



# Overriding the **URBAN/ NON-URBAN DIVIDE**

This first dialogue takes an **unconventional angle** by addressing new approaches that transcend the urban age discussion (e.g. 50% live in cities) and break with the idea of the bounded city in which the urban and the non-urban are opposed and spaces are classified, according to their form, on the urban-rural continuum.

What if, as Brenner and Schmid's critical urban theory on planetary urbanisation suggests, the putative non-urban is internalised in the theory of urbanisation and we no longer talk about form but about processes of concentrated and extended urbanisation? What does this shift mean when we address resource flows, food security and inequality issues?

The practical perspectives from **Chennai, Bogota and Jakarta** ground the debate in reality and form the basis of a critical discussion on the 'New Urban Agenda' and its 'Urban-Rural Linkages'.

## With keynotes from

### Dr Pushpa Arabindoo

Lecturer in geography and urban design, University College London; co-director UCL Urban Laboratory; editor (CITY Journal, Geography)

**Provincialising planetary urbanisation: situating Chennai between its region and the global**

### Carolina Chica Builes

Director of regional, national and international integration  
Secretariat of Planning - Bogotá

**Special Administrative Planning Region - Central Region. A case of new territorial arrangements that seek to overcome the urban-rural dichotomy**

### Prof. Dr AbdouMaliq Simone

Research professor, Max Planck Institute for Social and Ethnic Diversity and visiting professor of Sociology at Goldsmiths College, University of London

**When does the urban come, does it go, or does it simply change course and form, all of the time? Reflections from Jakarta**

## Introduced by

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## Critical Public Debate

The event will be in **English**.  
Admission is free upon **registration** at  
<http://iass-potsdam.de/dialogues>

**Monday 20 April 2015, 14:00 – 18:00**

Scandic Hotel Berlin  
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# CRITICAL DIALOGUES SERIES

The IASS is initiating and facilitating a **Series of Critical Dialogues** on the practicalities of implementing the New Urban Agenda – and its possible constraints – in the political context of **Habitat III** (UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, 2016). Each of these Public Dialogues addresses a topic of central importance to Habitat III from 1) an unconventional angle and 2) an 'on the ground' perspective.

The New Urban Agenda '**on the ground**'