METRIC FOR ASSESSING AFFORDABLE LIVING

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Affordability (definition in the Oxford Dictionary)

"inexpensive; reasonable priced,"







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therefore, the notion of *opportunity* could be a guiding characteristic for design of affordable housing





















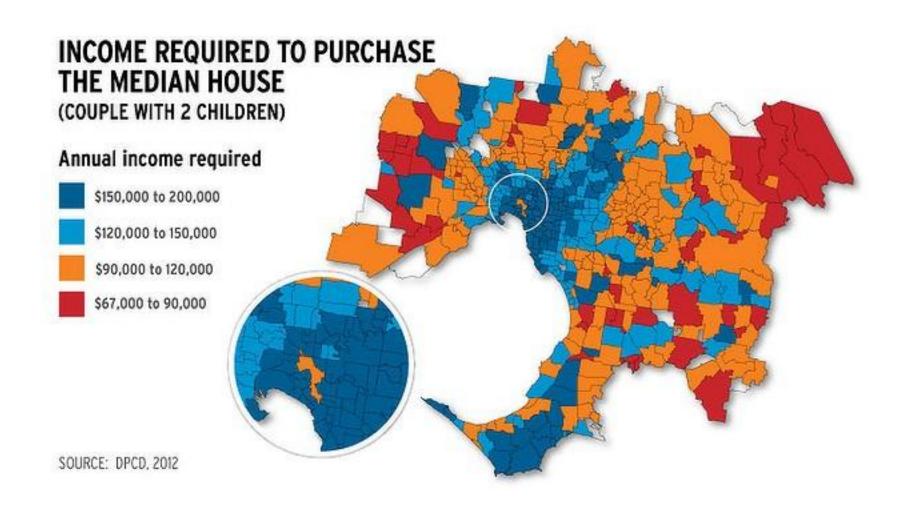


Number of choices relate to affordability

The more you pay, the more choices you have. Does this need to be the case?

