

2020 HLPF Parallel Dialogue

Sustainable Cities & COVID-19:

PUBLIC SPACE: PLANS FOR ACTION

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Thursday, July 16, 2020 1PM to 3PM EDT



SDG 11 is dedicated to inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements,

and one of its targets is dedicated to public space. It states that 'by 2030, cities should provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities' and it is measured by the percentage of the city's land area that is in public ownership and use.

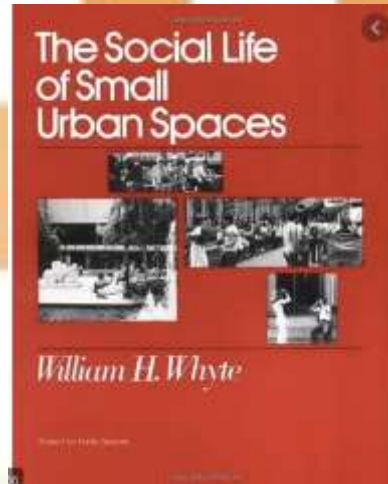
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A GUIDEBOOK FOR CITY LEADERS
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CITY-WIDE PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGIES
A COMPENDIUM OF
INSPIRING PRACTICES

Public Space & Public Life
during COVID-19

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Israels Plads (Copenhagen) in 2018 & 2020

UN PUBLICATIONS AND GEHL RESEARCH



Jemaa el-Fnaa, Marrakesh

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COVID 19 PANDEMIC

PUBLIC SPACE AND PUBLIC LIFE

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Urban planning crucial for better public health in cities

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The Power of Public Space in a Digital Age

October 17th, 2019, 3:00 - 6:00pm
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 11, 46th St & 1st Ave, New York, NY

The Power of Public Space in a Digital Age
A CSU conference on SDG11 and public space

THE BIG RETHINK

JOIN OUR LIVE DISCUSSIONS ON CITIES AFTER COVID-19

Public Space
April 7, 2020
9am PDT | 12pm EDT

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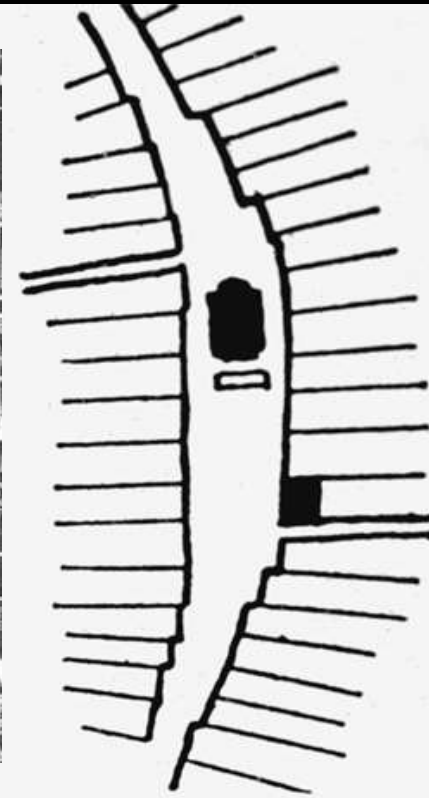
Pandemics and the Public Realm

April 7, 2020 | 9am PDT | 12pm EDT

PROGRAMS on PUBLIC SPACE ABOUND !!!

PUBLIC SPACE OLD AND NEW

- History, Camillo Sitte, Typology
- Examples PRE-COVID !!!
- The COVID *Dilemma/Paradox* ???
- The *Future* POST-COVID
- Public Space *Inside/Outside*
- Climate Change and Day and Night
- Who is in charge ???
- INTERCONNECTEDNESS



Noli Plan of Rome and typical Medieval square as street broadening



These views of New York City's Times Square (before and after) show X
the recently transformed, people-friendly zone that added 110,000
square feet of usable pedestrian space. Image © NYCDOT.



Cars

People

COVID !!!

Central Park, NY



Washington Sq. Park, NY



Boston Commons



Abingdon Sq., NY



Paley Park, NY



Plaza de Catalunya, Barcelona



A Typology of Urban Open Spaces
(Adapted from Carr, Francis, Rivlin, and Carr, 1992)

Type/Subtype of Open Space	Characteristics
Public Parks	
Public/Central Park	Publicly developed and managed open space as part of zoned open space system of city; open space of city-wide importance; often located near center of city; often larger than neighborhood park.
Downtown Parks	Green parks with grass and trees located in downtown areas; can be traditional, historic parks or newly developed open spaces.
Commons	A large green area developed in older New England cities and towns; once pasture area for common use; now used for leisure activities.
Neighborhood Park	Open space developed in residential environments; publicly developed and managed as part of the zoned open space of cities, or as part of new private residential development; may include playgrounds, sport facilities, etc.
Mini/Vestpocket Park	Small urban park bounded by buildings; may include fountain or water feature
Squares and Plazas	
Central Square	Square or plaza; often part of historic development of city center; may be formally planned or exist as a meeting places of streets; frequently publicly developed and managed.

