Subject Guide
Urban Studies & Planning

Urban studies, which focuses on the examination of cities, metropolitan regions, and urban and suburban landscapes, is a structured field of enquiry steered by the complex, ever-changing, and often large-scale realities presented by evolving human settlements (Bowel et al. 2010,199).

This guide offers resources for the interdisciplinary field of urban studies and planning catering to the research needs of scholars and practitioners.

In addition to the collections available at the IIHS Library, you will also find the publications of the IIHS at the Knowledge Gateway.

Have book recommendations for the Library, submit here and got a full text article request visit electronic journals listing or write to: reference.support@iihs.ac.in

Dictionaries and Encyclopaedias

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy covers key topics of history, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy traditions and value theory.

Encyclopaedia of Urban Studies is a key reference source for urban terms.

Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals 2020 offers a visualisation of the 17 sustainable development goals drawn from the World Bank's World Development Indicators database.

Global Social Theory is a dictionary covering concepts, thinkers and topics in social theory in a global perspective.

Encyclopedia Britannica provides detailed introduction key concepts and disciplines on urban cultures, urban planning and urbanisation trends.

National Digital Library of India is the virtual repository of multilingual and diverse learning resources.

Practising Ethics is a lexicon of ethical principles for built environment researchers and practitioners.

Art & Architecture Thesaurus (AAT) is a structured database to retrieve resources related to art, architecture, and other material culture.

Densityatlas.org has more than 100 examples of measuring density at varying scales in the world's cities.

Planning and Transport Glossary covers key concepts in planning and transportation.

Sarai Reader 02: The Cities of Everyday Life offers a critical view of thinking on contemporary urban life in Indian cities.

News

The Nature of Cities is an international forum for interdisciplinary dialogues and urban solutions.

The Conversation offers in-depth analysis of global environment and energy news.

Planetizen is an independent platform that curates and organises resources about planning.

Myliveablecity brings together diverse voices on sustainable urban development.

TheCityFix is a blog from WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, covering news and research on urban sustainability and development.

Next City aims to create solutions for just and equitable cities.

Subjects: urban, urban studies, planning, development, city planning
Tags: urban, cities, usp, design, architecture, art
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Newspapers

SciDev.Net is a global news site about science and technology for global development.

Europe Media Monitor (EMM) Newsbrief is a news aggregator funded by the EU which gathers about 300,000 news articles per day in 70 languages from countries around the world on various topics and themes.

Keyword Search Tips

Try changing to Advanced Search.

Adjacency

Multiple words are not searched together as a phrase. They will be found in various parts of the record. To search for a phrase, enclose your search terms in quotation marks.

(example: "AbdouMaliq Simone")

Truncation

Words may be right-hand truncated using an asterisk. Use a single asterisk * to truncate any number of characters.

(example: environment* agency)

Anchored Searching

You may use ^ and $ to indicate "phrase begins with" and "phrase ends with," respectively, within a search phrase enclosed in quotation marks.

(examples: "^harry" for phrases that begin with the term *harry*. "stone$" for phrases that end in *stone*.)

Journals

Urban and Community Studies

S. No	Title	Journal link
1	Land Use Policy	https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/land-use-policy
2	Urban Forestry and Urban Greening	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/urban-forestry-and-urban-greening/
3	Regional Studies	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cres20/current
4	Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society	https://academic.oup.com/cjres/pages/General_Instructions
5	Landscape and Urban Planning	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/landscape-and-urban-planning/
6	Urban Studies	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/landscape-and-urban-planning//
7	Cities	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/cities/
8	Habitat International	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/habitat-international/
9	International Journal of Urban and Regional Research	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14682427
10	Urban Geography	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rurb20/current

11	Regional Science and Urban Economics	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/regional-science-and-urban-economics/
12	Environment Urbanization Asia	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/eua
13	Papers in Regional Science	https://rsaiconnect.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14355957
14	Environment & Urbanization	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/eau
15	Housing Studies	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/chos20/current
16	Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/epn
17	Computers, Environment and Urban Systems	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/computers-environment-and-urban-systems/
18	Journal of Urban Economics	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-urban-economics/
19	Planning Theory	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/plt
20	Local Environment	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cloe20/current
21	Sustainable cities and society	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/sustainable-cities-and-society
22	Urban Policy and Research	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cupr20/current
23	International Journal of Urban Sciences	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjus20/current

