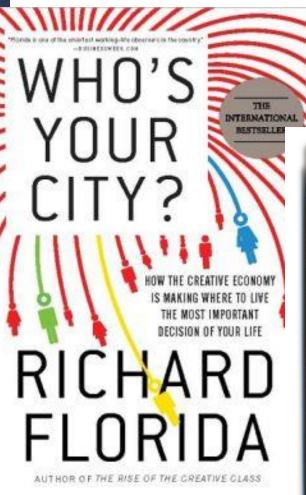
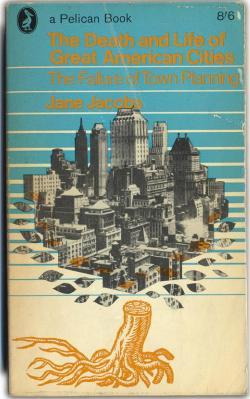
The urban as norm in planning discourse and practice

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What is the urban, anyway?

"... in the early twenty-first century, the urban appears to have become a quintessential floating signifier: devoid of any clear definitional parameters, morphological coherence, or cartographic fixity, it is used to reference a seemingly boundless range of contemporary sociospatial conditions, processes, transformations, trajectories, and potentials." (Brenner 2013, s.90)



The urban precedence

- The urban/the compact city appear as the location of development and as the solution to all problems - environmental, social, economic
- Discourse and policy that materialize in planning
- The city's other: the suburb, the countryside
- Overlooks the dependence on the hinterland, as well as the global consequences of urban lifestyles

The attractive city





Inner city - Suburb

Compact – Spread out

Traditional– Modern

Urban – Non-Urban

Park – Green space

Urban district – Housing area

The suburb - the city's other





"There is simply no point in imagining the future of cities in terms of a harmonious, consensual, 'solution' – a 'state' which can be arrived at. What we need are mechanisms for ensuring the democratic control and management of what will necessarily, by the very nature of cities, be a constantly contested, constantly changing, open future." (Amin et al 2000)