'park noun \ˈpɑːrk\ **Definition of PARK (MW)**

1a: an enclosed piece of ground stocked with game and held by royal prescription or grant b: a tract of land that often includes lawns, woodland, and pasture attached to a country house and is used as a game preserve and for recreation 2a: a piece of ground in or near a city or town kept for ornament and recreation b: an area maintained in its natural state as a public property 3a: a space occupied by military vehicles, materials, or animals

pla·za noun \ˈplɑːzə, ˈplā-\ **Definition of PLAZA (M-W)**

1a: a public square in a city or town b: an open area usually located near urban buildings and often featuring walkways, trees and shrubs, places to sit, and sometimes shops 2: a place on a thoroughfare (as a turnpike) at which all traffic must temporarily stop (as to pay tolls) 3: an area adjacent to an expressway which has service facilities (as a restaurant, gas station, and restrooms)

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Manhattan street



Grandville



3rd Street Mall



Bilbao Bus Station



27th street, 7th ave., NY



Rock Creek Park



West 3rd Playground



PS 108q Schoolyard



Library Garden, NY



Type/Subtype of Open Space	Characteristics
Memorials	Public place that memorializes people or events of local and national importance.
Markets	
Farmers Markets	Open space or streets used for Farmer's Markets or Flea Markets; often temporary or occur only during certain times in existing space such as parks, downtown streets or parking lots.
Streets	
Pedestrian Sidewalks	Part of cities where people move on foot; most commonly along sidewalks and paths, planned or found which connect one destination with another.
Pedestrian Mall	Street closed to auto traffic; pedestrian amenities provided such as benches, planting; often located along main street in downtown area.
Transit Mall	Development of improved transit access to downtown areas; replacement of traditional pedestrian malls with bus and "light rail" malls.
Traffic Restricted Streets	Streets used as public open space; traffic and vehicle restriction can include pedestrian improvements and sidewalk widening, street tree planting.
Town Trails	Connect parts of cities through integrated urban trails; use of streets and open spaces planned as setting for environmental learning; some are designed and marked trails.
Playgrounds	
Playground	Play area located in neighborhood; frequently includes traditional play equipment such as slides and swings; sometimes include amenities for adults such as benches; can also include innovative designs such as Adventure Playgrounds
Schoolyard	Schoolyard as play area; some developed as place for environmental learning or as community use spaces.
Community Open Spaces	
Community Garden/Park	Neighborhood spaces designed, developed or managed by local residents on vacant land; may include viewing gardens,

Emerald Necklace, Boston



Salt Lake City



Atrium Mall, Boston



Brooklyn Flea Market



Metropolitan Steps



Brooklyn Bridge Park



	play areas, and community gardens; often developed on private land; not officially viewed as part of open space system of cities; often vulnerable to displacement by other uses such as housing and commercial development.
Greenways and Linear Parkways	Interconnected recreational and natural areas connected by pedestrian and bicycle paths.
Urban Wilderness	Undeveloped or wild natural areas in or near cities. Often popular for hiking, dog walking and recreation. Frequently involves conflicts between users and ecological preservation/restoration.
Atrium/Indoor/Marketplaces	
Atrium	Interior private space developed as indoor atrium space; an indoor, lockable plaza or pedestrian street; counted by many cities as part of open space system; privately developed and managed as part of new office or commercial development.
Marketplace / Downtown Shopping Center	Interior, private shopping areas, usually freestanding or rehabilitation of older building(s); May include both interior and outdoor spaces; sometimes called "Festival marketplaces"; privately developed and managed as part of new office or commercial development.
Found/Neighborhood Spaces	
Everyday Spaces	Publicly accessible open places such as street corners, steps to buildings, etc., which people claim and use.
Neighborhood Spaces	Publicly accessible open space such as street corners, lots, etc. near where people live; can also be vacant or undeveloped space located in neighborhood including vacant lots and future building sites; often used by children and teenagers, and local residents.
Waterfronts	
Waterfronts, Harbors, Beaches, Riverfronts, Piers, Lakefronts	Open space along waterways in cities; increased public access to waterfront areas; development of waterfront parks.

