

Paradigm city project:
Moving from a set of broad categories to a focused final topic

As you craft your group research plan and identify your individual research project, please keep in mind that these are fundamentally inter-linked categories.

Broad category	Includes:	Narrowed by the time of research brief (March 27)	Narrowed further by the time of group presentation (April 22 & 24)	Final research project (May 12)
The Built City (structures)	architecture, infrastructure, urban public space, housing; neighborhoods; transportation, etc.	overview of architectural innovation in Dubai; informal housing in Mumbai	Dubai's phatasmatic structures	"Sustainable spectale? The greening of Dubai's architectural boom in the age of peak oil"
The Lived City (people)	social structures and relations; ethnicities; gender roles; modes of urban experience; cultural forms; public art movements; education, literacy, etc.	rural-to-urban migration in Shanghai; public culture in Johannesburg	the role of rural migrants in Shanghai's building boom	"Reading between the skyscrapers: The Shanghai building boom, rural labor migrants and the demise of the household registration system in China"
The Contested City (governance/power)	social and political struggles over urban space; modes of official and unofficial urban governance; planning; urban policy; state structures, etc.	urban governance in pre- and post-apartheid Johannesburg; Brasilia's socialist utopian origins	public protest and government response in pre- and post-apartheid Johannesburg	"Water access and spatial justice in post-apartheid Johannesburg"
The City of Capital (political economy/capital)	political economic structures; global financial flows; forms of work; industry; labor relations, etc.	Bollywood in Mumbai	Bollywood as a globalizing culture industry in Mumbai	"Global/local Bollywood: Hindi cinema and the cultural economy in Mumbai"