

Examining the Performance of Urban Interventions in the Far Future

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We can use projections or predictions to plan our urban interventions with only one certainty – they are likely to be wrong in the far future. The Urban Futures project takes a different, scenarios-based approach. Based on well-established literature, it has characterised four plausible futures that lie at the extremes of where societies might end up (barring catastrophic change). We then parachute each proposed urban intervention into our four future world models and determine whether that solution is likely to be successful. This paper will demonstrate the methodology and the underlying design principles that help us look at the world, and what we do to change it, in a different light.