actors related to this relationship, and how are they related?
- And finally a perspective question: How could increase the value of this relationship?

Write two A4 pages (500 words) to your main findings.

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