Post-socialist City

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dynamics of urban change

- urban structure

- principles and mechanisms of urban change
  - population preferences
  - firms, capital, profit
  - governments, public interest
  - discourse and representation
  - institutions and rules
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stability - dynamics

evolution - revolution

industrial – post-industrial society

communism – capitalism
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City centre commercialisation
Gentrification
Condominiums and gated communities
Brownfield and waterfront redevelopment
New retail and entertainment nodes
Out-of-centre office clusters
Suburbs
waterfront (re)development

- large functionally complex areas
- places of production -> consumption
- major private investments and strong visionary public intervention
- globalised investment circles and localized decision-making
- vested interests of local politicians and local resistance of citizens
- need for strategic local consensus about economic, social and environmental goals × politics of mutual delegitimation
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