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# Conflict and Cohabitation: Co-creating Urban Spaces through Architecture and Applied Theatre

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At the end of 2024, Nigeria was home to 3.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), one of the highest numbers on the African continent. Among the most affected regions towns are Jos, due to ongoing internal conflict, and Maiduguri which has experienced exodus due to climate-induced structural damage from flooding. Many IDPs migrate southward, with Lagos, Nigeria's largest city, becoming a frequent destination.

This Urban Talk takes a multi-sited perspective on the dynamics of displacement and place-making, examining both points of departure and sites of arrival. The session will feature three presentations:

Aliyu Yakubu Abdulkadir: Mentally Displaced Youth and Co-Creating Applied Theatre: The Re-Search for Sustainable Urbanity (Jos)

Francesca Ceola: Landscapes of Island Inhabitation in Lagos: Volatile Livelihoods and the 'new' Urban Frontier

Rebecca Roberts: Spacemaking as a Measure of Rights to the City

The presentations will be followed by a commentary by Dr. Naomi A. Haruna from the University of Maiduguri.

Drawing on the empirical research from the three presentations, we will engage in a collective discussion on how displacement and (re-)appropriation shapes Nigerian cities from cultural and spatial perspective.

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