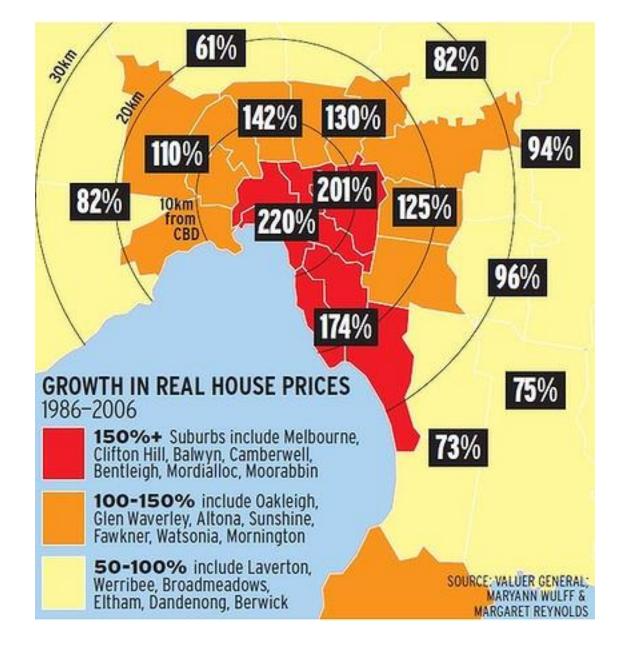












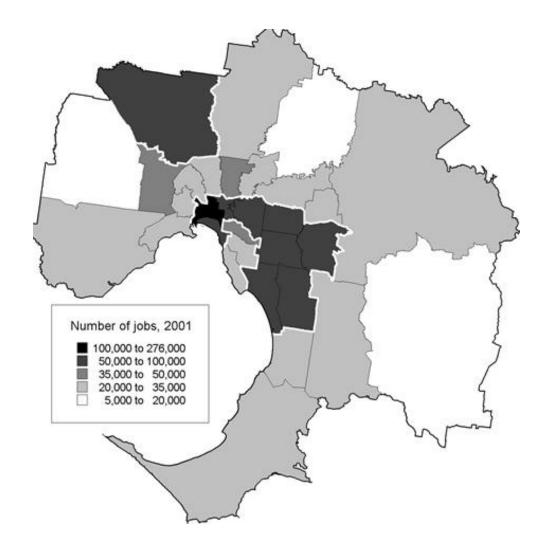


The more expensive the housing, the more accessible is employment



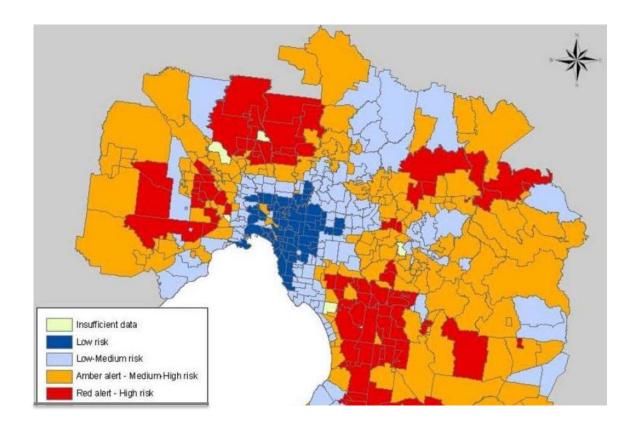










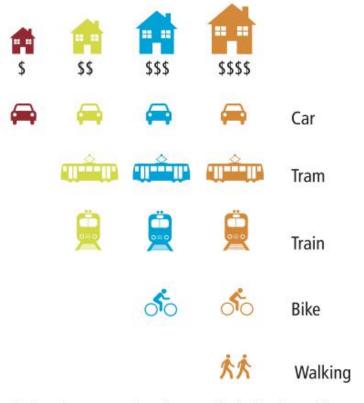


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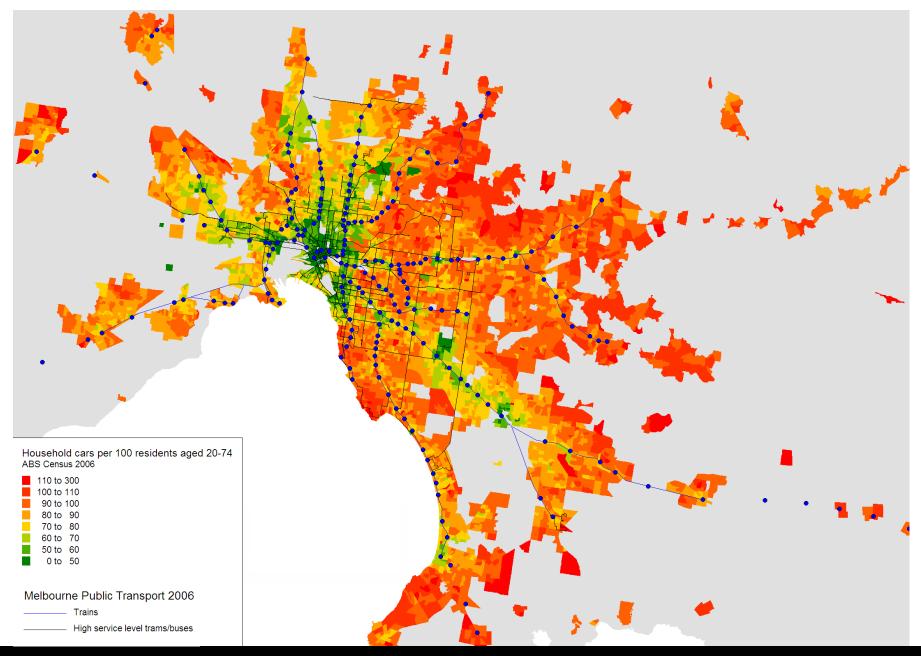






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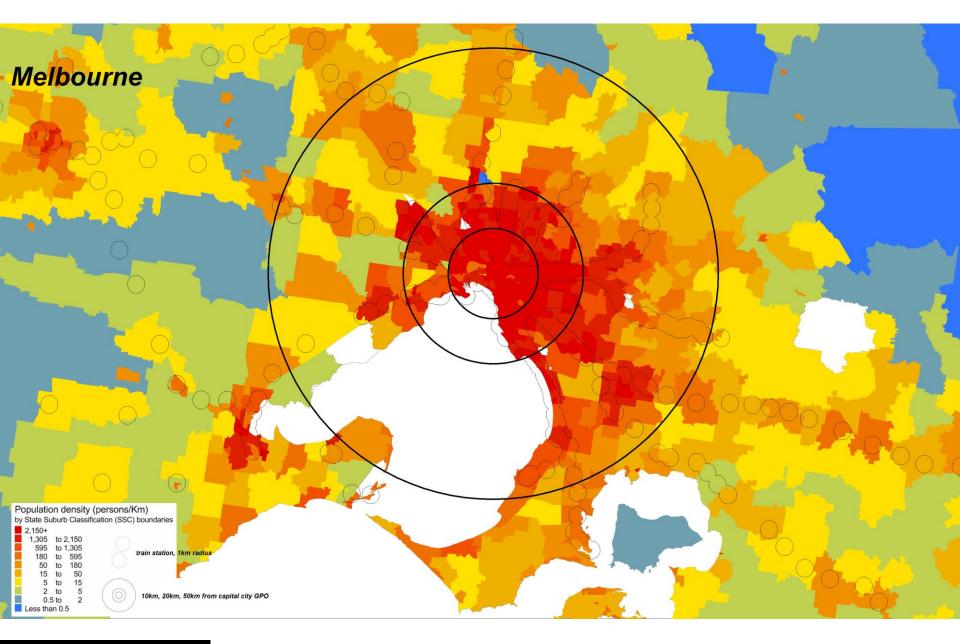
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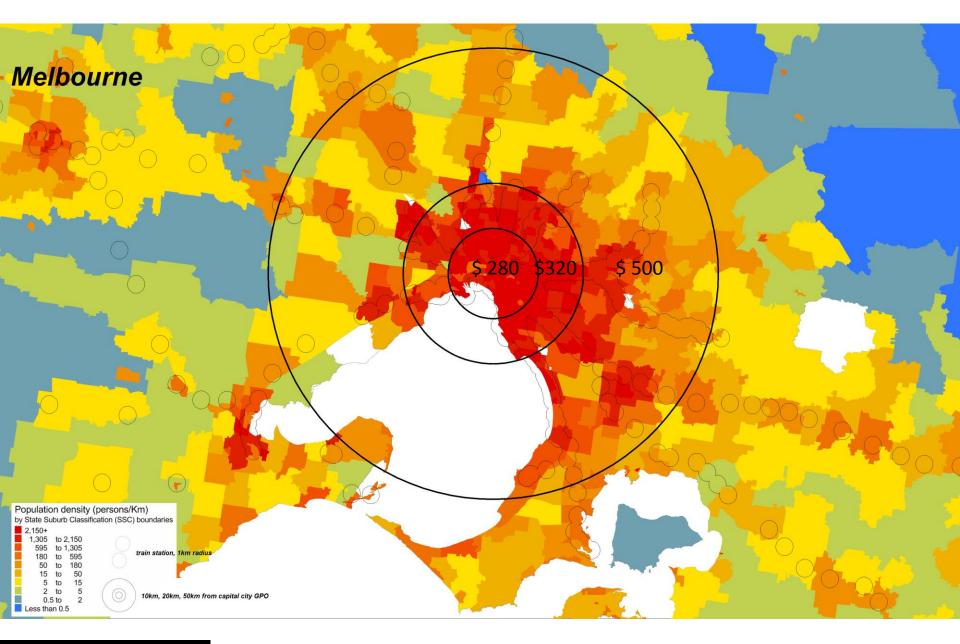
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Loan of \$300 000 at interest rate at 7.5% for the loan period of 25 years is equal to \$511 per week

