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The Human Scale

Dalsgaard, Andreas Møl. *The Human Scale.* Copenhagen: Final Cut for Real, 2013. HD, 83 min. https://youtu.be/BxywJRJVzJs.

> Fifty percent of the world's population lives in urban areas. By 2050 this figure is expected to increase to eighty percent. The megacity is both enchanting and scary. But how do we plan these cities in a way, which take human behavior into account? In the 20th century the struggle to provide large numbers of people with proper housing, work spaces and transport led the modernists to create gigantic systems of high-rise buildings, industrial estates and high ways. The material gains are evident. What are the costs? Jan Gehl's thesis is that basic human needs for interaction, inclusion and intimacy was somewhat forgotten during this process. Today we face peak oil, climate change and severe health issues due to our rapid growth. With an exploding population we need to double our urban capacity within 30 years. Can people-oriented planning be the solution? (Source: Official Film Website)

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- Jeff Speck on "The Walkable City" (TED Talk)
  https://www.ted.com/talks/jeff_speck_the_walkable_city

Websites linked in this text:

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