

***Informality, security and
neighbourhood development in
downtown Kingston***

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Core themes

Urbanisation

Security

Tenure

Formalisation

Social sustainability: security and urban governance

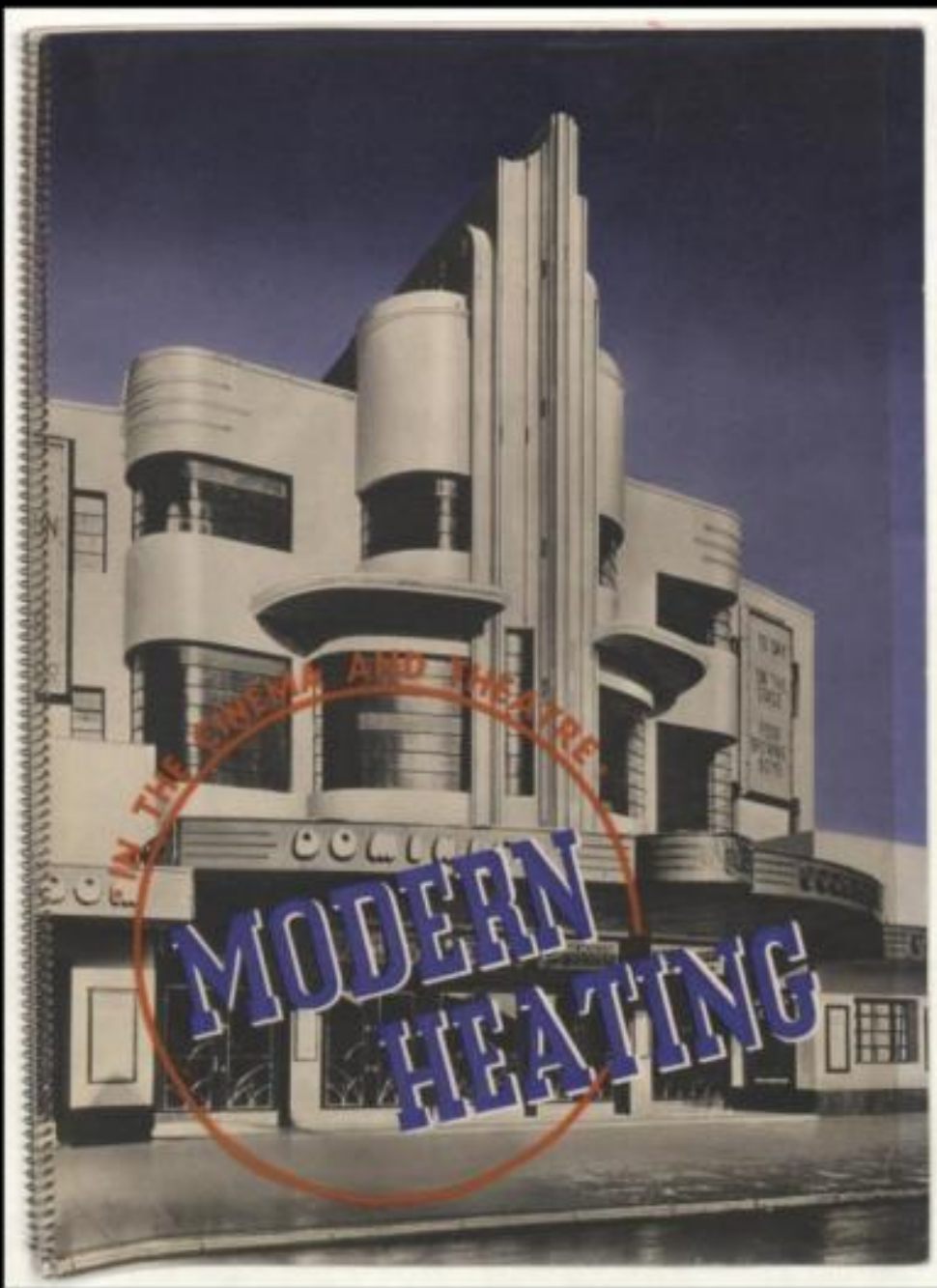
Sovereignty and hybrid governance

Urban context

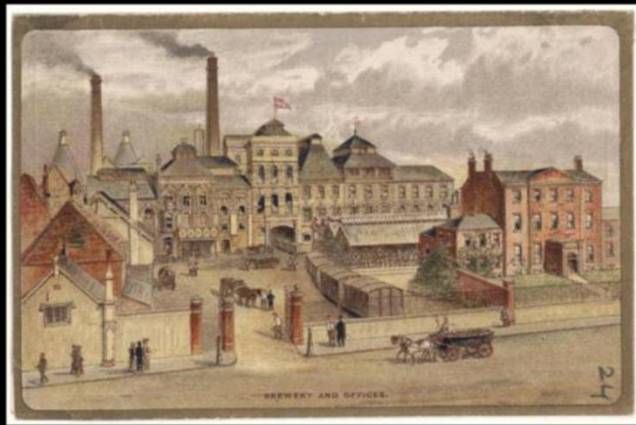
- 1950 – 86 cities over 1 million
- 2015 – 550 cities
- 2/3 expansion absorbed by urban areas
- 95% demographic growth in urban south
(UN Habitat 2010)
- young, urban, low income

Cities are the sites to lead sustainable initiatives (Hodson and Marvin 2004)

Urban adaptation and resilience



What is a sustainable city?



