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Grassroot struggles for housing justice in Jakarta, Indonesia

My research project examines resistance to eviction and the alternatives proposed by the grassroots movement, embracing both collective action and everyday resistance. The primary focus is the various strategies implemented by the grassroots movement fighting for housing justice in Jakarta for twenty years. These include protest actions, legal suits, alternative concept proposals, and the emerging strategies of developing adversarial linkages within Indonesian politics. This last refers to how grassroots organizations seek mutually beneficial alliances with political candidates, exchanging electoral support for pro-poor urban policies. This project will also offer a new understanding of insurgent planning, mainly how the grassroots movement collaborates with other actors, including architects and planners, to construct their expertise and propose alternatives to mainstream planners' urban renewal.