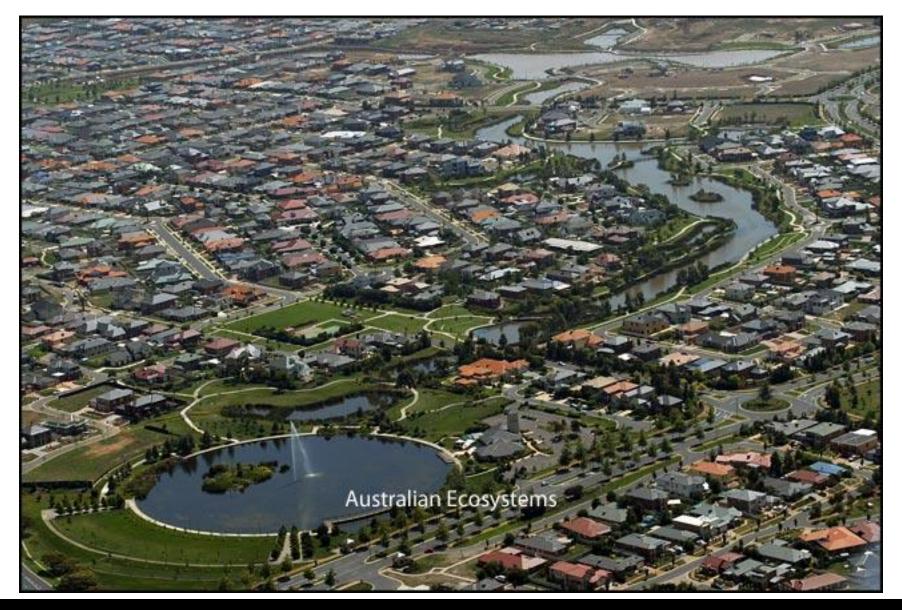








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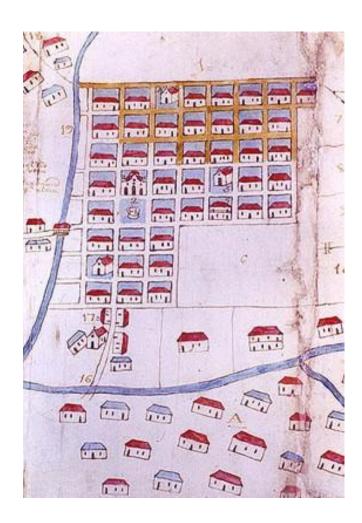
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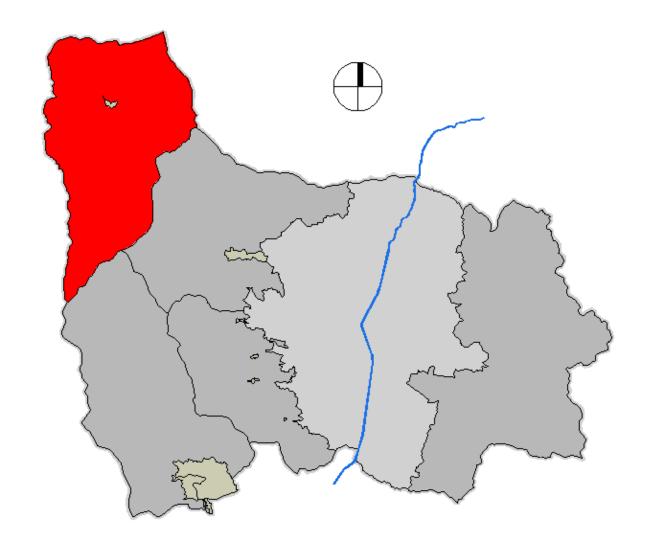






















