



URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

GREAT PROMISES, DEADLOCK... AND NEW BEGINNINGS?

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The presentation starts from the premise that it is vitally important to recognize that the rapid rate of planetary urbanization is the main driver of environmental change. We shall highlight how these urban origins are routinely ignored in urban theory and practice, and how feeble techno-managerial attempts to produce more 'sustainable' forms of urban living are actually heightening the combined and uneven socio-ecological apocalypse that marks the contemporary dynamics of planetary urbanization. The presentation is, therefore, not so much concerned with the question of nature **IN** the city, as it is with the urbanization **OF** nature, understood as the process through which all forms of nature are socially mobilized, economically incorporated and physically metabolized/transformed in order to support the urbanization process. We shall conclude by briefly charting some of the key intellectual and practical challenges ahead.

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