



Episode 15: The Future of Everything is Cities, Revisited - Reading & Discussion List

Dear Audience,

As we prepare each show, internally we develop a reading list so our producers and hosts can develop the questions and arc of conversation for the hour. We find this research fascinating--- we are dealing with long term issues (the future of cities, the supply chain, news and democracy) that are being fundamentally affected by short term events. Many of the best minds on the planet have written thoughtfully on these topics, often over just the last few weeks!

We'd like to share these reading lists with our community so you can go deeper, see what we're reading, and share readings and topics with us for future shows. We also think that capturing this snapshot of global thinking about pandemic issues will serve as a time capsule (as does Quarantime!) for how the world reacted to the greatest torrent of fundamental change experienced in our lifetimes .

Overview economic perspectives:

Yuval Noah Harari -This storm will pass. But the choices we make now could change our lives for years to come

<https://www.ft.com/content/19d90308-6858-11ea-a3c9-1fe6fedcca75>

Nouriel Roubini on the great risk of recession, inflation, depression

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/coronavirus-greater-great-depression-by-nouriel-roubini-2020-03>

Changing use of space and place in cities :

CNN: Coronavirus is making some people rethink where they want to live

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/02/us/cities-population-coronavirus/index.html>

Could NY's work from home moment fuel office-to-residential conversions?

Office demand won't disappear, but some industry pros say companies may rethink their needs, and landlords may turn to
<https://therealdeal.com/2020/03/27/could-nys-work-from-home-moment-fuel-office-to-residential-conversions/>

Atlantic (Derek Thompson)The Pandemic Will Change American Retail Forever:

The big will get bigger as mom-and-pops perish and shopping goes virtual. In the short term, our cities will become more boring. In the long term, they might just become i
<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/how-pandemic-will-change-face-retail/610738/>

NYTimes (Tim Wu) We Need to Protect the 'Touchless Economy' *In a few weeks, it may be all the economy we've got.*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/25/opinion/coronavirus-economy-delivery.html?referringSource=articleShare>

TechCrunch:Let housing rise from the empty offices and malls

<https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/03/let-housing-rise-from-the-empty-offices-and-malls/>

Billionaire Sam Zell on Market Valuations, Real Estate, Post-Virus Economy

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2020-05-05/zell-on-markets-outlook-post-virus-economy-real-estate-video>

Axios:The push for post-coronavirus telework to help fight climate change

<https://www.axios.com/telework-climate-change-post-coronavirus-a3f95c8b-5206-4fc8-a6d9-79a963df3af8.html>

SF Chronicle- Post-coronavirus landscape: Architects imagine shared cultural venues and choreographed dining

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Post-coronavirus-landscape-Architects-imagine-15230127.php>

CNN Feature: Our cities may never look the same again after the pandemic

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/cities-design-coronavirus/index.html>

NY Times: Manhattan Faces a Reckoning if Working From Home Becomes the Norm

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/12/nyregion/coronavirus-work-from-home.html>

Harbingers of Long Term Change

Atlantic: There's No Simple Way to Reopen Universities. How do you operate institutions designed to mix people and ideas without also mixing viruses?

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/colleges-are-weighing-costs-reopening-fall/610759/>

Apple and Google show what their contact tracing system could look like

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/04/tech/apple-google-contact-tracing-first-look/index.html>

CBS: Growing number of Americans say: We're not paying the rent

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cancel-rent-strike-may-1/>

The War Zone: Satellite Images Show Armadas Of Vacant Cruise Ships Huddling Together Out At Sea

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/33338/satellite-images-show-armadas-of-vacant-cruise-ships-huddling-together-out-at-sea>

AFP: Vegan rivals smell blood as virus hits meat supply

<https://news.yahoo.com/vegan-rivals-smell-blood-virus-hits-meat-supply-203038738.html>

Systems Level Thinking

Geoffrey West- Santa fe institute: Policies for responding to pandemics should be rooted in a scientific understanding of cities. West gets to the core of complexity theory and city scaling. The same density mechanisms that make cities great can spread disease faster. He asks, “to what extent, if any, can any of this be quantitatively predictable?”

<http://sfi-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/sfi-edu/production/uploads/ckeditor/2020/05/01/t-025-kempes-west.pdf>

Santa Fe Institute: Transmissions. The Sant Fe institute has issued 30 short white papers looking into the many second order effects of the pandemic through a complex systems lens. Some of the best thinking out there .

<https://www.santafe.edu/research/projects/transmission-sfi-insights-covid-19>

NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON Examines how COVID is brings together two complex systems we barely understand: a novel pandemic and an economy already under pressure, and how difficult that is for policy makers and the public

<https://markmanson.net/nobody-knows-what-is-going-on>

Places Journal.

This placemaking publication lends great historical and design perspective

Places Journal: Readings for a Pandemic

<https://placesjournal.org/reading-list/from-the-archive-readings-for-a-pandemic/>

Places Journal: Field Notes on Pandemic Teaching series

<https://placesjournal.org/article/field-notes-on-pandemic-teaching-6/>

FROM THE FUTURE: A DENSITY TAX AND OTHER VISIONS

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1256673990153830400.html?fbclid=IwAROG88da5xXQOvabAIPiRgOQeCHLzIAjscmCjZf629JVNhOLYN2girO9BiQ>