



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

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The World's Most Unequal Country

Johannesburg, South Africa, suburbs Primrose, left, and Makause

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São Paulo



Nairobi



Juarez



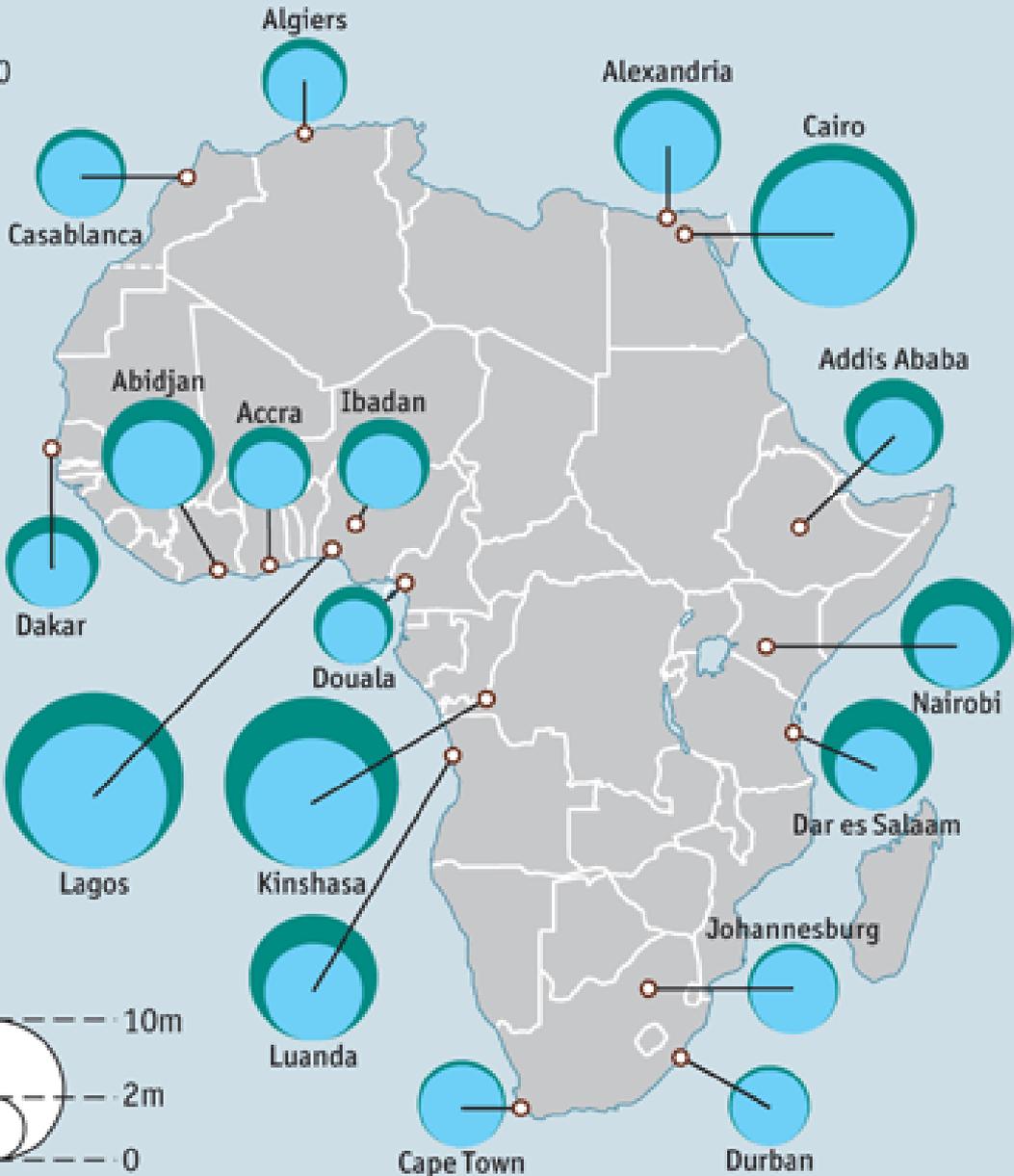
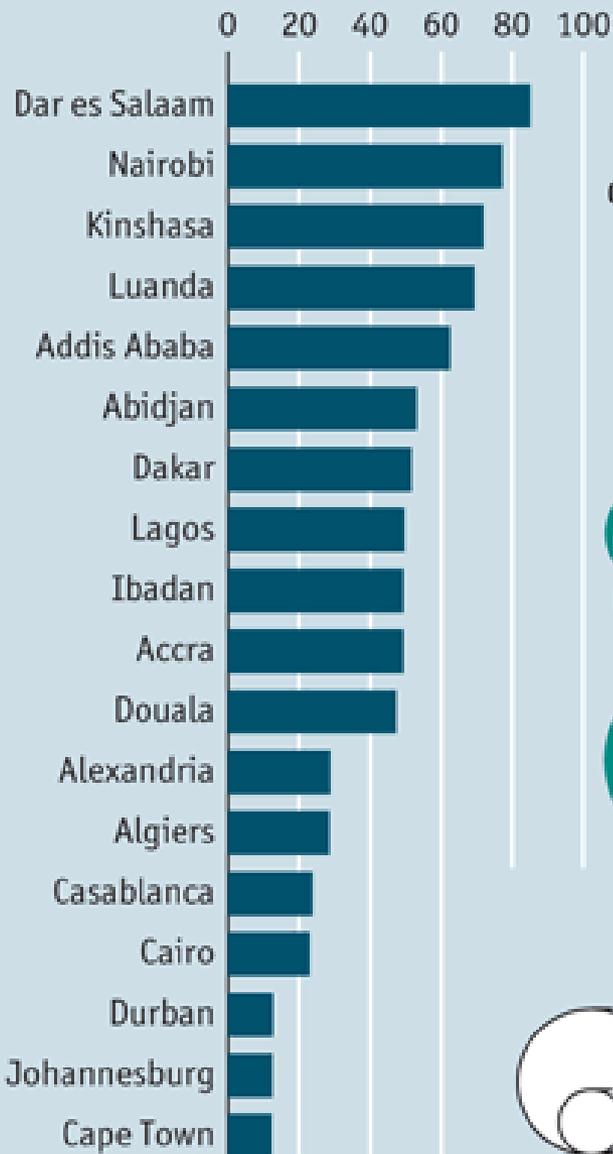
Lagos



