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'Southern theory' and the tricky question of comparing cities across the world

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Comparisons of cities and of elements of urban phenomena raise complex and controversial issues. Growth of interest in and argument around 'cities of the south', and whether they constitute a different body of urban experience from trajectories of northern cities, adds layers to difficulties of comparative studies. That is the case whether the focus is on social life, policy and planning, politics or other matters. Reviewing recent debates and drawing on research in large city regions on three different continents, leads to some tentative views on directions for contemporary city research, which cannot claim to be comprehensive but may be provocative.

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