24	Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjou20/current
25	Urban Forum	https://www.springer.com/journal/12132
26	City and Community	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/cty
27	Contemporary South Asia	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ccsa20/current
28	China Quarterly	https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/china-quarterly

Urban Planning and Education

1	Planning Perspectives	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rppe20/current
2	Higher Education Pedagogies	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rhep/current
3	Journal of Planning Literature	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/jpl
4	Urban Studies	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/usj
5	Landscape and Urban Planning	https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/landscape-and-urban-planning
6	Education and Urban Society	https://in.sagepub.com/en-in/sas/journal/education-and-urban-society#description
7	Journal of Planning Education and	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/jpe

	Research	
8	Town Planning Review	https://www.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/journals/id/43#info
9	Planning Theory	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/plt
10	Higher Education	https://www.springer.com/journal/10734/
11	Urban Research and Practice	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rurp20/current
12	disP - The Planning Review	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rdsp20/current
13	International Development Planning Review	https://www.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/journals/id/65#info
14	International Planning Studies	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cips20/current
15	Planning Theory and Practice	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rptp20/current
16	Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/epb
17	Environment & Urbanization	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/eau
18	Environment and Urbanization Asia	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/eua

19	Evaluation Review	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/erx
20	Journal of Development Studies	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fjds20/current
21	Urban Affairs Review	https://journals.sagepub.com/aims-scope/UAR
22	Journal of Urban Affairs	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ujua20/current
23	Journal of Education for Sustainable Development	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/jsd
24	Higher Education for the Future	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/hef
25	Higher Education Policy	https://www.palgrave.com/gp/journal/41307/
26	Urban Education	https://journals.sagepub.com/home/uex
27	Habitat International	https://www.journals.elsevier.com/habitat-international

For more information, view the rankings of urban studies and planning journals on Google Scholar.

Open Access e-Journals[1]

Urban Planning
Publisher: Cogitatio
Country: Portugal

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[1] Even though these journals are open access, authors may need to pay Article Processing Charges (APCs) based on the applicable fees to publish their papers.

Language: English
Keywords: Habitat, urban planning, urban studies
Start year: 2016

Frontiers in Built Environment
Publisher: Frontiers Media S.A.
Country: Switzerland
Language: English
Keywords: urban spaces, civil engineering, built environment
Start year: 2015

npj Urban Sustainability
Publisher: Springer Nature
Country: United Kingdom
Language: English
Keywords: Cities, Urbanization, Urban development Sustainability
Start year : 2021

Journal of Urban Ecology
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Country: United Kingdom
Language: English
Keywords: Cities, Urbanization, Urban development Sustainability
Start year: 2015

IET Smart Cities
Publisher: Wiley
Country: United Kingdom
Language: English
Keywords: Smart cities, Internet of things, Data analytics
Start year: 2019

Open Transportation Journal
Publisher: Bentham open
Country: United States

Language: English
Keywords: transportation planning, transportation policy
Start year: 2007

Journal of Urban Management
Publisher: Elsevier
Country: Taiwan
Language: English
Keywords: planning, administration, regulation governance, cities
Start year: 2015

Regional Studies, Regional Science
Publisher: Elsevier
Country: Taiwan
Language: English
Keywords: planning, administration, regulation governance, cities
Start year: 2015

Urban Transformations
Publisher: BMC,
Country: United Kingdom
Language: English
Keywords: urban planning, urban development, transformative change
Start year: 2019

Urban, Planning and Transport Research
Publisher: Taylor & Francis
Country: United Kingdom
Language: English
Keywords: community development, urban planning, transport, housing
Start year: 2013

