



## The Political Economy of Home: Settlement, Civil Society and the (Post-)Global Eco-City

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Global civilization is in trouble. Climate change, prospective resource shortages, degrading ecosystems, and crashing biodiversity combine with the ‘clash of civilizations’, nuclear proliferation, failing states, newly contending Asian superpowers, and disorderly mass migration. For the last two centuries, urbanization has been tied, for the most part, to capitalist modernization. Modern cities have been inextricably linked to dynamics of technical innovation, individualization, rationalization, and nation-state formation. The urban landscape has been shaped by processes of rational planning and architecture, in which technical expertise shaped by the agendas of corporations, government departments, and universities has given form to an Enlightenment commitment to rational design and top-down problem solving.





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