



Social Urbanism

Reframing Spatial Design through our Collective Culture

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- Presents a comprehensive review of innovative urban planning strategies emerging from Latin America, which inform a new urban paradigm for rapidly developing Latin American cities
- Provides spatial designers and thinkers, including urban designers, planners, landscape architects, architects, politicians, and community activists; as well as scholars, practitioners and students, with the value of a complete Social Urbanism framework
- This book is a provocative reference, and assessment, of the socio-political structures and spatial models of Social Urbanism

This book serves as a critical review of Social Urbanism, defined as a socio-political and practical approach to urban globalisation, deriving from a planning strategy and portfolio of built projects that seek to alleviate the social consequences of urbanisation.

It emphasises both the political processes and the urbanism projects that simultaneously consider socio-economic and ecological components of space, and which highlight a greater focus on social sustainability. In a context in which geography defines space and culture, and through challenges of a global magnitude, we are inextricably united in an era of environmental uncertainty, where shared experiences and values place us within a collective culture, inspiring mutual agency in service of this vision for Social Urbanism.

Through the work presented here, Social Urbanism is expanded as a worldview that considers the cultural values of a given place as interconnected to the geographical landscape of the region, and therefore, as the driving forces behind future models of globalisation and urban growth. The points of view of multiple colleagues and experts across differing fields provide introspection on the implementation of Social Urbanism. These shared opinions strengthen the significance of this work and affirm the joint values and visions for the global urbanisation challenges we are confronting in the 21st century, and which continue into the future.

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