



Sustainable Cities

Assessing the Performance and Practice of Urban Environments

Edited by Pierre Laconte & Chris Gossop

Provides a valuable critique of the assessment methods used in ascertaining sustainability, from individual buildings up to cities and regions.

Synopsis

1. Assessing Sustainable Urban Environments depends from the **levels of observation** – individual buildings, urban neighbourhoods and entire cities and towns, as well as the **period of reference**.
2. The publication proposes a **critical assessment of the techniques used to assess urban environments, including factors affecting climate change**.
3. The book presents a **number of best practices**, including Urban Transport in France (Peter Hall's last paper), Manchester's waterfront, Amsterdam's ring canals, London's King's Cross development, Hamburg's energy efficiency district, the Lee Kuan Yea World City Prizes Bilbao, New York and Suzhou (see illustration), Singapore being their common model, and the new university town of Louvain near Brussels.

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