



The City of the Future

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Seattle is a city of biospheres and homeless encampments, billionaires and day laborers. The official vision for Seattle is a safe city, an affordable city, a vibrant city, an interconnected city, and a city that fosters innovation. It is a city that has a history of trying to balance economic growth and environmental stewardship. Is this the city of the future? How can we try to answer that question?

In general, cities have been studied from a wide range of perspectives: sociology, architecture, geography, urban planning, political economy, public policy, and philosophy. In this course we will draw on these disciplines to study eco-cities, the future of work, security, logistics, technology, and informal settlements, along with authors and artists such as China Miéville, Henri Lefebvre, Ramin Bahrani, Michel Foucault, Adrian Parr, Mohsen Mostafavi, and Kathi Weeks. We will also take field trips to sites like South Lake Union and the world's first living building, the Bullitt Center. Writing credit is optional.