



Urban Inequality and Exclusion

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The past ten or so years have been characterized by recurring crises, including the financial and economic crisis, the migration and refugee crisis, and the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, the climate change crisis is a long-enduring crisis. Although all these crises affect global society comparably in principle, cities are impacted more severely and comprehensively, because they represent places where social, political, economic, and cultural conflicts are tightly and densely interrelated. In fact, a continuously growing urban population will accentuate the effects of crises in the future.

Political and societal measures which seek to cope with problems of urban inequality and mechanisms of exclusion have long been available, and have been further developed to date. Human and civil rights in general and the right to the city [1] or the right to housing movements in particular, illustrate an endeavor to approach the idea of a just city [2]. Currently, efforts to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals are being taken up to reduce poverty and inequality or to safeguard a healthy environment.





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