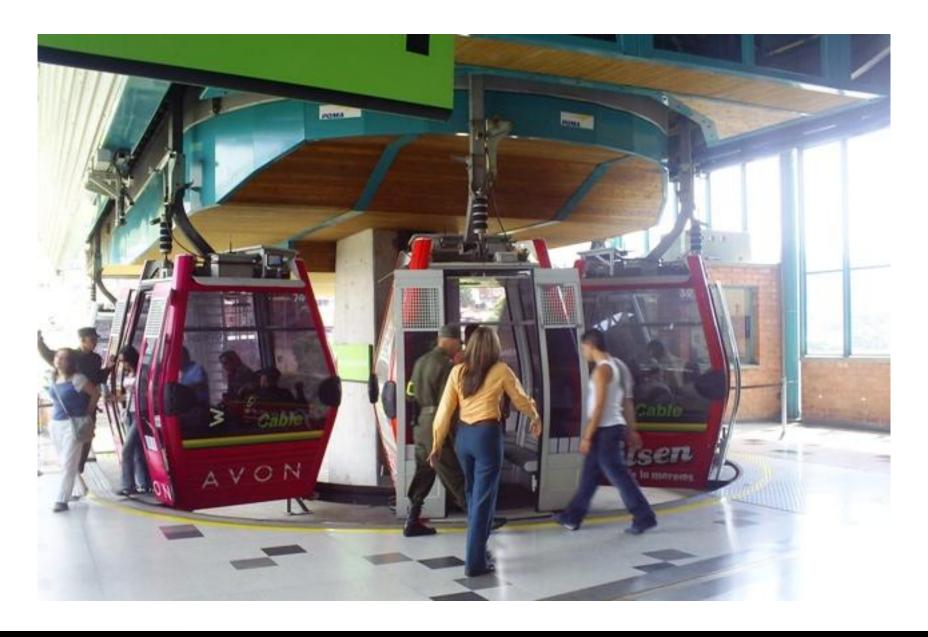




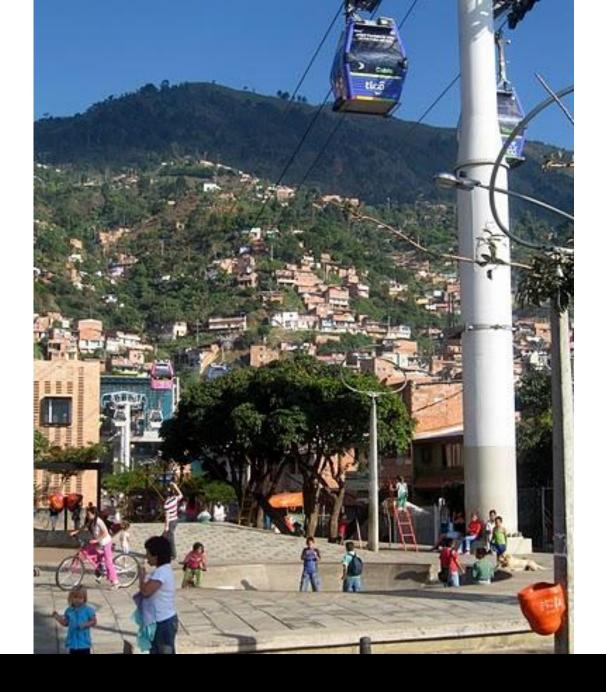










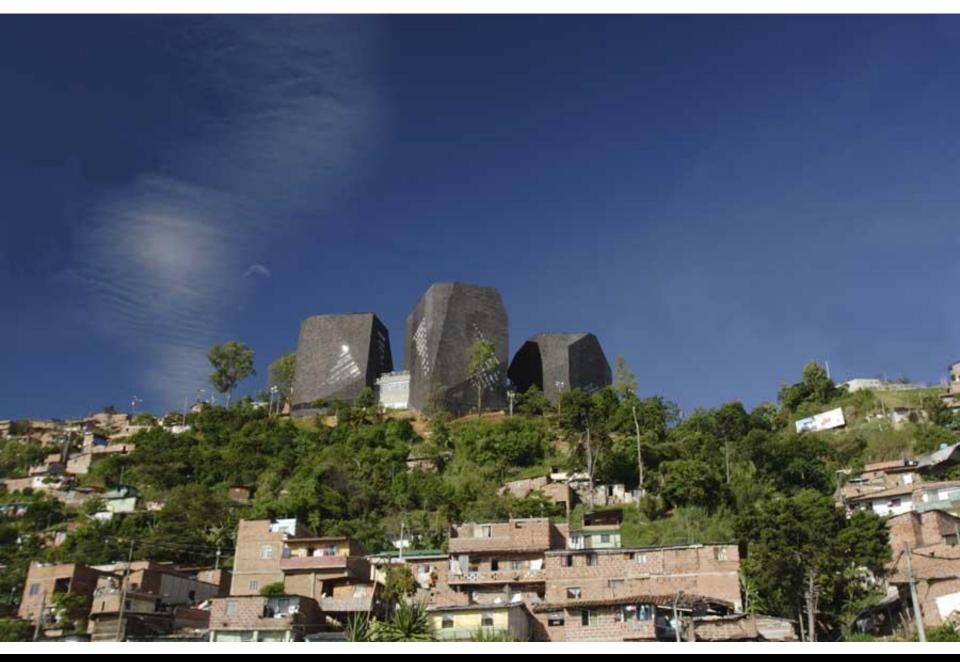


















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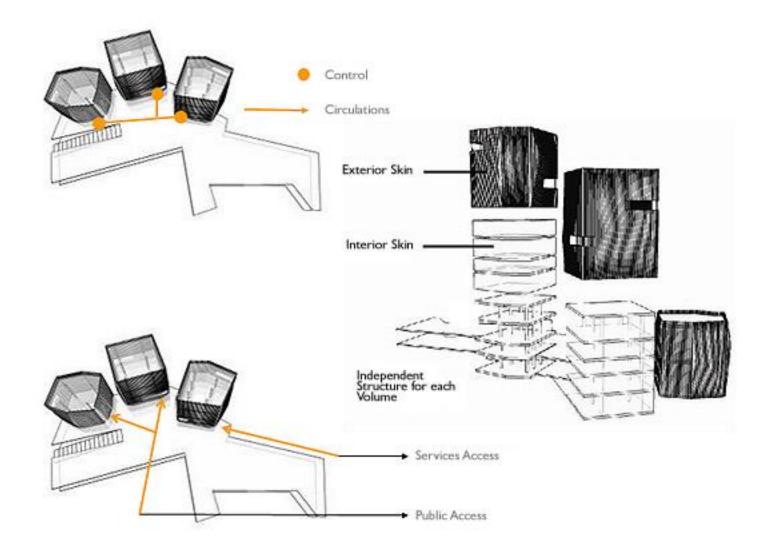


