

Call for Papers: German Congress of Geography/Deutscher Kongress für Geographie, Kiel, 25.-30. September 2019

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**Urban peripheries in the Global South: Between financialization, extractivism and political agency (L8 – FS 216)**

For much of the 20th century, urban peripheries in the Global South were characterized by the autoconstruction of settlements by immigrants from the countryside, a process that Caldeira (2016) termed 'peripheral urbanization'. Since the 1990s, urban peripheries have begun to change in the context of neoliberal policies such as the privatization of housing, transport and infrastructure and, on a more general level, the financialization of economies and urban development. One important dimension of recent developments is the high pressure of finance capital on agricultural land and the settlement areas of low-income population in the urban peripheries, which now coexist with or have to give way to industrial parks, office blocks, transport infrastructure, residential developments and large-scale master-planned communities. Another prominent phenomenon is the re-organization of space in the context of extractivism and re-primarization. New forms, scales and paces of (agro-)extractivism give rise to extended urbanization that radically challenges established epistemologies and theories of urban development.

This session brings together scholars to discuss the natures, causes, consequences, and politics of the dynamics taking place in urban peripheries of the Global South to enhance our understanding of the role of these spaces in current processes of capitalist development.

We invite proposals for papers addressing (but not limited to) one or more of the following questions:

- What are the characteristics of current processes of peripheral urbanization in the Global South and (how) do they differ from hitherto processes of urban growth?
- How do these changes relate to current modes of capital accumulation, such as the increasing power of finance capital and the extension of extractive frontier? What makes these spaces special and attractive for new forms of commodification?
- What are the social, ecological and economic effects of the new spatial configurations?
- How does development in the urban periphery interrelate with agrarian change? How is it linked to the commodification of nature and a re-distribution of access to natural resources?
- What are the political dynamics in contemporary peripheral urbanization and in how far are peri-urban/rural-urban spaces new arenas of resistance to neoliberalism?

We welcome submissions in English or German. Abstracts must be submitted directly through the conference website (<https://www.con-gressa.de/dkg2019/>) before January 25, 2019. You need to provide a title (max. 160 characters), a short abstract (max. 200 characters) and a full abstract (max.

2,500 characters). Papers will be selected based on a review by session organizers. Authors will be notified about the status of their submission by the end of March 2019, registration will start April 1st 2019 (<https://www.dkg2019.de/registrierung/>). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the session conveners Dr. Nadine Reis ([nreis@uni-bonn.de](mailto:nreis@uni-bonn.de)) and Dr. Michael Lukas ([mlukas@uchilefau.cl](mailto:mlukas@uchilefau.cl)).