Future Cities and Environment
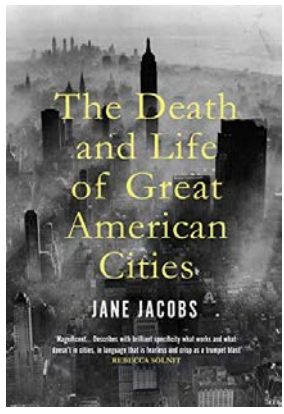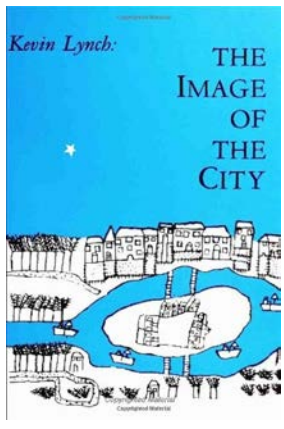Publisher: Ubiquity Press

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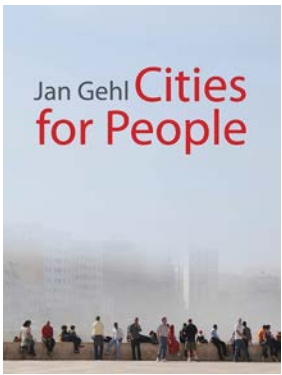Start year: 2015

Working papers
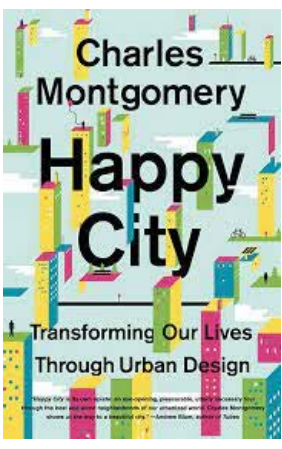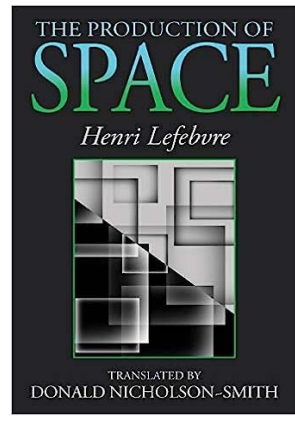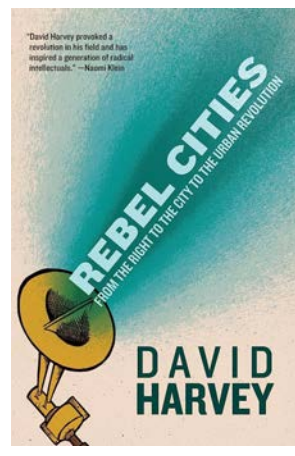
- CPR Urbanisation Working Papers
- NCE Cities Working Papers
- World Bank Policy Research Working Papers
- Coalition for Urban Transitions Working Papers and Reports
- Institute for Housing Studies publications
- ADB Urban Development Publications
- IIED Publications
- NBER Urban Economics Working Group
- WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities

Books

- 25 Great Ideas of New Urbanism
- 100 Essential Books of Planning
- Top 20 Urban Planning Books (Of all time)
- 26 Best Urban and Land Planning Books of All Time
- 15 Best books for Urban Planning and Design

	The Death and Life of Great American Cities by Jane Jacobs **Call Number:** 307.1216 BAU 002927 **ISBN:** 9781439808924 **Publication Date:** 01-2018
	The Image of the City by Kevin Lynch **Call Number**: 711.40973 LYN 001533 **ISBN**: 9780262620017 **Publication Date**: 06-1964

	Cities for People by Jan Gehl **Call Number**: 307.1216 GEH 009888 **ISBN**: 9781597265737 **Publication Date**: 06-2010
	Happy City : Transforming our Lives through Urban Design by Charles Montgomery **Call Number**:307.1216 MON.T 007548 **ISBN**: 9780141047546 **Publication Date**: 02-2015

