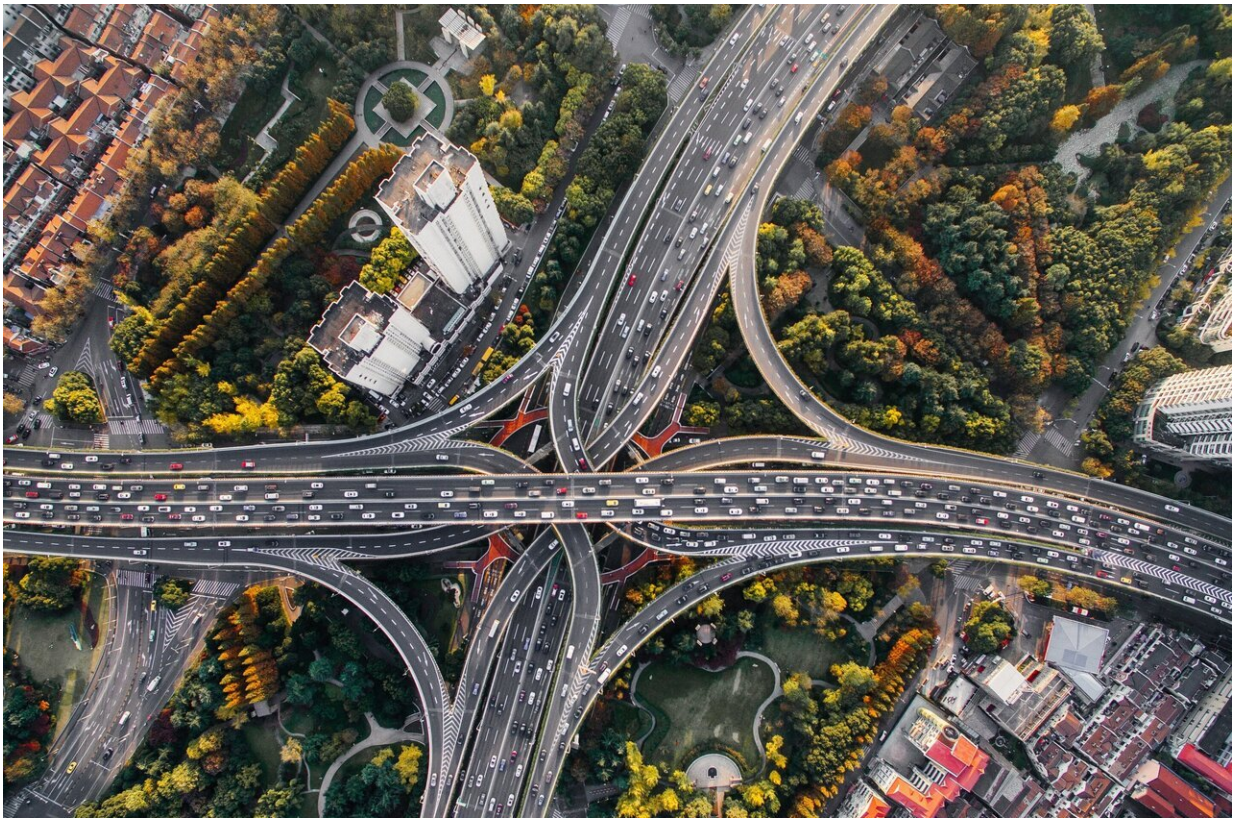


New paper on the value of international partnerships for co-producing just cities

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Beth Perry, Vanesa Castán Broto and their colleagues Zarina Patel and Rita Sitas have published a new open access paper the journal *Planning Theory*, titled "The value of international partnerships for co-producing

just cities."

The paper provides a distinctive analysis of the value of international intermediation alliances for co-production, based on the way they operate in practice.

While much attention is paid to ideal or normative models of co-production, there is less understanding of the complexities that pervade co-production practices in specific contexts or how this shapes outcomes.

Despite longstanding critiques and [reflection](#), international partnerships can reinforce unequal power dynamics embedded in already unequal global research and knowledge production circuits. However, such partnerships, despite their [structural problems](#), can also give rise to more informal relations wherein the long-term value of international co-production inheres. The authors call for a re-examination of these complex sets of informal relations, beyond the structures of partnerships, that enable co-production across local and global divides.

Drawing on comparative international evidence, they propose a [framework](#) for understanding and action based on the concepts of alliances, allyship and activism. These three characteristics of international co-production partnerships can constitute socio-material infrastructures that help maintain relationships of solidarity and care over time beyond the remit of individual projects.

While this is relevant in any co-production context it becomes particularly important in international research projects so that they do not paradoxically reproduce colonizing structures of knowledge production in the search for more just cities.

More information: Beth Perry et al, Alliances, allyship and activism:

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