

Making Infrastructure Global? Design and Governance of Infrastructural Expansion in the Global South

<b>Project partners</b>
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<b>Project duration / Awarded funding</b>
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<b>Short description of the project</b>
The researchers addressed the issue of contemporary infrastructure projects that often look alike, produced as they are by planning agencies that operate across the world in public-private partnerships. Based on three cases of energy infrastructure projects in East Africa, North Africa and Latin America, this project analysed the contested power dynamics triggered by attempts at making infrastructure global. The transregional approach included the establishment of a cross-border research platform between Basel and Freiburg.
<b>Concrete implementation of the project (What was the funding used for?) (max. 500 characters (including spaces))</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We employed the external partner, Dr. Alke Jenss, at the University of Freiburg.</li> <li>• We employed another postdoctoral researcher, Dr. Maren Larsen at the University of Basel.</li> <li>• We conducted three pilot research trips to Morocco (Dr. Schuetze), Tanzania (Dr. Larsen) and Costa Rica (Dr. Jenss).</li> <li>• We conducted an in-person workshop at the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) in Freiburg.</li> </ul>
<b>Project result(s) and continuation of collaboration (max. 500 characters (including spaces))</b>
The project resulted in submission of a joint manuscript entitled 'Elsewheres of the Unbuilt: The Global Effects of Transnational Energy Infrastructure Projects' with the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) (currently in Revise & Resubmit). Further, the project facilitated the successful application by Dr. Jenss and Dr. Schuetze for a Thyssen project and by Dr. Schuetze for a DFG-funded Emmy Noether Research Group.
<b>Further information (links, articles, photos)</b>
We will share a link with the mentioned article once it is published. Thyssen project: <a href="https://www.promises-of-democratic-connection.net/de">https://www.promises-of-democratic-connection.net/de</a> Emmy Noether research group: <a href="https://www.polecon-solar-mena.org/en">https://www.polecon-solar-mena.org/en</a>