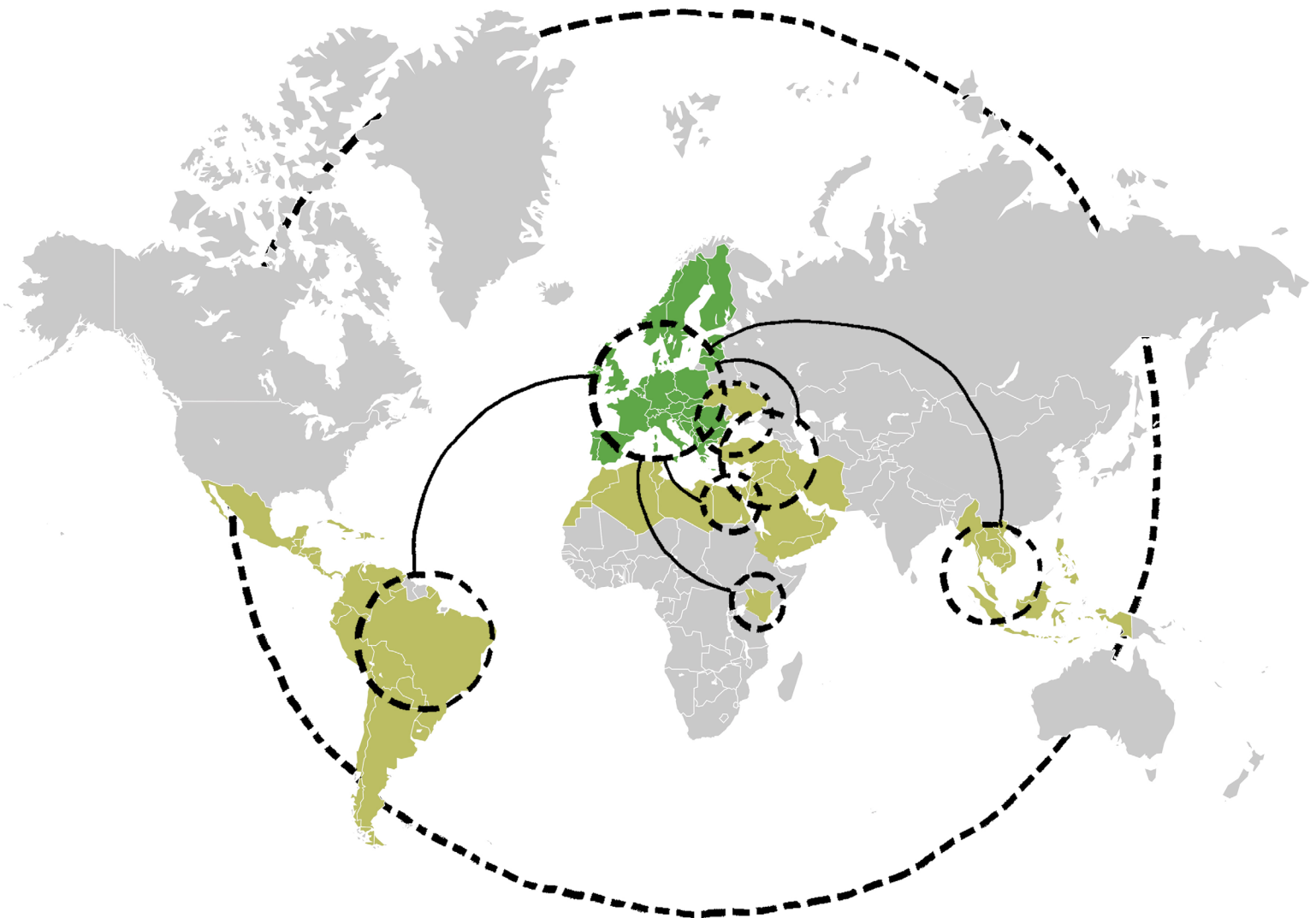


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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



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This year's TRIALOG conference is dedicated to a critical (self) reflection of past and future roles of European civil society and academia in the global urbanisation discourse. Civil society's engagement from North to South in urban development provides a complex picture that can be interpreted in many ways. Twelve panels will assess the roles and impacts of urban stakeholders, particularly of Civil society Organisations (CSOs), and the transitions and reform processes they underwent over the past decades.

A diversified landscape of European CSOs and academic institutions has emerged that critically reflects but also actively engages in the urban development of the Global South. European civil society has effectively challenged prejudices and the hegemonic interpretations of development and promoted alternative ways for urban development. By learning from, exchanging on, and informing about the conditions and dynamics of urbanisation globally, Europe-based journals, associations, and institutes have contributed to the current, multifaceted interpretation of cities in the South, specifically in regards to the situation of the urban poor, spatial justice, housing, etc.

This conference looks into what the major contributions of Europe from its civil society were in the past, but also how false assumptions and alternative hegemonies have triggered our understanding and ways of actions in the present. Considering its geographic position, we also would like to discuss the future of a globalized civil society: What will the coming generation of CSOs look like?





## PANELS OVERVIEW

### SESSIONS SEQUENCE:

- I In Between Worlds Pt.1 (Eastern Europe)**  
 A conversation about the continuously evolving and changing actors' landscape as well as the frame conditions linked to urban practice and discourse over the past decades.
- II In Between Worlds Pt.2 (MENA region)**  
 Discussing the experience of "in-between-ness" when navigating work, life, values and co-operation in Europe and the MENA region.
- III Housing Justice - Reflections on the International Mobilities of Housing Ideas and Practices**  
 Addressing the translocal journeys of housing ideas and practice, the panel reflects on the exchange of concepts and the conditions of adequate housing.
- IV The Role of Civil Society Organizations for Action-oriented Research Projects**  
 Case studies from Asia highlighting the role of CSO's opportunities and limitations for engaging in action research.
- V An Informal Debate on the Informal - Different views on concepts and underlying characterization**  
 An exchange to generate an engaging debate on the challenges and recent advancements in conceptualizing the informal.
- VI The 'Urbanisation' of Municipal Partnerships - Civil Society and State in Local and Transnational Negotiation Processes**  
 A close look will be taken at transnational integrated urban development concepts through city-to-city exchanges.
- VII A Ripple Effect of Community Mobilization through CSOs**  
 Tracking the impact of civil society work and approaches on different groups of actors. Discussing the paradigm shift in the notions of urban development and volunteering.
- VIII Housing, civil society and the State**  
 A conversation between different generations of TRIALOG e.V. members on its contribution to the Housing, civil society and the State discourse.
- IX Connecting Community and Organizational Resilience in Nairobi and Rotterdam**  
 A debate on the challenges and recent advancements in collective action taken by communities during Covid-19 in Nairobi and Rotterdam.
- X Reflecting Power Relations in North-South Civil Society**  
 A discussion on the responsibility and possibilities of CSOs from the Global North to critically reflect on development discourse and their own role in the development hierarchy.
- XI Voicing the Invisibles**  
 An exchange on challenges experienced by 'marginalized groups', with a particular focus on women-led grassroots movements.
- XII UD Alumni: Career or Identity? How can alumni CSOs reinforce the voices of Urban Development specialists?**  
 Personal stories and experiences of international Alumni that graduated from European Urban Development (UD) programs.

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