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Awareness of urban impact on a region

Accountability and responsibility for increasing consumption

Local Agenda 21

Mixed use and diversity

Compact development

Urban hydrological cycle

Renewable energies

Sense of place – ‘community’

Walkable; sustainable transport

Mapping social transition: from the colonial to postcolonial city



Kingston Metropolitan Region, Jamaica



Orange Street, Kingston

Source: Duperly & Sons, c. 1915



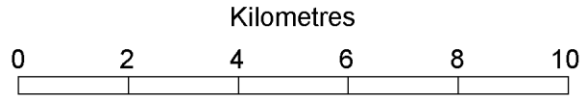
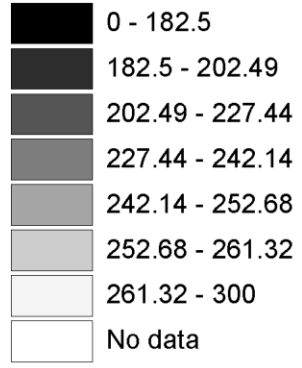
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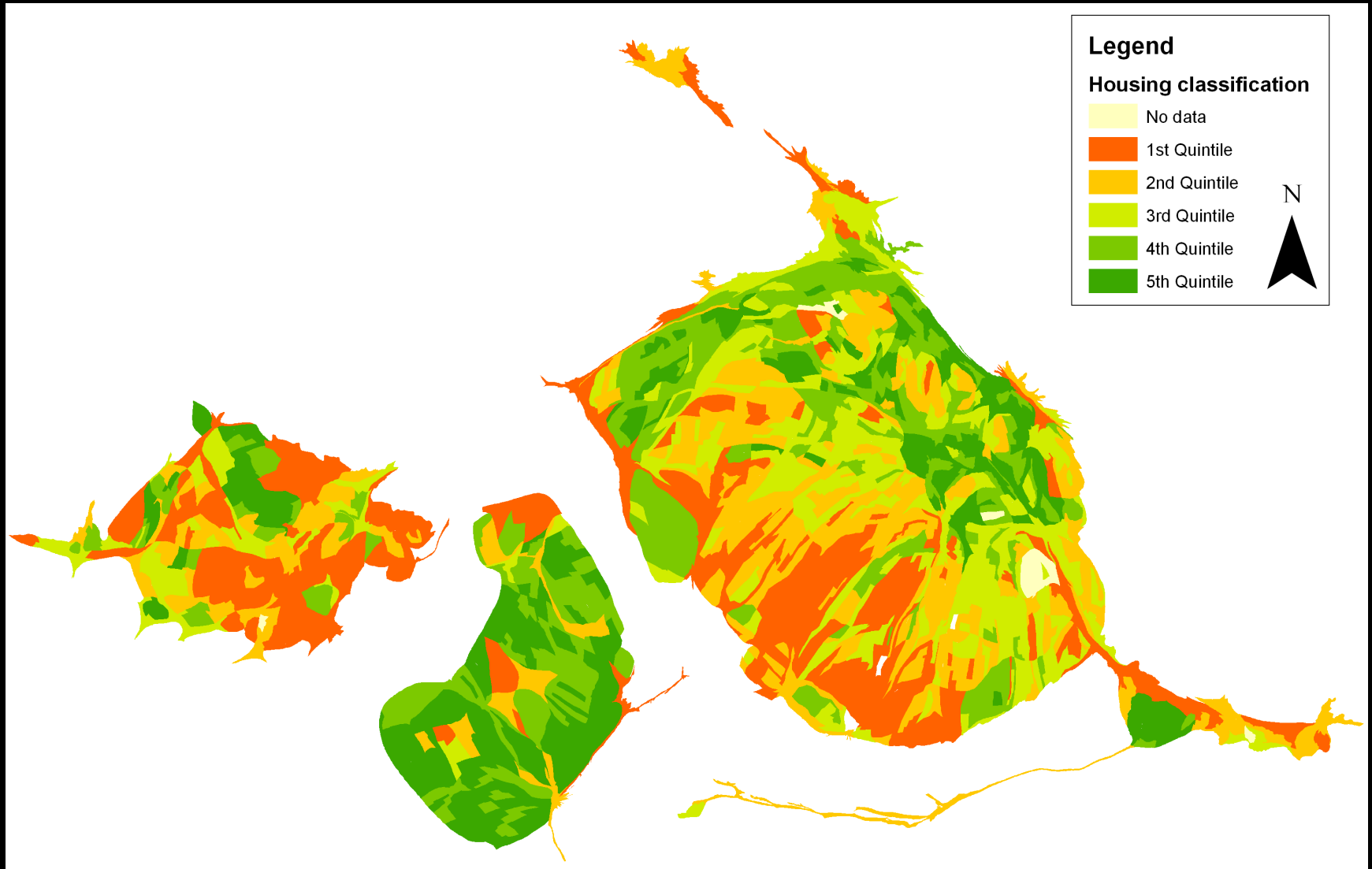
Kingston Metropolitan Region, 1991

