“Urbanism for All”—Achieving a More Inclusive Prosperity through Cities

Richard Florida, City Lab Co-Founder and editor at large, sees the contemporary American city as a battleground for class conflict, and believes that the solution is more urbanism—specifically, what Florida terms "urbanism for all." Florida's recently published book, The New Urban Crisis, reexamines many of the ideas laid out in his bestselling 2002 book, The Rise of the Creative Class. According to Florida, the old urban crisis was based around the city center. As jobs and people moved to the suburbs, Florida says, the hole essentially fell out of the donut. The new urban crisis is one of inequality, and one that's partly caused by success. "If the old urban crisis was the decline of the middle class in cities," says Florida, "the new urban crisis is the decline of the

Highlights

Richard Florida lays out the causes and components of the “new urban crisis”

The city has replaced the factory as the primary arena for class conflict in the United States

Principles of "urbanism for all" - more housing, better transit, higher minimum wages
We need to mobilize cities around inequality the way we're mobilizing them around climate change.