Climate Change Politics in Urban Environments

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"Every space, every thing was new and clean, but especially the bathroom, which had a sink, a bidet, a bathtub. One afternoon I felt particularly lazy. I asked Lila if I could have a bath, I who still washed under the tap or in a copper tub. She said I could do what I wanted and went on to bring me towels. The water came out hot from the tap and I let it run. I undressed, I sank in up to my neck.

"That warmth was an unexpected pleasure. (...) Oh how many wonderful things Lila possessed. It was no longer a matter of a clean body, it was play, it was abandon. (...) Maybe the wealth we wanted as children is this, I thought: not strongboxes full of diamonds and gold coins but a bathtub, to immerse yourself like this every day..."

Elena Ferrante, Story of a New Name





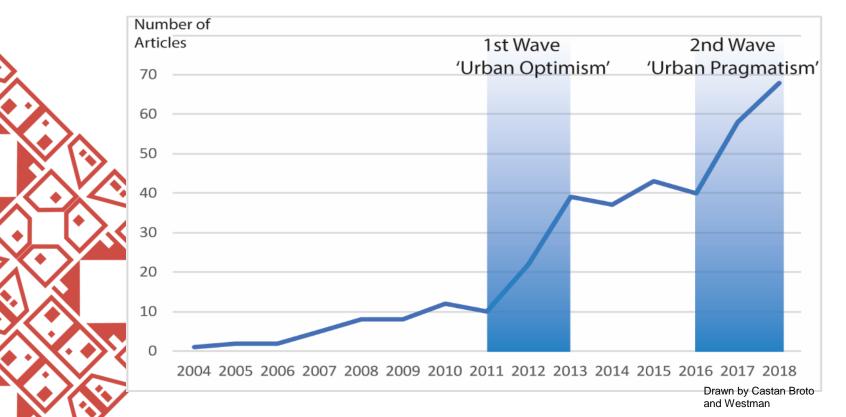
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SHOWCASING THE NEW POLITICS OF THE POSSIBLE

Climate urban politics (with a twist)



Growth of urban climate governance scholarship (2004-2018)







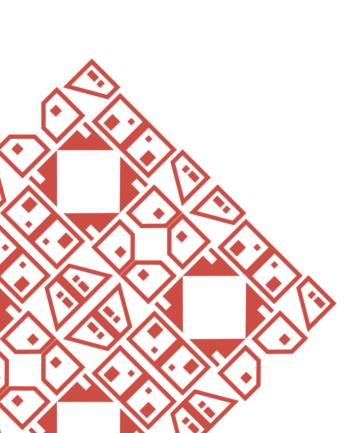
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".... new economic relations will arise, entirely ready-made and calculated with mathematical precision, so in a single instant every possible question will disappear, essentially because every possible answer will be found. Then, the crystal palace will be built. In short, the Kagan bird will come flying in. Of course, it is utterly impossible to guarantee (this is me speaking now) that then it wouldn't be, let's say, terribly boring (for what on earth will there be to do if everything is calculated and tabulated), but on the other hand, everything will be exceedingly reasonable"

Dostoevsky, Notes from the Underground

"All over the world, in Chile, in Asia, people are going to the streets because they feel that their leaders are not doing what they should to respond, not only to the environmental concerns, or climate concerns, but also to social concerns...[COP25] will be judged by its capacity to connect the inside with the outside."

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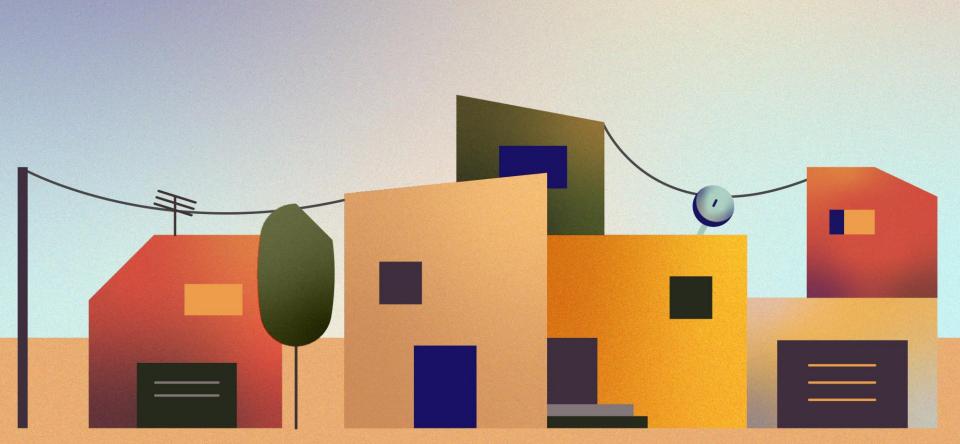
Eddy Perez, Climate Action Network Canada



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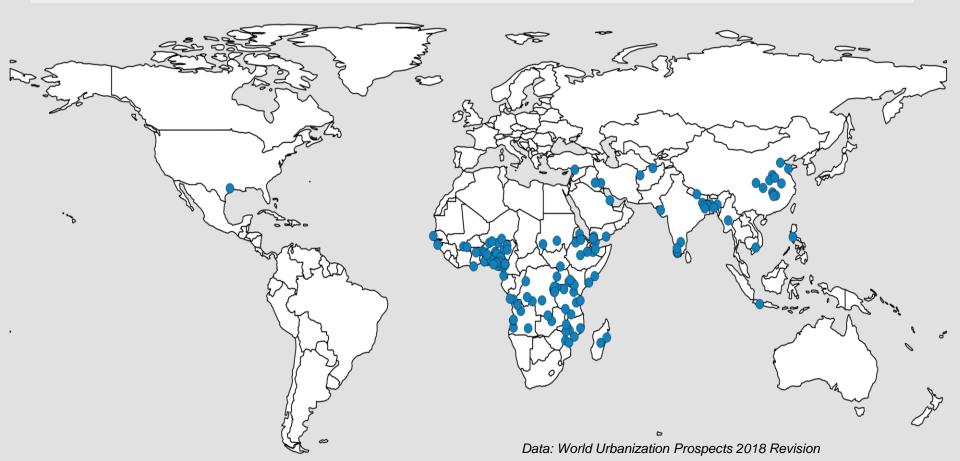
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THE POLITICS OF LOOKING ELSEWHERE



Drawn by Erika Conchis

Fastest growing cities under I million people





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RETHINKING CHANGE IN-BETWEEN





Thank you!

Urban Energy Landscapes

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Urban Sustainability and Justice

Just Sustainabilities and Environmental Planning

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