

Design of Cities
Planning the Utopian City

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 - Vague impossible dreams?
 - “a coherent program for action arising out of thought that ‘transcends the immediate situation,’ a program whose realization would ‘break the bounds’ of the established society” (Fishman, 1982)
- Utopia as a concept in writing, design, thinking...
- What would we do with a blank slate?
- How do we design the utopian city?
 - “What is the ideal city for the twentieth century, the city that best expresses the power and beauty of modern technology and the most enlightened ideas of social justice” (Fishman, 1982)?
- Is one man’s utopia another man’s hell?

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The Design of Cities
Garden Cities of Tomorrow

- Ebenezer Howard ‘Garden Cities of Tomorrow’
 - “Town and country must be married and out of this joyous union will spring a new hope, a new life, and new civilization.” Ebenezer Howard (1898)
 - Anti urban ‘satellite’ cities (village life as ideal)
- Some good things to know....
 - Small self-supporting communities
 - 6,000 acres (1,000 developed and 5,000 supporting agriculture)
 - Limited population
 - 32,000 people
 - Greenbelts and open space
 - Letchworth, Welwyn, Hampstead, Milton Keynes, UK
 - Columbia, MD
- Leads to New Towns Movement in the U.S.
- ‘Satellite’ cities in U.S.S.R



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