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	The Production of Space by Henri Lefebvre **Call Number**: 115 LEF 000701 **ISBN**: 9780631181774 **Publication Date**: 08-1991
	Rebel cities : From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution by David Harvey **Call Number**: 303.484 HAR 002428 **ISBN**: 9781781680742 **Publication Date**:03-2019
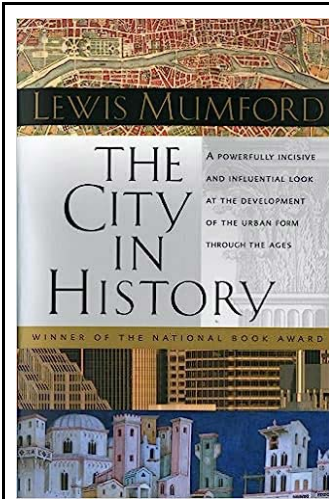
The city in history : its origins, its transformations, and its prospects by Lewis Mumford

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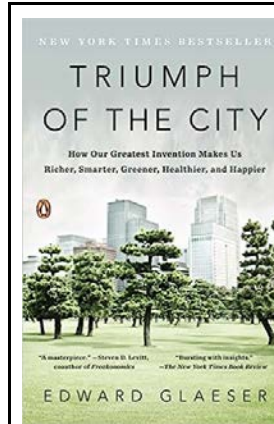**ISBN**: 9780156180351
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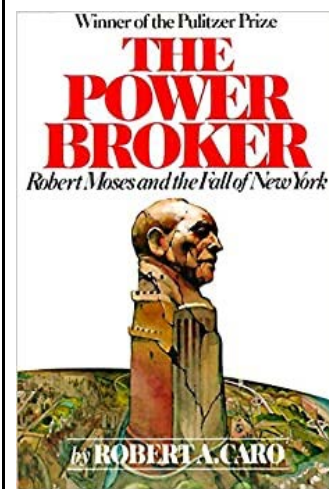
The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York by Robert A Caro

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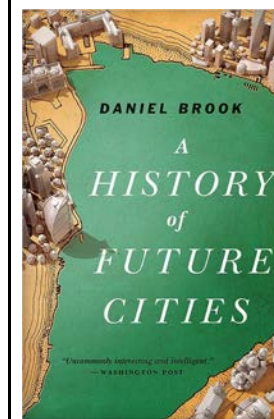**ISBN**: 9780394720241
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Triumph of the City: How our Greatest Invention Makes us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier and Happier by Edward Glaeser

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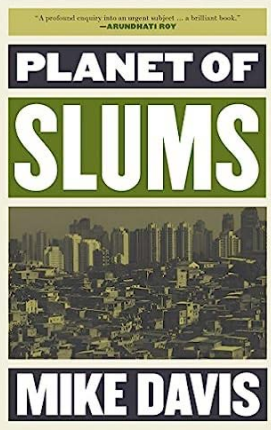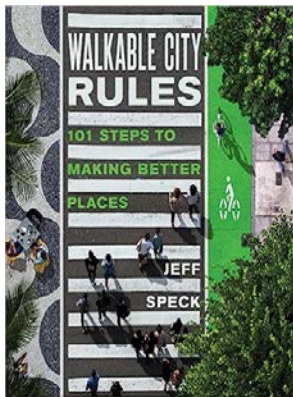**ISBN**: 9781594202773
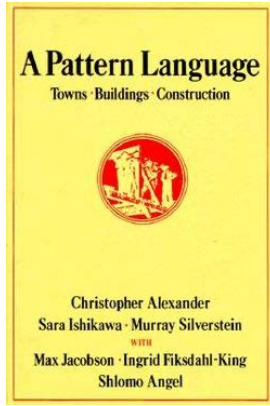**Publication Date**: 02-2012

