

# Disputas: Joseph Mukeku

Ph.d.-kandidat Joseph Samson Mukeku forsvare sin doktoravhandling "Logic of Self-built Environment. Soweto East village, Kibera Slums, Nairobi Kenya" for ph.d.-graden ved AHO mandag 12. mai. Disputasen vil foregå på engelsk.

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- Disputasen starter kl. 12

## **Om avhandlingen** (kun engelsk)

This thesis studies the logic that underlies the structure and form of a self-built environment as presented by slums. It seeks to bring out the inherent order and organization therein as opposed to the general misperception of such settlements as places of chaos. It starts by first outlining and contextualizing the basic qualities that scope the description of slums; the social, economic and policy attributes as well as their built environment attributes. The study roots for an elementary approach to morphological analysis; partly owing to the lack of standardization of the structuring components and their apparent distinctiveness from the mainstream urban typo-morphological configurations. This study postulates that the logic of slum structure is informed by the character of individual elements as well as the collective interrelations between and among the components. While some components espouse permanency, others are characterized by relatively temporary disposition. In addition to analyzing the existing morphological products in slums, the study also highlights the process perspective of slum structure and form. It submits that upgrading has shaped the structure of slums, both in its perception and through the practical interventions in the slums. Indicatively, slum upgrading would be more sustainable by being based on a clear understanding of the existing structure and form of the targeted settlement.

## **Om kandidaten**

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