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ABSTRACT

Urbanisation is transforming especially the areas surrounding cities – the periurban areas. Showing examples from an ongoing research project it will be demonstrated how urbanisation affects village structures and especially the relation between water and societies. The presentation will start with a brief introduction of urbanisation processes in the so called Global South and in India specifically. Then periurban spaces as specific zones in transition will be conceptualized before empirical findings on water and water based livelihoods in six periurban villages in the metropolitan areas of Pune, Hyderabad and Kolkata will be presented.

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