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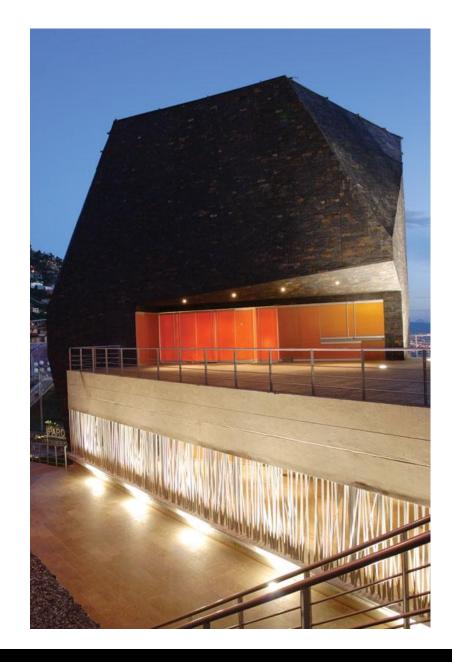
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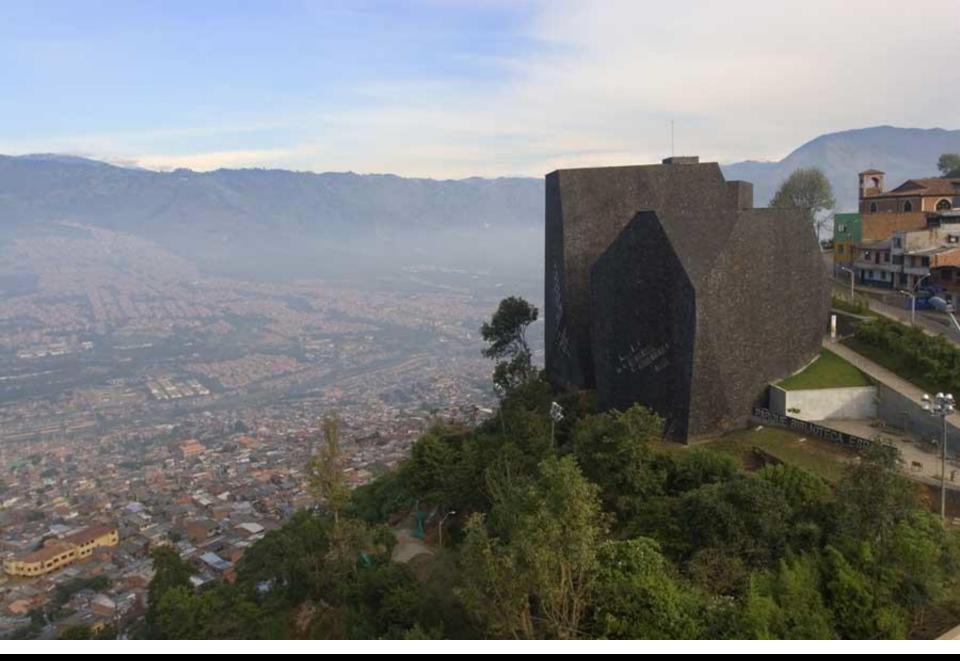


































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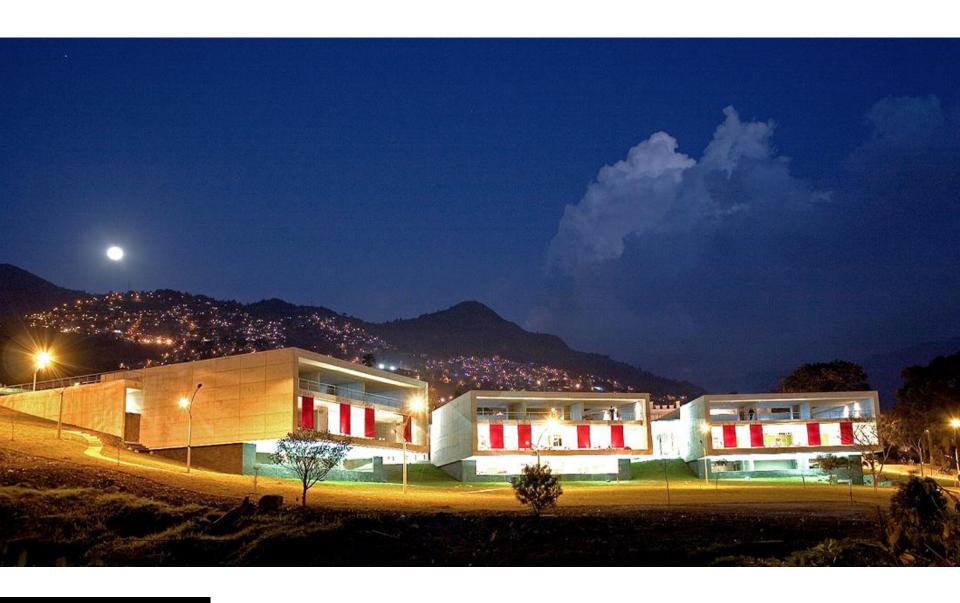






















