

Megacity Living and Externalization of the Mind

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Conclusions

- Generally our previous considerations are still valid. There are, however some new trends that might lead to darker 2052 than we thought
- We are unsure about the growth in World population.
- We are unsure about the climate (heat and disasters) in sub-tropical urban areas.
- We are less sure about the mental health of the very young people and how they socialize.



UN population forecasts

- 9,7 billion by 2050?
- Africa is expected to account for more than half of world population growth?
- Nigeria will in 2050 have more people than US?
- 66% of the people will live in urban areas and Tokyo with 37 million will be the largest city followed closely by Dehli!
- Migrations to have a better life will increase!



Rising temperatures are making Life in Tropical Cities Precarious for the poor

- IPCC predicts that tropical cities are quickly becoming unlivable
- Cooling is not seen as a luxury, but a necessity. Air-conditioner has become a sign of middle-class status in developing nations, a must have dowry item.
- The result more heat and pollution for poor people.



Internet and ITC

- Globally 3,2 billion are using internet by the end of 2015
- Facebook has 1,5 billion users today, and steady increases with 50 million each month.
- For every internet user in the developed world there are 2 in the developing world.
- However, 4 billion people from developing countries remain offline.(2/3)



Consequences?

- The social media have transformed the public sphere of political discourse. Emotive expressions and emotional appeal has marginalized the reflected discourse in policy making - a case in point is the current electoral campaign in US.
- There is a disturbing rise in psychiatric disorders among children where the symptoms reflect identity disturbance and cognitive disorders, e.g anxiety disorders, Asperger/Autisme spectrum and Attention Deficits.