A History of Future Cities by Daniel Brook
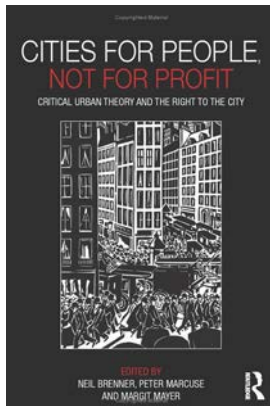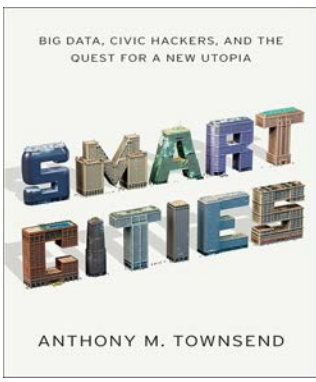**Call Number**: 307.76 BRO 23 010347
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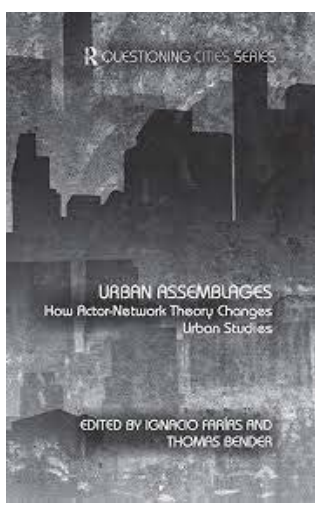
Planet of Slums by Mike Davis.

Call Number: 307.3364 DAV 23 001028
ISBN: 9781844671601
Publication Date: 01-2017

A Pattern Language : Towns Buildings Construction by Christopher Alexander

Call Number: 720.1 ALE 000187
ISBN: 9780195019193
Publication Date: 09-1977

Walkable City Rules : 101 Steps to Making Better Places by Jeff Speck

Call Number: 307.12160973 SPE 020548
ISBN: 9781610918985
Publication Date: 12-2018

Cities for People, Not for Profit: Critical Urban Theory and the Right to the City edited by
Neil Brenner, Peter Marcuse, Margit Mayer

Call Number: 307.121601 CIT 003213
ISBN: 9780415601788
Publication Date: 10-2011

Smart Cities: Big Data, Civic Hackers, and the Quest for a New Utopia by Anthony M. Townsend
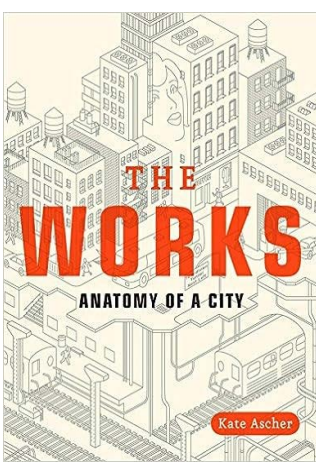
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ISBN: 9780393349788
Publication Date: 10-2014

The Works: Anatomy of a City by Kate Ascher

Call Number: 307.1216 ASC
ISBN: 9780143112709
Publication Date: 11-2007

Splintering Urbanism: Networked Infrastructures, Technological Mobilities and the Urban Condition by Stephen Graham and Simon Marvin.

Call Number: 307.76 GRA.H 011275
ISBN: 9780415189651
Publication Date: 06-2001

Urban Assemblages: How Actor-Network Theory Changes Urban Studies edited by Ignacio Farías and Thomas Bender