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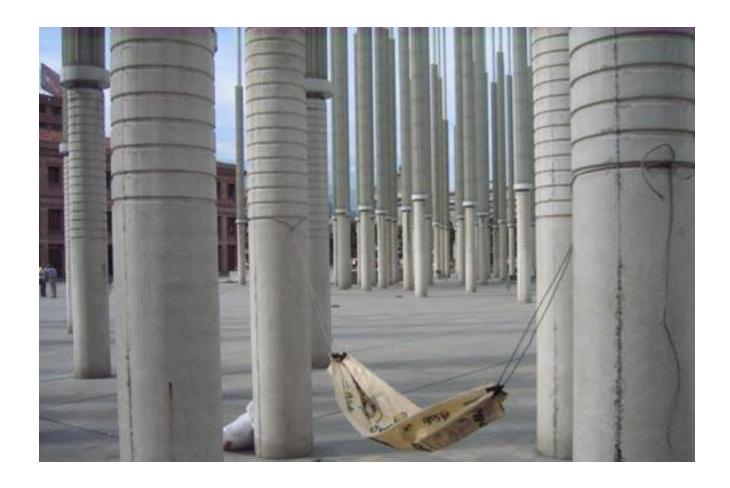
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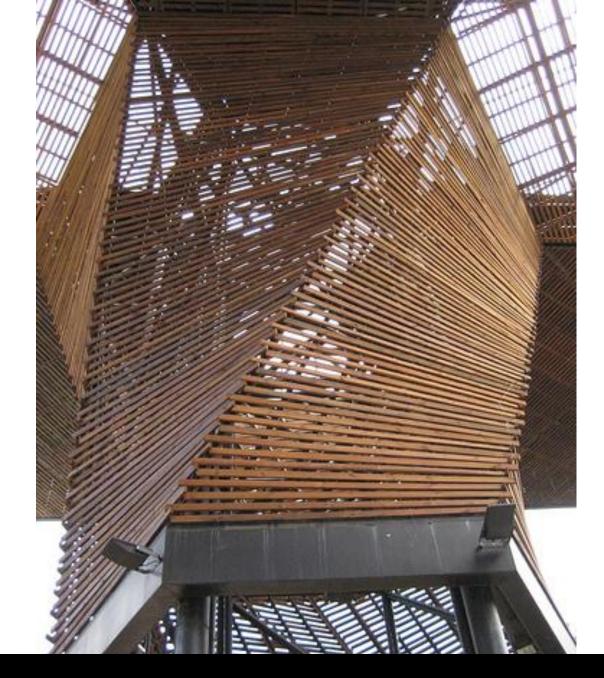