Socio-Economic Status

Socio-economic status scores:



Cartogram to represent the quality of housing across the Kingston Metropolitan Region, 2001



Urban violence: roadblock to development

Middle East /SW Asia	1	Murders per 100,000 Population
North Africa	1	
West/Central Europe	2	
Oceania	3	
SE Europe	3	
South Asia	4	
North America	7	
East Africa	8	
Central Asia	9	
East Europe	17	
Central America	22	
East/SE Asia	22	
South America	26	
South/West Africa	29	
Caribbean	30	

Source: World Bank/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (2007)

Country / murder rate per 100,000	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Honduras	50	54	56	34	32	35	43	50	58
Sierra Leone	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	34	44	40	36	54	58	49	54	57
Venezuela	37	40	49	59	37	37	45	48	-
El Salvador	37	35	31	33	41	55	55	49	48
Guatemala	26	25	31	35	36	42	45	46	47
Trinidad and Tobago	10	13	14	21	20	30	29	30	42
Angola	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	50	48	47	43	40	40	40	39	38
Colombia	63	65	66	53	44	39	40	39	36
Dominican Republic	13	13	15	19	26	27	24	-	-

UNDP Caribbean Human Development Report 2012

Jamaica: US\$ 529m per year public/private costs to fight youth crime

US\$ 4.3m investment loss per year (US\$ 95m diverted tourism)

Youth crime costs 3.21% GDP per year

Christopher 'Dudus' Coke

Tivoli Gardens,
Kingston, Jamaica
May 2010

'Shower Posse'

Alleged links with
political parties

Extradition to US



Garrison communities

Stone (1975) first introduced ideas of the garrison as a term for specific downtown Kingston communities.

Figueroa (1994: 2) describes the garrison:

one in which anyone who seeks to oppose, raise opposition to or to organise against the dominant party would definitely be in danger of suffering serious damage to their possessions or person, thus making continued residence in the area extremely difficult if not impossible.



‘One murder every six hours!’

Homicide figures

746 Jamaicans have been murdered since January.

555 were killed by the gun.

69 women are numbered among the murder victims.

49 persons were killed last week.

167 homicides were recorded in May - the highest for any month this year.

157 persons were killed in March.

The Gleaner

23rd August, 2005

'Bloody start to 2009: Thirteen killed in 48 hours'

The Gleaner
4th January, 2009

The killings have spoiled efforts by the National Transformation Programme (NTP) and the Peace Management Initiative (PMI) to have a crime free January.

'Death is a lively business - Bargain hunters make a killing in funeral industry'

*Death is a familiar face in Kingston and St Andrew and it seems to have free rein, forever stalking the nation's capital. So it should come as no surprise that the business of taking care of the dead is thriving in the metropolis... **It's a very competitive industry right now, so you have to make it attractive at affordable costs.***