Call Number: 307.76 URB 002297
ISBN: 9780415692052
Publication Date: 08-2011

Faculty Books
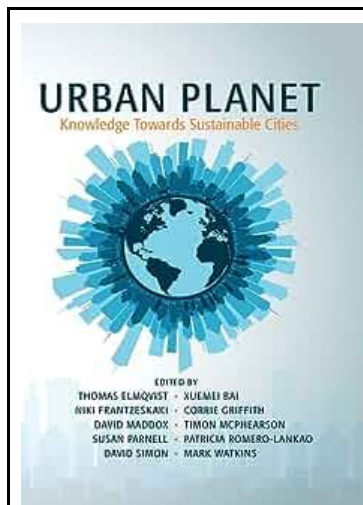
The urban planet : knowledge towards sustainable cities by Thomas Elmqvist
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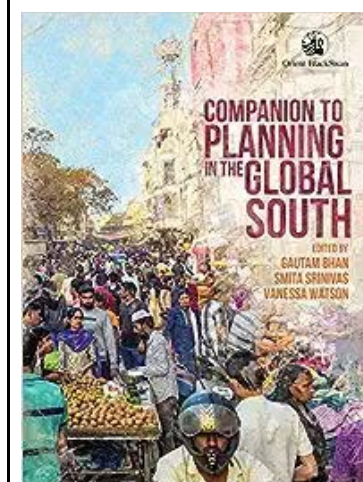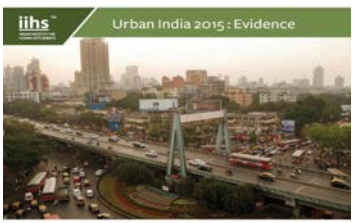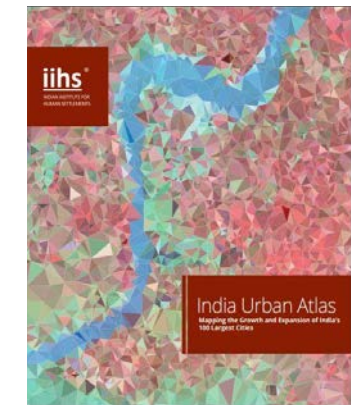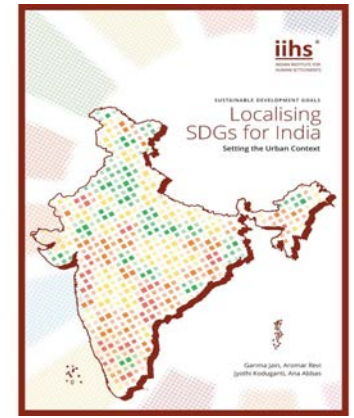
Companion to planning in the Global South edited by Gautam Bhan, Smita Srinivas and Vanessa Watson
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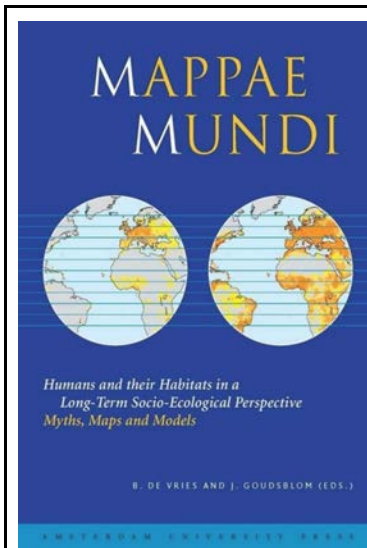
Mappae mundi : humans and their habitats in a long-term socio-ecological perspective : myths, maps and models by Bert De Vries, Johan Goudsblom
Call No. 304.2 MAP 006062
ISBN: 9789053565353
Publication Date: 22-05-2002

Urban India 2011: Evidence by Aromar Revi, Charis Elizabeth Idicheria, Garima Jain, Geetika Anand, H.S. Sudhira, Jessica Seddon, Kavita Wankhade, M.K. Rashmi, Priyadarshini J Shetty, Revati Dhoble, Shashikala.V.Gowda, Shriya Anand, Sujatha Srinivasan | 2011

Urban India 2015: Evidence by Arindam Jana, Teja Malladi. Edited by Aromar Revi / August 2015

India Urban Atlas: Mapping the Growth and Expansion of India's 100 Largest Cities
Authors: Teja Malladi, Nilakshi Chatterji, Arindam Jana | 2017

Localising SDGs for India: Setting the Urban Context
by Garima Jain, Aromar Revi, Jyothi Koduganti, Ana Abbas | 2018

Localising SDGs for India 2019: Tracking the Changing Urban Context
by Aromar Revi, Gargi Sen, Yamini Suresh, Rahael Kuruvilla, Amir Bazaz | 2019

Databases

Lens.org ingests, cleans, aggregates, normalises and serves over 225+ million scholarly works, 127+ million global patent records, and more than 370+ million patent sequences drawn from diverse data sources.

IndiaStat.com is a socio-economic and statistical database with a cluster of 57 sites including India-specific, sector specific, region-specific and state-specific sites providing authentic and comprehensive compilation of secondary level socio-economic statistical data about India and its states, regions and sectors on more than 35 variables.

Smart Cities India : Open Data Platform hosts data from the 100 smart cities of India, categorised by cities and sectors.

Smartnet Library at NIUA gives access to key resources in the urban sector focused on India.

International Household Survey Network provides datasets on a variety of socio-economic indicators.