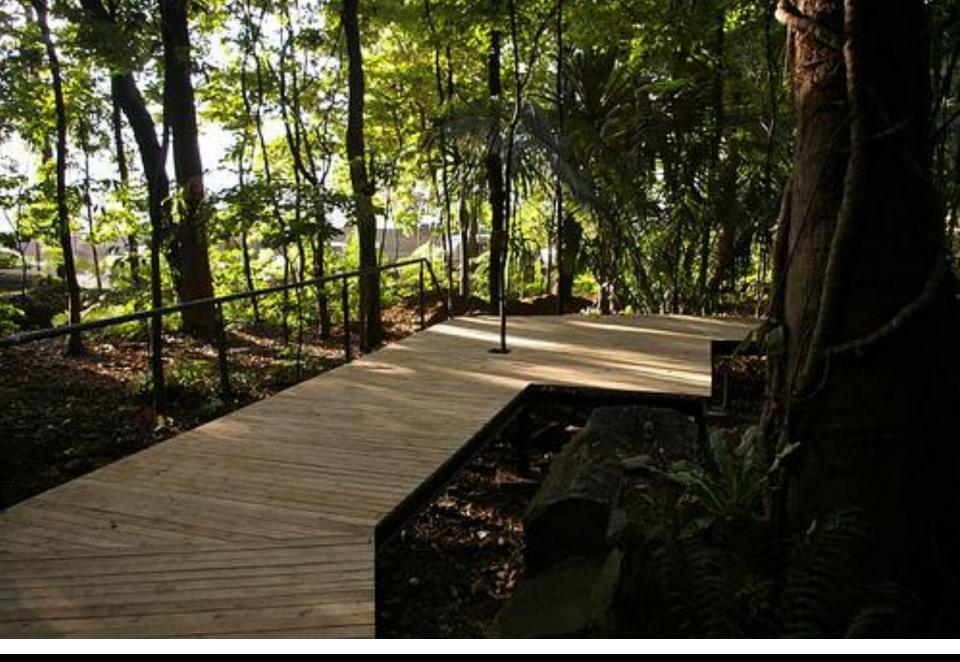






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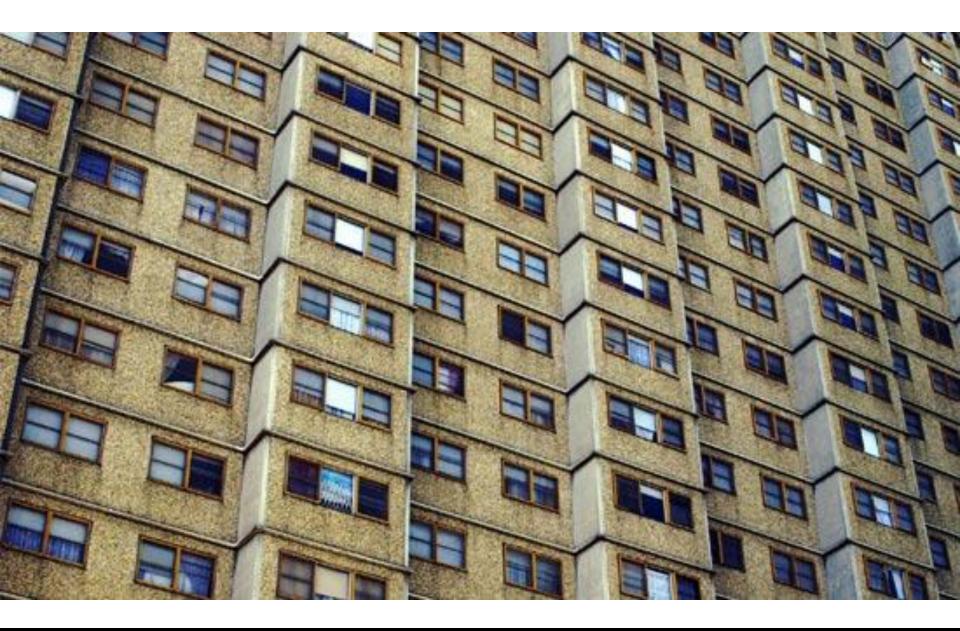
























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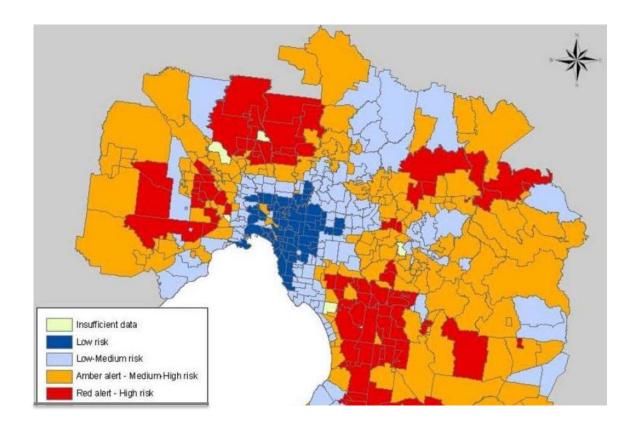












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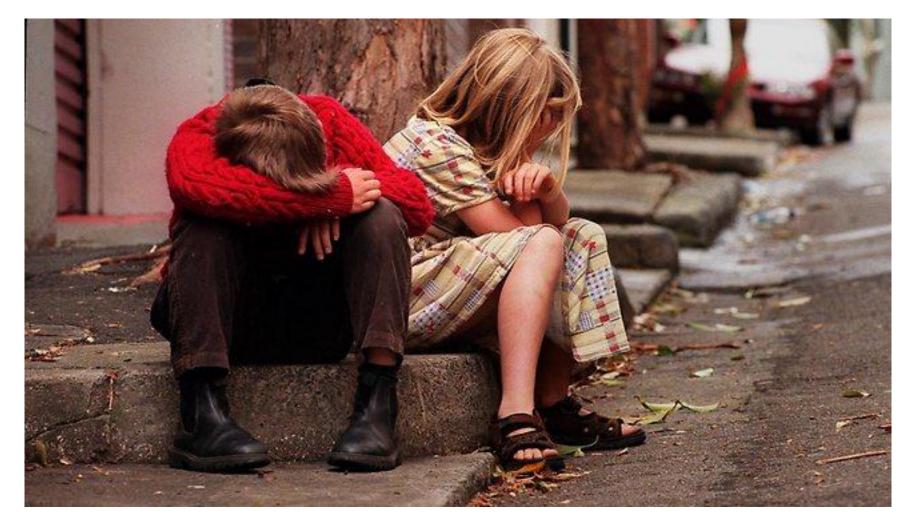










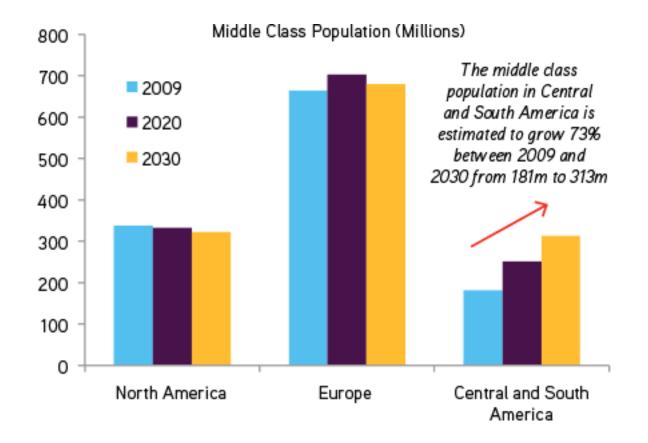


ONE in 10 Australian households is in housing stress and at risk of financial hardship and poverty





