



Thinking about Cities



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1. An Urban World



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1950: 30% of world's population in urban areas

2020: 56% of world's population in urban areas

2050: 68% projected.

2006/7: first time over 50% of world's population lived in urban areas.

Source: UN Population Division: World Urbanization Prospects: The 2018 Revision
www.un.org/development/desa/publications/2018-revision-of-world-urbanization-prospects.html



Shenzhen
1980 58000



Shenzhen
2015 10.7m

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/may/10/china-pearl-river-delta-then-and-now-photographs>



Pearl River Delta
1979



Pearl River Delta
2020 60m

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- New geography of cities
- Global Suburbanisation
- Planetary Urbanisation



2. Cities of Connections



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Think about cities 'inside-out'



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1. Take a city known to you – through your experience or your studies – and think about it 'inside-out'.
What connections to other places make it what it is?
How does it impact on other places?
2. What characteristics of cities, urbanization and urbanism are likely to be changed in the long-term by the current CV-19 crisis?



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