Growth of African cities

% increase, 2010-2025 forecast

City population, forecasts, 2010 (light blue) 2025 (dark blue)



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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Presented By: The Minnesota Urban Debate League, a program of Augsburg University

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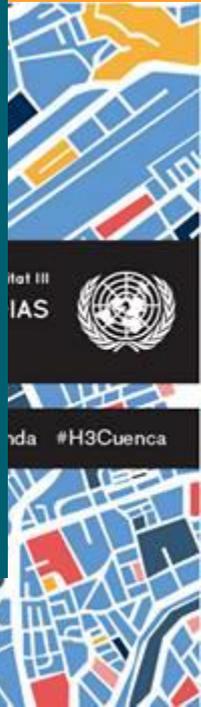
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An aerial photograph of a densely packed urban area, likely a city center. The buildings are tightly packed, forming a grid-like pattern. A prominent canal or waterway runs through the center of the city, winding between the blocks. The overall color palette is dark and muted, with shades of brown, grey, and black. The text 'The city' is overlaid in the top right corner in a bright yellow font on a dark teal background.

The city

Paris



London



New York



Chicago



Dubai



Singapore



Shanghai



Kinshasa



Addis



Dar es Salaam



Luanda





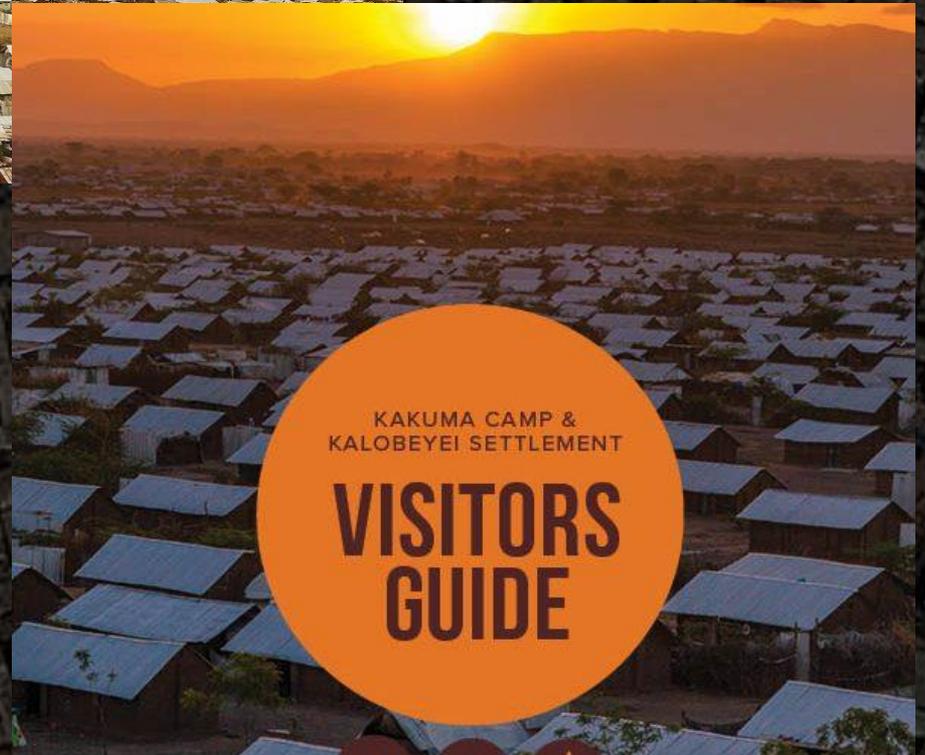


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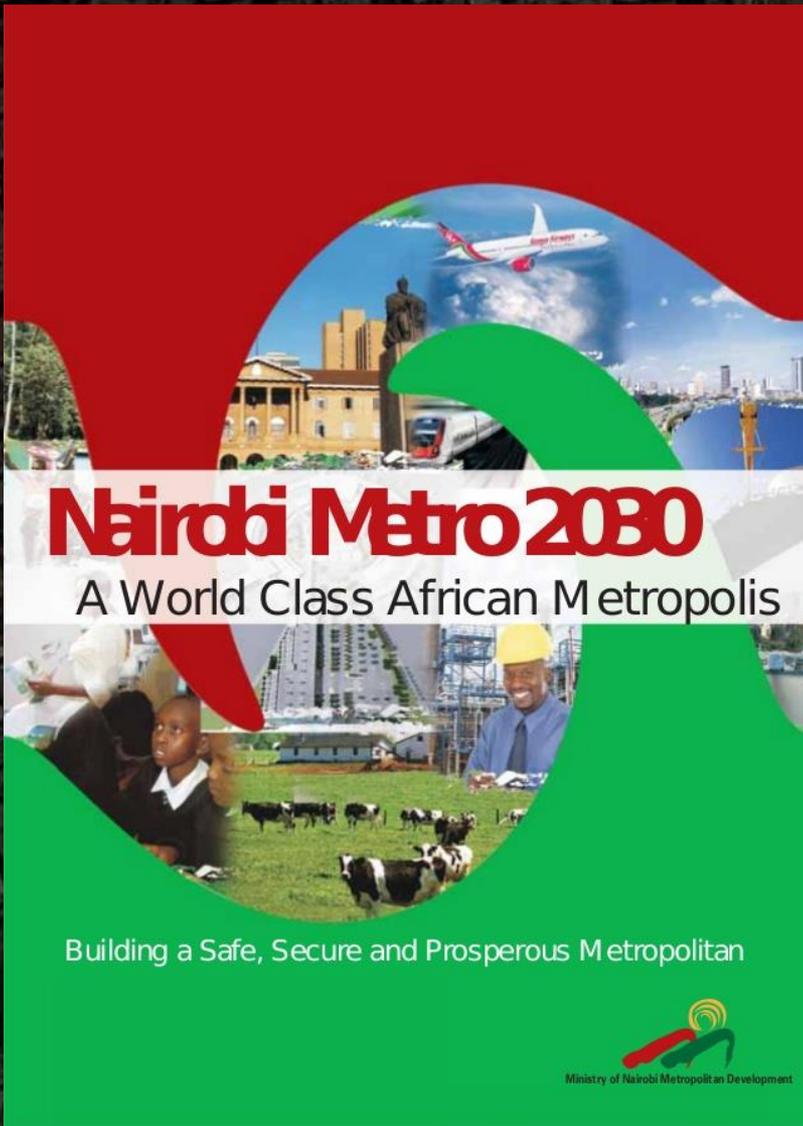
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**VISITORS
GUIDE**



