Precarity, temporality, & translocality in Africa’s urban archipelagos

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The World’s Most Unequal Country
Growth of African cities
% increase, 2010-2025 forecast

City population, forecasts, 2010, 2025

Source: UN-HABITAT
Celebrate hybridity, impurity, intermingling, the transformation that comes of new and unexpected combinations of human beings, cultures, ideas, politics, movies, songs. I rejoice in mongrelization and fear the absolutism of the Pure. Melange, hotchpotch, a bit of this and a bit of that, is how newness enters the world. It is the great possibility that mass migration gives the world, and I have tried to embrace it.

– Salman Rushdie
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TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2019
Augsburg University, Foss Chapel
7:30am - 9:30am

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#Cities4Migration #Local4Action

ALL MIGRANTS, ALL CITIZENS

MIMA in the community: Safe City Baltimore

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organizations like the Vera Institute of
Justice to learn how Safe City works,
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"Legal support & defense are concrete examples of
our commitment to..."

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5:30 - 7:30 PM
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The city
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KAKUMA CAMP &
KALOBEYEI SETTLEMENT
VISITORS GUIDE
Inclusion as aspiration?
God owns everywhere, so even if you break the law here, he will forgive you.

- Stella, Ugandan migrant in Johannesburg
The marooned malaise

We are waiting for the government. We are waiting for the UNHCR. We are waiting for God.

- Estefanos Worku Abeto

‘To be existentially and socially stuck is not just a question of being stuck in place but equally about being stuck in time’

- Jefferson, et al
People now experience, ‘spatio-temporal disruption . . . where their futures within the city remain stalled and fixed in uncertainty, ultimately influencing notions of belonging and urban governance’.

- K. Ramakrishnan, 2013
The proliferation of refugee camps is as integral a product/manifestation of globalization as is the dense archipelago of stop-over nowherevilles through which the new globe-trotting elite moves. . . What they share is extraterritoriality, their not truly belong to the place, being ‘in’ but not ‘of’ the space they physically occupy.

- Z. Baumann (2002), *Society Under Siege*
governing for sustainability
Building archipelagic futures

- City remains site of imagination and potentiality, despite precarity
- City life is constructed by the market and politics, but not as Simmel, Weber, Lefebvre and other describe
- Solidity and site-based connection can be risky: ethics of disconnection and self-fabrication
Governing for inclusion?

Reconsider:

• Meaning and desirability of bounded sustainability

• ‘Rights to the city’, mechanisms of inclusion and planning

• Marginality and agency

• Urban upgrading
A new relational perspective on cities means that it is impossible to understand cities as territories prior to their engagements with other places.

— McFarlane 2011: 664
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