The Gleaner

26th March, 2009

Reported violence

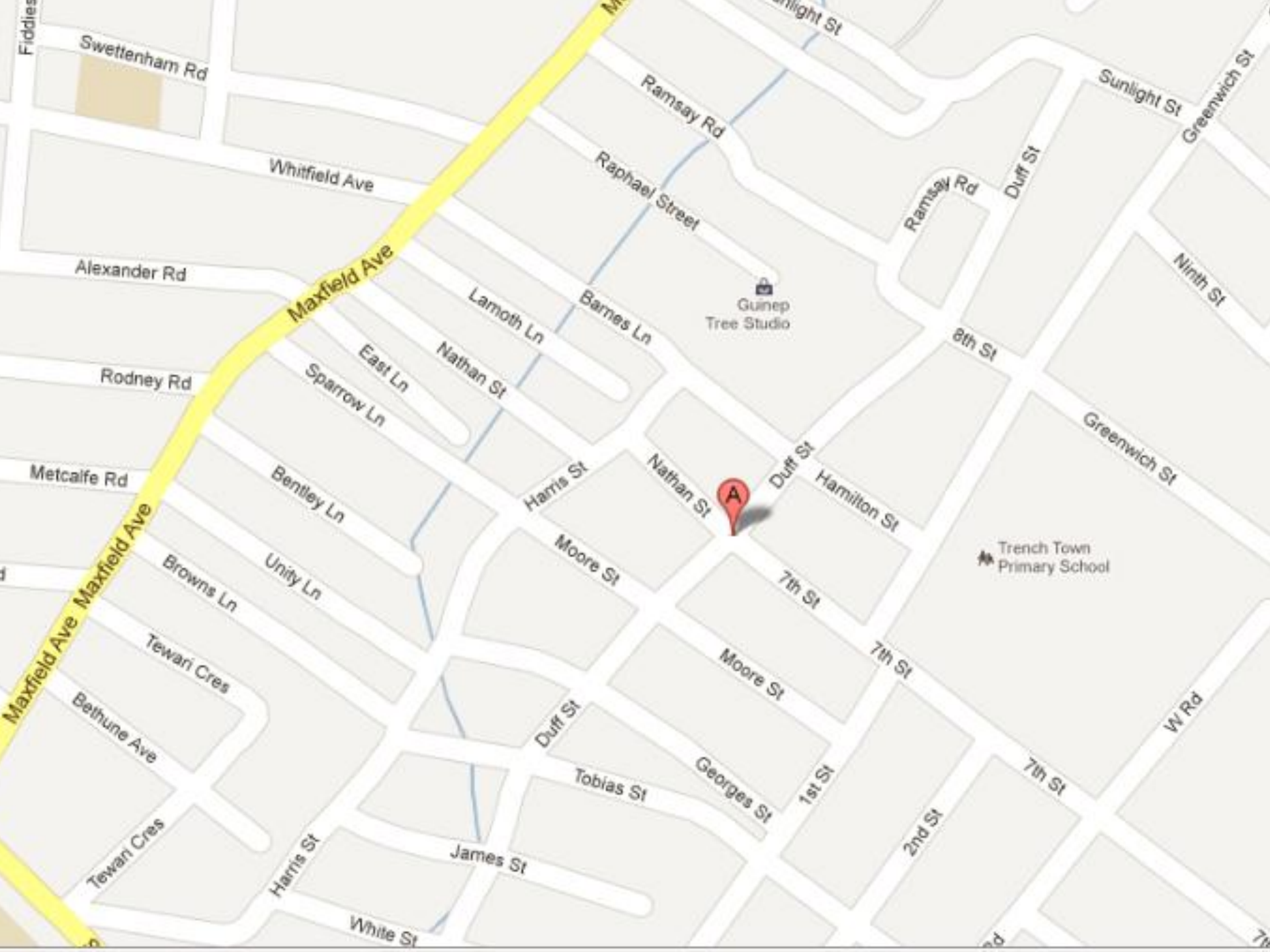
13th November, 2001: Government announced 1,146 violent deaths that year (800 in 1980 during the election):

981 by **gunmen**

135 by police

18 by **civilians**

3 by Jamaica Defence Force



Rose Town Federation

‘No man’s land’ – microcosm of political & social divides

2009 formalisation of tenure programme

- DFID, USAID, Prince’s Foundation
- 12 years
- 60% success; 12 leases

Formalisation of tenure

Ordinary cities (Robinson 2004)

Informality not 'separate', but a mode of organising cities (Roy 2005)

Formalisation – access to capital (de Soto 1985/2004)

Focus on tenure – security & mobility of capital

Sovereignty and security

Rights to the city

Sovereignty – restriction of rights; regulation

Hybrid governance – informal / formal

Locality – external actors

Concluding comments

Long-term empirical and ethnographic survey

Urban fabric /social design

Secure foundations: shelter, access to
resources; community

‘New urbanism’