

# **CITIES @ Rio+20**

***On challenges and ways forward  
in the urban sector***

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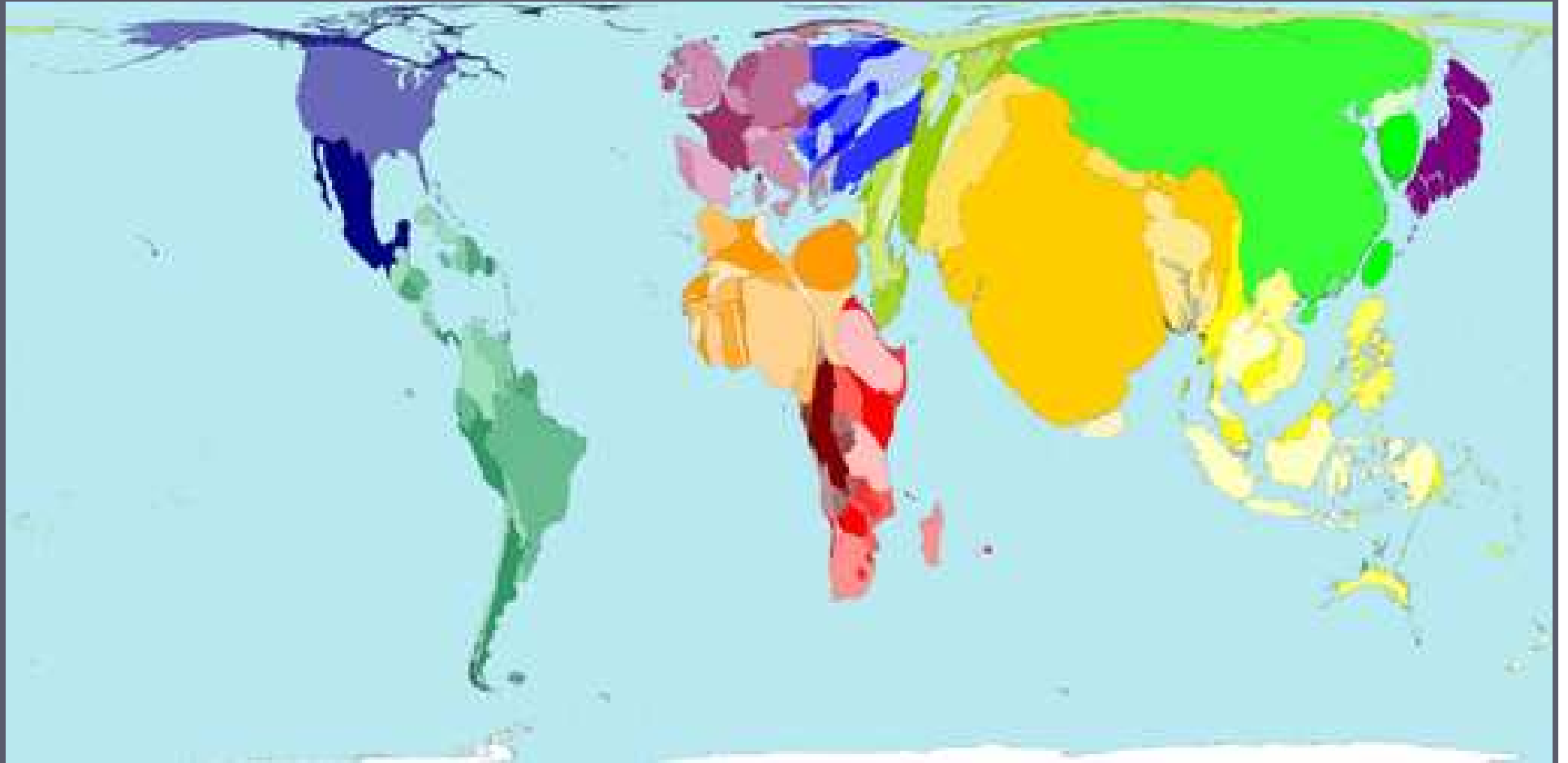
