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Talking camps: space, community and 'the urban'

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Ph.D Course

The camp: researching violence, exclusion and temporariness

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In recent years, global phenomena such as rapid population growth and urbanization, persistent poverty and socio-economic inequality, and the growing number of natural disasters, protracted and complex crises have continued to increase the amount of humanitarian needs worldwide. As displacement trends increase in complexity, becoming more urban and protracted in nature, the displaced communities also have access to a broader range of temporary solution and improved information through increased connectivity. However, this does not always equate to better protection and assistance, or access to sustainable and durable solutions, but often increases the authorities' aversion to talking about camps. While humanitarian sector have worked hard to improve how it captures and understands the need and nature of displacements, it seems harder to change the way we respond when it comes to urban contexts. Or are we asking the wrong questions?

Wan Sophonpanich is was trained as an architect, Wan worked in community-based participatory design projects in Thailand before joining the humanitarian sector over 13 years ago during Cyclone Nargis response. Since then Wan has coordinated and managed emergency responses in Haiti, Nepal, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iraq, the Philippines and Ethiopia amongst others, working with IFRC, CARE, Save the Children and IOM. Her expertise spans over emergency preparedness, response and recovery, with particular focus on shelter, settlement and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM). In 2017 Wan took on the role of the Global CCCM Cluster Coordinator with International Organization for Migration in Geneva.



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