

2026 South South Dialogue for Sustainability

Architectural Culturalism: The Indonesian Story

Themes and Topics

Theme 1: Pre-Colonial Legacies

1. **Session 1 (8 January 2026)**
 - a. Topic 1: *Reorienting Age of Discovery and Age of Sail – Spice Route and its Cultural Spheres in Nusantara* (Eka Swadiansa).
 - b. Topic 2: *Caves, Trees, Ships and Granaries – Speculating the Origin of Nusantara Architecture* (Revianto Budi Santosa).
2. **Session 2 (22 January 2026)**
 - a. Topic 3: *One Archipelago Four Narratives – Spice Route's Cultural Spheres and Nusantara Architecture's Domestication Practices* (Eka Swadiansa).
 - b. Topic 4: *The Multipolar Non-Hegemonic Global Maritime Networks of Nusantara's Austronesian Architecture* (Mohammad Cahyo Novianto).
3. **Session 3 (5 February 2026)**
 - a. Topic 5: *City of Elephant – Charting the Role of Elephant in Aceh's Urban History* (Muhammad Naufal Fadhil).
 - b. Topic 6: *Bhinneka Tunggal Tumpang – Cultural Connectivity in Shaping the Forms, Spaces, and Tectonics of Mosques in the Nusantara Archipelago* (Revianto Budi Santosa).

Theme 2: Colonial Experiments

4. **Session 4 (26 March 2026)**
 - a. Topic 7: *Rhizomes of Empire – Colonial Superstructures and the Territorial Logic of Dutch East Indies City Ports* (Eka Swadiansa).
 - b. Topic 8: *Rhizomes of Empire – Colonial Superstructures and the Territorial Logic of Java's Railway Stations* (Johannes Adiyanto).
5. **Session 5 (9 April 2026)**
 - a. Topic 9: *Cultural Genealogy of Architecture and Urbanism in Indonesian City Margins – the case of Jabodetabek* (Mushab Abdu Asy Syahid).
 - b. Topic 10: *One City Four Narratives – Genealogic Urban History and the Decolonizing of Colonial Architecture in Surabaya* (Eka Swadiansa).
6. **Session 6 (23 April 2026)**
 - a. Topic 11: *Framing Paradise: Colonialism, Ethical Politics, and the Fabrication of*

Balinese Architectural Identity (I Nyoman Gede Maha Putra).

- b. Topic 12: *Beyond Adaptation: Contextualism, Colonial Memory, and Architectural Agency in the Dutch East Indies* (Johannes Adiyanto).

Theme 3: Post-Independent Trajectories

7. Session 7 (30 April 2026)

- a. Topic 13: *Centralized Construction – Reconsidering the History of Indonesia's Post-Independence Architecture* (Mohammad Nanda Widyarta).
- b. Topic 14: *Rural Jengki – When Peripheral Capitalism Meets Non Pedigreed Modernism* (Mohammad Cahyo Novianto).

8. Session 8 (14 May 2026)

- a. Topic 15: *Behind the Capital City's Shadow – Surabaya and the Psyche of a Second City* (Altrerosje Asri).
- b. Topic 16: *Tradition under Construction – Postcolonial Statecraft, Global Capital, and Architectural Negotiation in Bali* (I Nyoman Gede Maha Putra).

9. Session 9 (28 May 2026)

- a. Topic 17: *In Search of Identity – Critical Regionalism and the Post-Independent Architecture in the Decentralizing Indonesia* (Revianto Budi Santosa, Defry Agatha Ardianta, I Nyoman Gede Maha Putra)
- b. Topic 18: *Mosque as Capital – The Social Basis of the 21st Century Mosque in Indonesia* (Revianto Budi Santosa).