

# Urban Development: Theory, Fact, and Illusion

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## Abstract

This is a study of the economics of development and urbanization. Its two principal themes are 1) that simple economic factors explain the spatial location of populations and industries in different countries at different times, and 2) that developing countries create crowded urban areas inadvertently by building large cities that draw people from the countryside who do not find the jobs they come seeking. It reports original theoretical and empirical research.

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