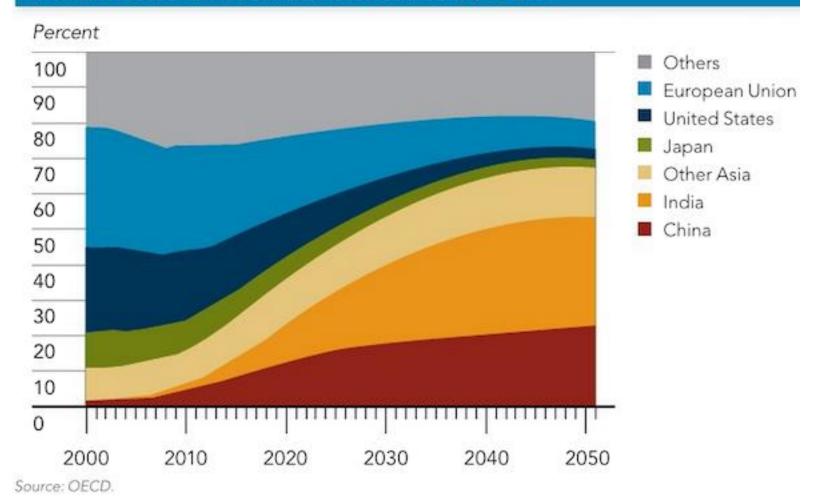






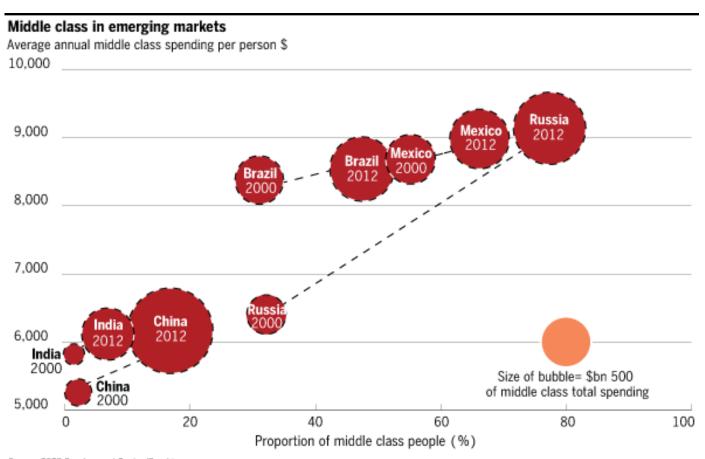


SHARES OF GLOBAL MIDDLE-CLASS CONSUMPTION, 2000-2050









Source: OECD Development Centre/Brookings

From 2003 to 2009, the middle class has grown by 50% in Latin America, according to a new World Bank report.



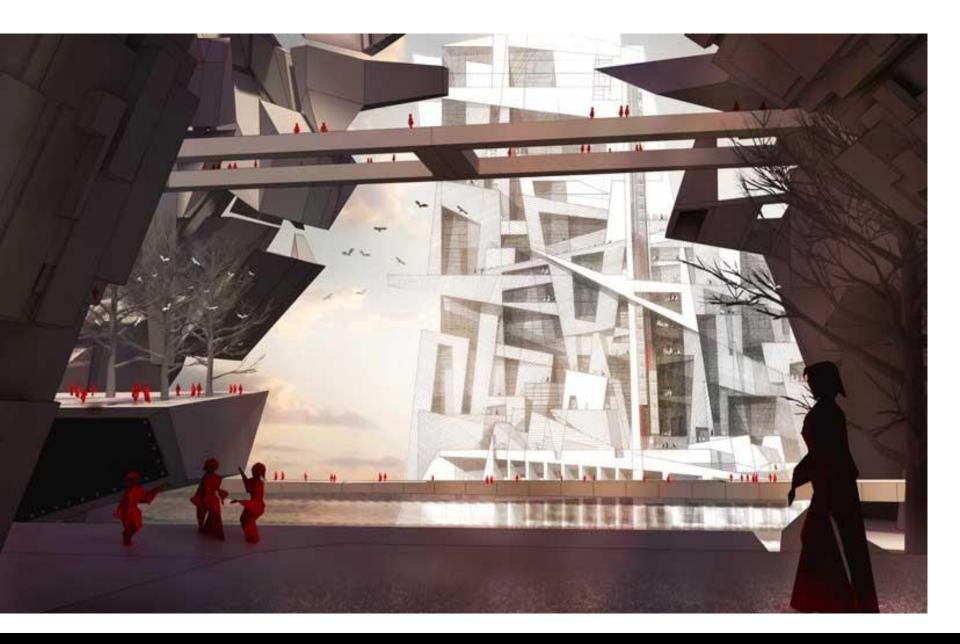


What architecture and planning suffer from is a desperate lack of imagination. We need to think about more alternatives and where we might be going, and of new paradigms. We have all sorts of possibilities open to us, and we don't have the imagination to conceive of and use them. What we need now is brainstorm and dream: to stop trashing the world we need culture that is more deeply satisfying. [...] There's terrible dearth of real imagination in thinking about the environment. Most ideas are not exciting. And we are not going to stop people trashing the world unless they are exciting about the alternative. That's the problem. People are not dreaming up sufficiently exciting alternatives."

(Piano, 2001 pp 71-72)









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