



Sacralizing Security: Religion, Violence and Authority in Mega-Cities of the Global South

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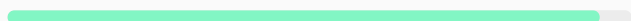
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Project description

Understanding the role of religion in the production of non-state authority in the Global South

There has been observed that the order maintenance in mega-cities of the Global South is frequently achieved with the intervention of diverse non-state security actors (vigilantes) who have merged into alternative governance organisations. This phenomenon appears mainly where state agencies cannot provide infrastructure and security to all citizens. Through an ethnographic comparison of three mega-cities, the EU-funded SACRASEC project will explore how the authority of religious vigilantes is produced in mega-cities of the Global South. The case studies will focus on Christian and Afro-Brazilian religion in Rio de Janeiro, Christian, Islamic and Indigenous religion in Lagos, and Islamic and Indigenous religion in Jakarta.

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