

## THE EVOLUTION OF THE CITY:

Dreams of Past. Dreams about Future.

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Whether as **seats of political power**, **spaces of subversion** and **revolution** or **centres of trade**, **arts** and **culture**, cities are the blossoming fruits, the most substantial spatial manifestations of our **collective civilization**.

And this course will solely focus on them.

We'll ask the following questions and try to answer them through the examination of historic and contemporary data. Speculations towards the future will follow later.

- Is the city an **inevitable construct** for us?
- How did the cities **emerge**?
- How did they **survive** this long?
- Why does the majority of mankind **live** in cities?
- What **shapes** our cities?
- What is the **possible future** for cities?

In order to answer these questions and speculate about the future, we have to understand the **behavioral/social/natural** roots and reasons of our aggregation in numbers in cities.

This foundation will be improved by investigating the **dialectic** relationship between **mankind** and **space**, which will guide us throughout different stages of **urbanization** in history.

The dynamics/**variables** which shape our cities, manmade or natural, will be scrutinized as the course progresses, while the **counter effects of urban evolution** on morphing our society will be watched closely.

Understanding the variables will **inspire us to think** and **speculate** about the future of our cities.

The students then will be expected **to conjure and design the center of an imaginary city**, **evolve it** as the course progresses using their sketchbooks, all kinds of media and mostly;

**their pure imagination...**