*** Carr, S., M. Francis, L. Rivlin and A. Stone. 1992. Public Space. New York: Cambridge University Press.

WHAM!

Cars !!!

Public Transit ???



La Place de Vendôme ou des Conquistes A Paris chez J. Barthelemy rue St Jacques aux colonnes 1768.



Place Vendome, Paris

1700's, 1900's, today



**Past w/o Cars.....
.....Future w/o Cars**

NYTIMES.COM
Opinion | I've Seen a Future Without Cars, and It's Amazing

Out of town accomodations



The City of Seattle recently announced that its open streets network, pictured above, would become permanent (though advocates still think they could do more). Photo courtesy of Seattle Neighborhood Greenways.

**Kids in the Streets,
again !!?**



The Parts of the Street

The functions of a street are spelled out in its various parts. This street has two high quality walkways (one on each side). Note the "attached" and the more comfortable "detached" sidewalks. Why is the detached sidewalk more comfortable?

This Central Avenue, Sequim, Washington, street also has a quality planter strip on each side, bike lanes, travel lanes and a center set of medians and turn lanes.

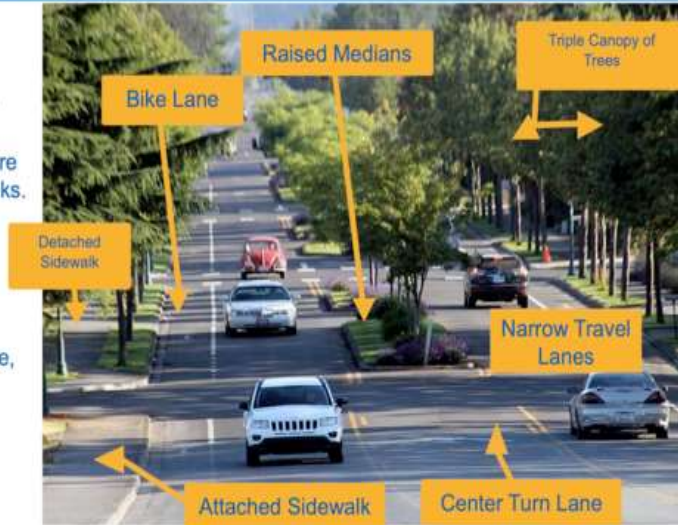


Image location: Central Avenue, Sequim, Washington

Parts of a Sidewalk



Scale, detail, and complexity

WHAM!

Unrest/Protest !!!



NY/LA November 2011



New York Peaceful Public Protest, June 2020

WHAM!

Climate Change !!!

**Rebuild By Design
Post- Sandy**

“BIG U” by BIG Architects



WHAM!

Multiculturalism and Inclusion
!!!We are not one size fits all







VARANASI

WHAM!

Public Health !!!

COVID-19



Manhattan, NY

36 % Streets

UN HABITAT DATA



Kibera, Nairobi

5 +% Streets

Approx

Social/physical distancing

Short term / Long term ??



Park, Brooklyn, NYC/ Market, Kalaw, Myanmar

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Gdansk, Poland
Amsterdam. Holland

New York, USA GOOD
New York, USA BAD



Village accomodations / Woodstock, NY



COVID-19 and Ensuring Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces for Women and Girls