An aerial photograph of a densely packed urban area, likely a slum or informal settlement, showing a complex network of narrow, winding paths and small, rectangular structures. The overall color palette is dark and muted, with shades of brown, grey, and black. A prominent teal-colored rectangular box is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image, containing the text 'Inclusion as aspiration?' in a bright yellow, bold, sans-serif font.

Inclusion as aspiration?



The poster features a large red arch at the top and a large green arch at the bottom. The central image is a collage: an airplane flying over a city skyline, a train, a statue, and a construction site. Below the arches, there is a photo of a man in a blue shirt and yellow hard hat, and a photo of a woman in a school uniform sitting in a field with cows.

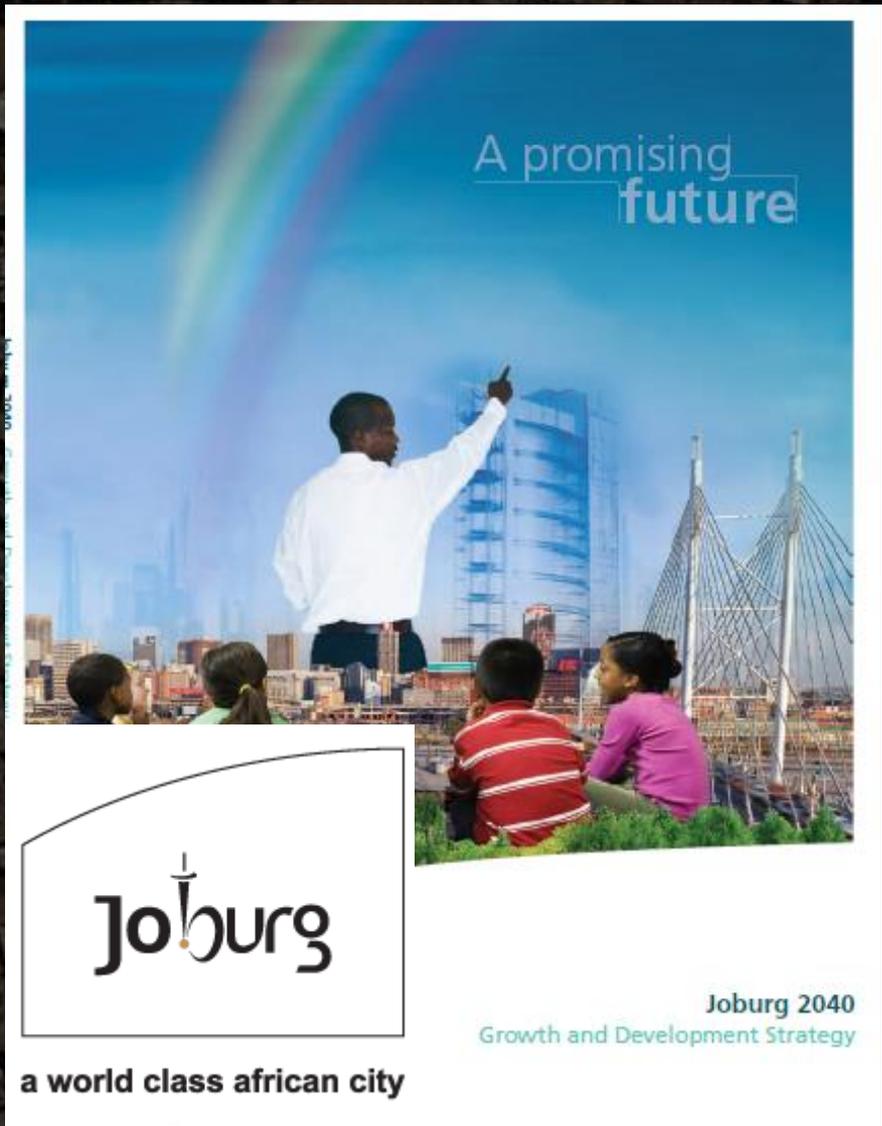
Nairobi Metro 2030

A World Class African Metropolis

Building a Safe, Secure and Prosperous Metropolitan



Ministry of Nairobi Metropolitan Development



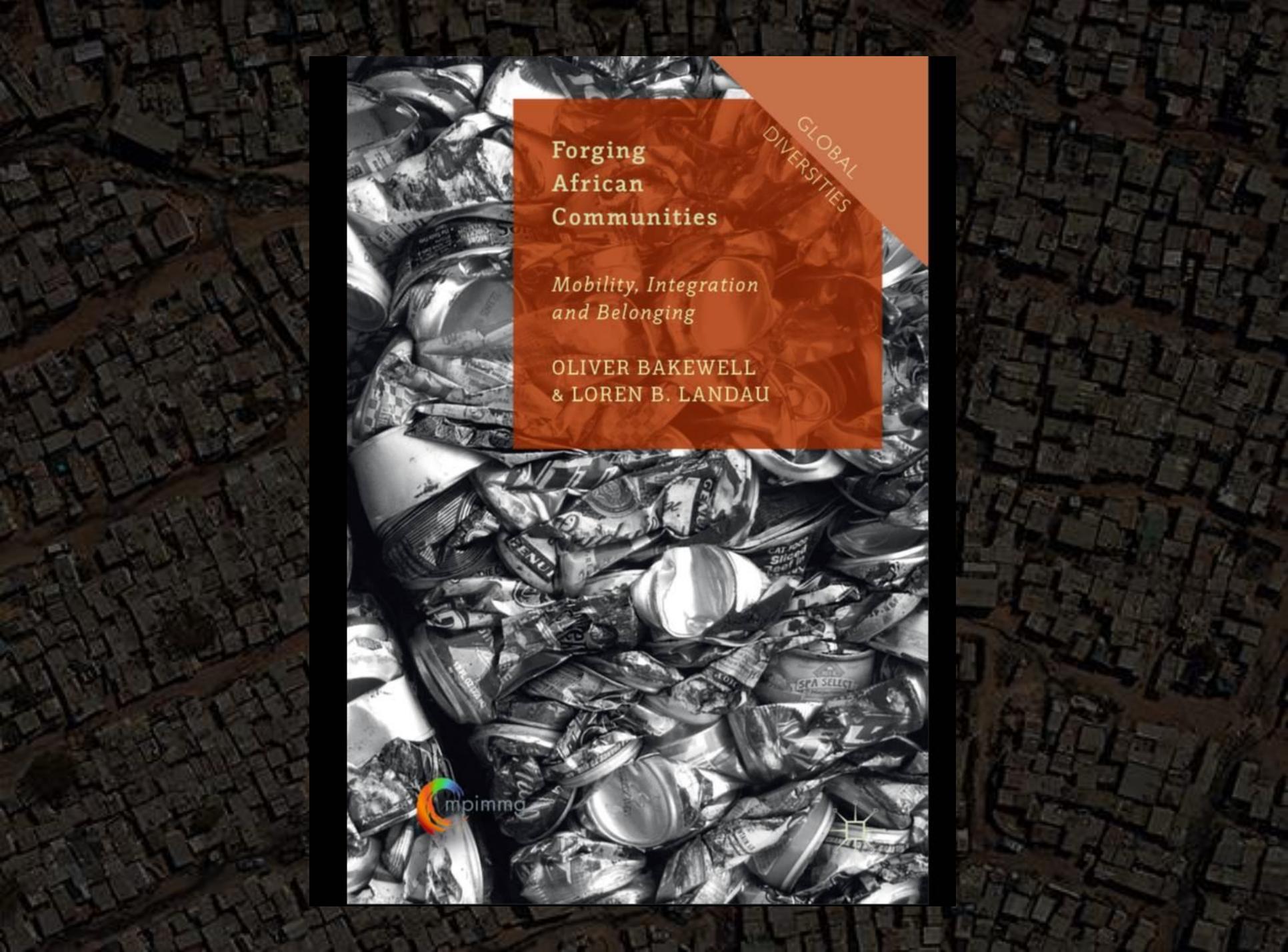
The poster features a large rainbow in the sky over a city skyline. A man in a white shirt is pointing towards the sky, and a group of children are sitting on a grassy hill in the foreground, looking up at the rainbow.

