

## **GAHTC Conference**

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Notes from the break out session:

### **Global as Theory**

1. Global should be the same way we use the word in “global warming.”
2. “Global” is a way of thinking that needs to be taught.
3. Global as a dissemination and consumption of knowledge.
4. Asking questions about development across the global/globe that we don’t have control over.
5. “Global” means – being broad, open, and be able to go into depth. It means relations among things and relations between relationships; it means what kind of city do we want; if we want to fight, what kind of fight do we want to take up.
6. Thinking the expanding difficult whole.
7. Global out of the map – the map is defeating the purpose of the “global” with dots, lines etc.
8. The “global” project is and should be a polyphonic project – one with many voices.
9. Maps are an important part of the “global” and the question is: what is it about the map that one is getting so that one can improve it.
10. We know what “global” is not – it is not comparative, but it is human connections produced in numerous ways that goes beyond trade routes.
11. If you want to make the world a better place, think of the world as a place
12. “Global” as an ecological project in addition to cultural.
13. “Global” is an illusion of proximity in a time of ever expanding distance.
14. Global perspective without global ambitions.
15. “Global” is – post-colonial design thinking.