India Urban Data Exchange is a data exchange platform for India cities.

Census Digital Library managed by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner India offers census tables published from 1851 to 2021 censuses, reports, visualisations, atlases and microdata, all available for open access.

Data and GIS

Google Earth is a platform that allows users to explore the globe while customising their experience with various features.

ADB Data Library offers datasets and data stories on various themes and countries.

World Bank Open Data provides data on global development.

Data.gov.in is an Open Government Data (OGD) platform that supports the Open Data initiative of Government of India.

Google Dataset provides data on a wide range of themes and formats sourced from repositories worldwide.

Datahub (India) has more than 100 India specific datasets.

Census of India, 2011 provides information on houses, household amenities and assets, as well as primary census abstracts for states and union territories. Related resources: Census of India, 2001 and Census of India, 1991.

Development Data Library (DDS) provides machine-readable data funded by USAID. It is organised into various subcategories, including Democracy, Human Rights and Governance; Economic Growth; Education and Social Services; Health; Humanitarian Assistance; Peace and Security; Program Development and Oversight.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) data archives hosts data on social and behavioural sciences.

USGS Earth Explorer is an open-source satellite remote sensing data portal which comprises datasets from various satellites programmes.

Global Human Settlement Layer project portal supported by the European Commission and GEO Human Planet Initiative, provides various global spatial datasets related to human settlements, like gridded population, built-up presence, settlement typology and urban growth. These datasets are available for multiple time frames and spatial resolution.

Socioeconomic data and applications center (SEDAC) is one of NASA's data archives housing spatial and tabular datasets covering various socio-economic parameters.

WorldPop is an open spatial demographic data and research portal providing datasets related to human population distribution at high resolution.

Landscan by Oak Ridge National Laboratory provides a gridded global population distribution at approximately 1 km spatial resolution annually.

MIT Senseable City Lab is a research initiative at MIT focussed on gaining an integrated understanding of cities from various perspectives such as design, urban planning, engineering, physics, biology, social science and data analytics and visualisation. This portal houses research, publication projects, and resources for studying and visualising these aspects.

Open Source GIS Tools

QGIS is used to create, edit, visualise, analyse and publish geospatial information for spatial data processing, visualisation and analysis.

Google Earth Pro helps create maps with advanced tools for visualisation of satellite data.

Google My Maps is an online open-source tool used for drawing, searching, importing and personalising custom maps. It serves as a platform for creating GIS data and mapping places.

Open Street Maps provides crowdsourced maps that contribute to and maintain data about roads, trails, cafés, railway stations and more.

Bhuvan is a free GIS application used to visualise data and maps for sectors, services and governance systems.

India Place Finder (GIS data) is a tool to find geographic information from any alphabetical toponym in India for census towns and villages.

State GIS Portal offers GIS data at the state and union territories level.

Open Educational Resources in Urban Studies & Planning

The selected textbook repositories, along with other curated open resources, specifically focus on urban studies and planning. We plan to continue adding more resources, and we welcome suggestions.

Open Textbooks

MERLOT is a curated collection of free and open online teaching, learning, and faculty development services contributed and used by an international education community.

OER Commons offers open textbooks to undergraduate students. National Academies Press offers over 5,000 titles available for free PDF download from the National Academies of Science. Search for urbanisation, urban studies, planning and urban transport to access a list of relevant titles.

Open Dissertations provides access to a collection of more than 3,500 theses and dissertations with global coverage.

Government Resources

Publications of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs include manuals, advisories, policies and reports.

Handbook of urban statistics 2016 and 2019 provide statistics on urban demographics, transport, sanitation and urban development.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs policies and guidelines includes models, policies, advisories and policy documents.

Reports on Urbanisation

- Urban Science: Integrated Theory from the First Cities to Sustainable Metropolises
- Managing Urbanisation - NITI Aayog reports
- High Powered Expert Committee Report on Indian Urban Infrastructure and Services
- Report of the National Commission on Urbanisation, 1988 [PDF]

Scholarships and Directory

- The Top Schools For Urban Planners
- Scholarships and Fellowships
- Planetizen Schools Directory