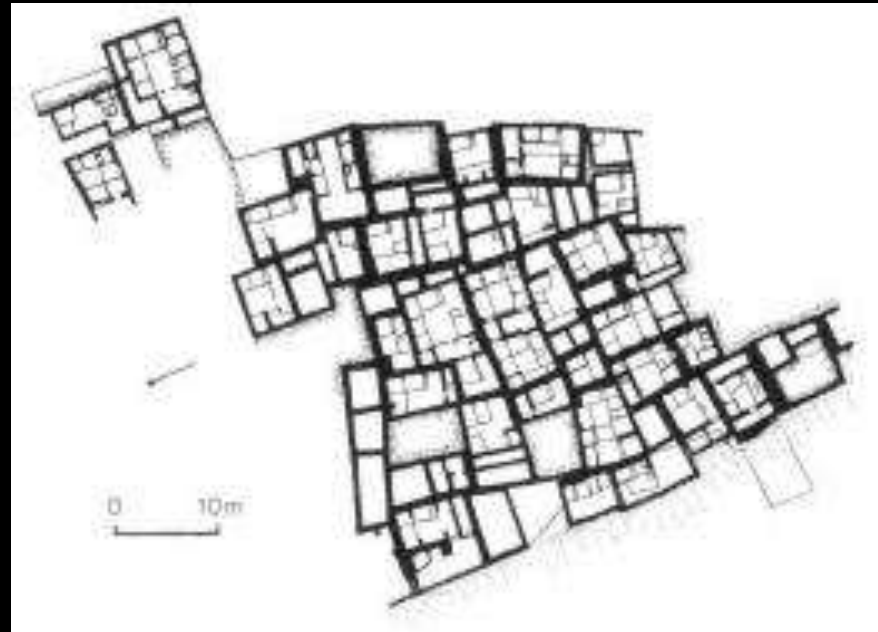
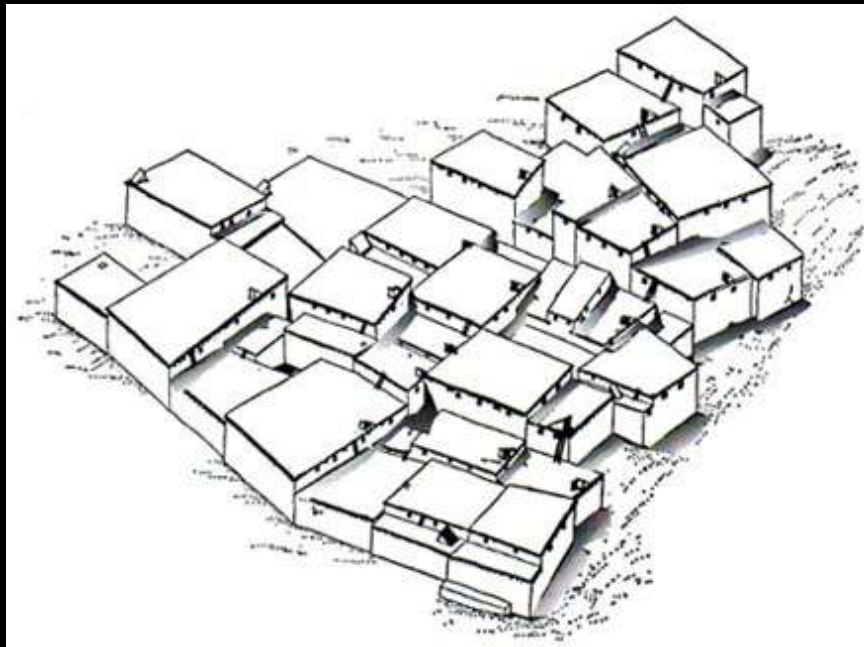


HANDWASHING STATIONS

An easy-to-use technological and context-based Handwashing Stations manual



Women, girls, and handwashing, and hygiene for all...



Çatalhöyük , Turkey, 7,100 BC

The rooftops were effectively streets.

Open the rooftops, NYC: If coronavirus is keeping New Yorkers off the streets, we need to be able to use our roofs



By MOSES GATES
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS | MAR 22, 2020 AT 9:27 PM



Public Spaces Weren't Designed for Pandemics. N.Y.C. Is Trying to Adapt

New rules and design will try to keep New Yorkers safe in the usually crowded plazas, parks and streets.



ALTERNATIVES for good, why did we wait so long???

On right: My book cover from 1990



Parc de la Distance proposed, Vienna

WHAT !!!

OPINION | REVIEW & OUTLOOK

The New Urban Flight

Riots and the pandemic are driving another exodus from big cities.



Wonder Land: After months of the pandemic, protests and failing progressive leadership, many are going to move out of U.S. centers. Images: Getty Images Composite: Mark Kelly

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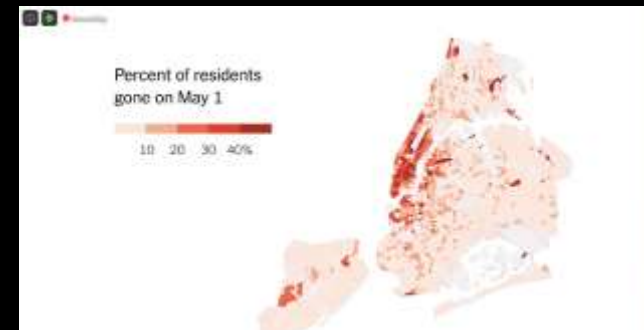
The Forces That Will Reshape American Cities

The pandemic will likely accelerate the pull of the suburbs for families while pushing young people and businesses into more affordable urban areas.

By [Richard Florida](#)

July 2, 2020, 6:00 AM EDT

**ONLY SOME CAN LEAVE
...and they will be back !!!**



PUBLIC SPACE POTPOURRI POST- PANDEMIC URBANISM

THANK YOU !

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