

WHO KEEPS THE CITY GOING?

A round table on urban life in the global South

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Cities are usually judged by their plans — and usually found wanting. But the plan is not what keeps a city running. That work is done by brokers and encroachers, drivers and hawkers, water intermediaries and street-level bureaucrats, whose improvisations are less a failure of planning than the way planning actually works. Four leading urbanists, working across Mumbai, Gurgaon, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Brazil and South Africa, sit down to compare notes: which of these practices travel between their cities, which stubbornly don't, and what that tells us about who really governs the city. Open to the whole NYU Shanghai community

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