

THE ENDLESS CITY

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121

buildings over eight storeys in 1980
in Shanghai

10,045

buildings over eight storeys in 2005
in Shanghai

14%

green open space in New York

35.6%

green open space in Berlin

19m

people lived in Mexico City in 2000

47.5x

more than in 1900

24.1%

live below the poverty line
in Johannesburg

\$1.3m

average cost of an apartment
in Manhattan

100%

lived in cities in 1900

50%

is living in cities in 2007

75%

will be living in cities in 2050

4%

of the population of Johannesburg
reaches the age of 65

22.7%

of all Johannesburg residents
are younger than 14

65%

of New Yorkers belong to an ethnic
minority

56%

of new residents in London were
foreign born in 2001

16m²

living space in 2006 in Shanghai

2.5x

more than in 1990

55%

of New Yorkers use public transport
to get to work

25x

increase of privately owned cars in
Shanghai between 1999–2005

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33%

of all journeys made in
Johannesburg are by foot

35%

of all journeys made in
Berlin are by foot or by bike

91%

employed in the
service sector in London

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The Urban Age Project

Urban Age is an investigation into the future of cities organized by the London School of Economics and Political Science with Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society. This investigation extends across the continents with an international and interdisciplinary network of national and local policy makers, academic experts and urban practitioners. Urban Age aims to heighten awareness of the links between physical form and the social characteristics of cities by activating and sustaining an ongoing worldwide dialogue between heads of state, city mayors and internationally renowned specialists with practical and theoretical expertise in fields ranging from governance and urban crime to housing, city design and transport. Research has focused so far on urbanization in cities as diverse as New York City, Shanghai, London, Mexico City, Johannesburg and Berlin, bringing the particular conditions of those cities into sharp focus with urban trends worldwide.

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As an international centre of excellence, the London School of Economics has a longstanding commitment to an innovative understanding of urban society. The Cities Programme was established at the LSE in 1996, and its main objective is to link the urban social sciences with the built environment. The design of urban buildings, places and spaces is often at odds with the needs of urban society, and the Cities Programme aims to make the built environment more socially responsive, and to make people more aware of the social and political role of architecture and planning.

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