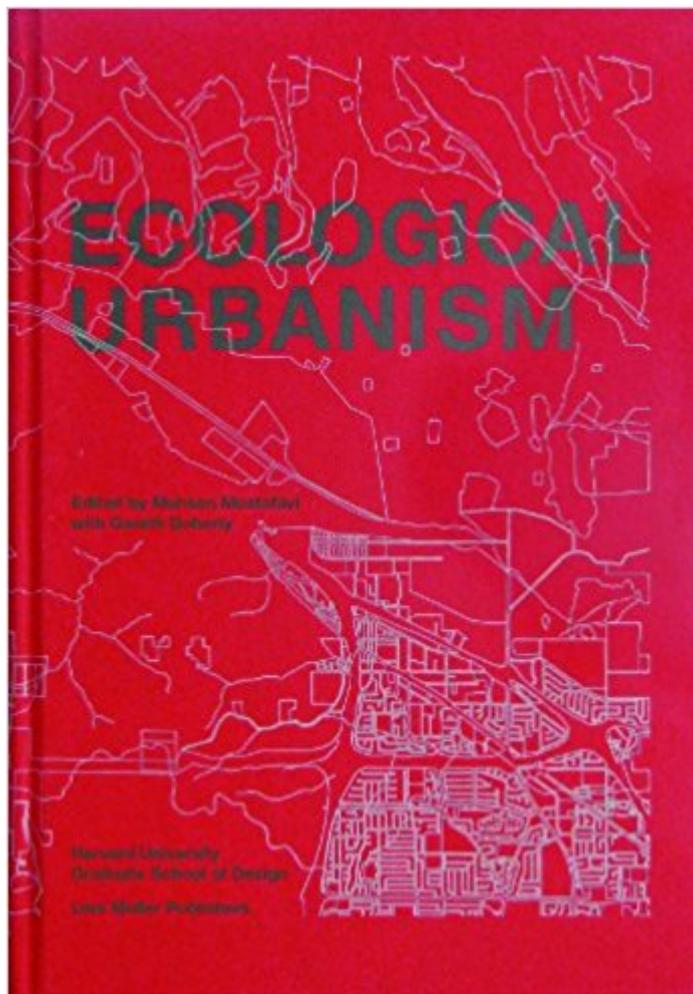


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# Ecological Urbanism



## Synopsis

"While climate change, sustainable architecture, and green technologies have become increasingly topical, issues surrounding the sustainability of the city are much less developed. The premise of the book is that an ecological approach is urgently needed both as a remedial device for the contemporary city and an organizing principle for new cities. Ecological urbanism approaches the city without any one set of instruments and with a worldview that is fluid in scale and disciplinary approach. Design provides the synthetic key to connect ecology with an urbanism that is not in contradiction with its environment. The book brings together design practitioners and theorists, economists, engineers, artists, policy makers, environmental scientists, and public health specialists, with the goal of reaching a more robust understanding of ecological urbanism and what it might be in the future."

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University Graduate School of Design. In addition to Ecological Urbanism, he is a founding editor of New Geographies and with Charles Waldheim edited, *Is Landscape...? Essays on the Identity of Landscape*.

Designed for students not professionals. Layout like a comic book. not recommended for serious practitioners. Many essays thrown together. Not recommended

The volume is a collection of papers and thought pieces connected with a conference on the subject at Harvard. It is of very uneven quality, indeed the task of editing it obviously came second as a requirement to the possibility of offending participants by exclusion. However there are some substantive essays, some interesting excursions, and some compelling graphics along with the mundane. There's something for everyone here and thoroughly suited to serve as a class textbook on the subject because of its range. It doesn't highlight the different perspectives it contains but that could be part of the work of the class.

The book is rich in examples and case studies of different ecologically concerned city and urban sprawl spaces. Additionally, the book illustrates different graphic representation techniques for project presentations. It has proved to be very handy for writing my Master's degree thesis in Architecture. I would recommend to architects and urban planners.

Hey half of this book is just illegible, dark and shadowy with lots of atmosphere GSD style graphics ... way too expensive. But I don't expect anything less.

I haven't read all of this book but it has come in handy in both graphics and content. This has helped me out a lot as a student of landscape architecture.

Ecological Urbanism is a must-read book. Mohsen Mostafavi and Gareth Doherty weave together a comprehensive agenda of urban interventions, ideas, policies, and strategies from different geographic settings in order to build a powerful model and vision for a more ecological future. Drawing on this massive, solid effort and on well-grounded research, the editors provide a series of detailed key lessons from all corners of the world for building a future that is less dependent on diminishing resources and is more socially, economically, and ecologically sensitive. Based on the integration between different disciplines and fields--including architecture, planning, urban design,

landscape architecture, and engineering--Ecological Urbanism explores different approaches and solutions that contribute to a more ecological and just world. As Sir Peter Medawar said, "If politics is the art of the possible, research is surely the art of the soluble."Scaling up is a significant aspect of this book since the vast majority of previous research and studies have focused on architectural and building scales. Only a handful of studies have focused on city and regional scales. Therefore, Ecological Urbanism addresses this gap, providing a collection of theories and practices that aim to articulate and advance design strategies, real solutions, and tactics that craft the foundation of the post-carbon city. Human beings need a revolution in urban problem solving. The fate of the entire earth is one of the most urgent matters confronting humankind today. It will affect each of us, as well as our children and our children's children. Faced with the pressures of global warming, rapid growth, congestion, water shortage, drought, population explosion, urban sprawl, and pollution, cities today need to use land, water, energy, and resources with ever-increasing efficiency. The ultimate role of Ecological Urbanism is, in fact, to be a revolutionary and compelling guidebook that provides a knowledge base for a more livable and sustainable future for current and future generations. As a reference book Ecological Urbanism is a must read for academics, practitioners, students, policymakers, officials, economists, socialists, environmentalists, and anyone else concerned with the health and well-being of our cities.

Very good!!!! very good I love it. it works as good as i expected. impressive. I will come back again

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