A promising future

Joburg

Joburg 2040
Growth and Development Strategy

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Forging African Communities

*Mobility, Integration
and Belonging*

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*God owns everywhere, so even if you
break the law here, he will forgive you.*

- Stella, Ugandan migrant in Johannesburg

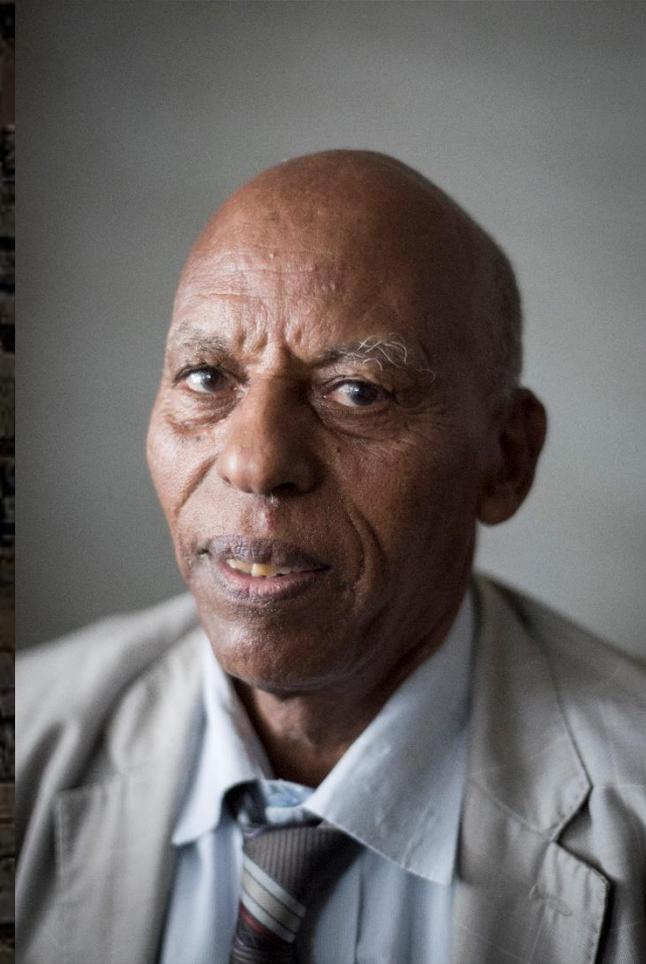
The marooned malaise

*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 nowhere cities 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*

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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



An aerial photograph of a city grid, showing a dense pattern of streets and buildings. A dark blue semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text in yellow and white. The text is centered within the box and follows the layout of the image.

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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