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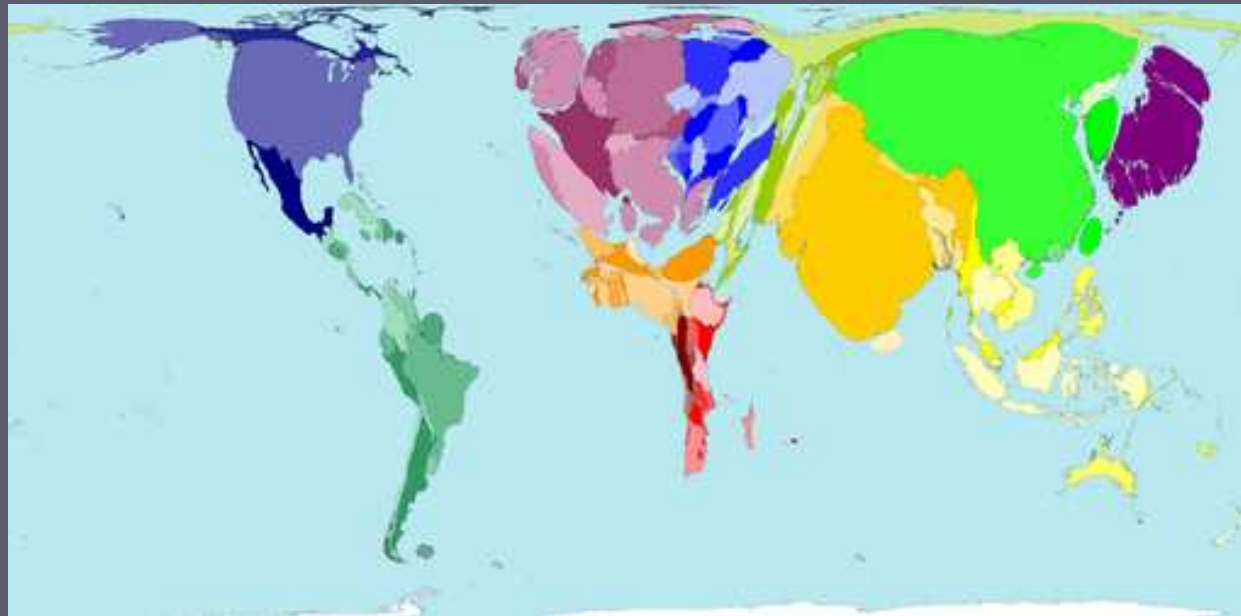
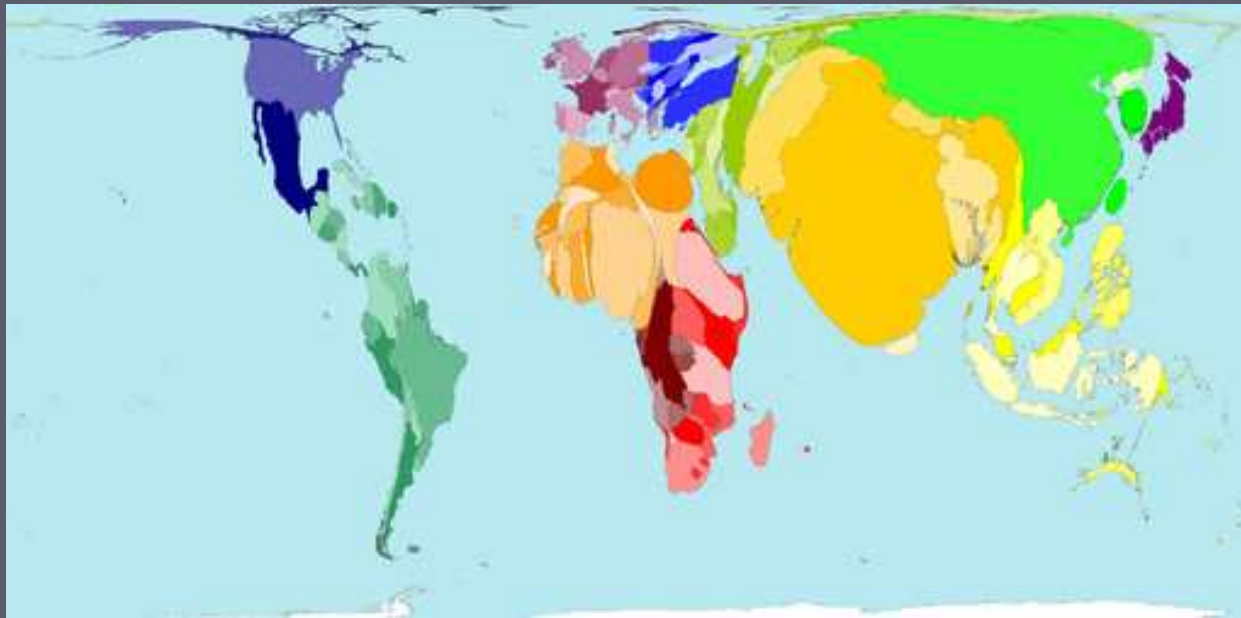
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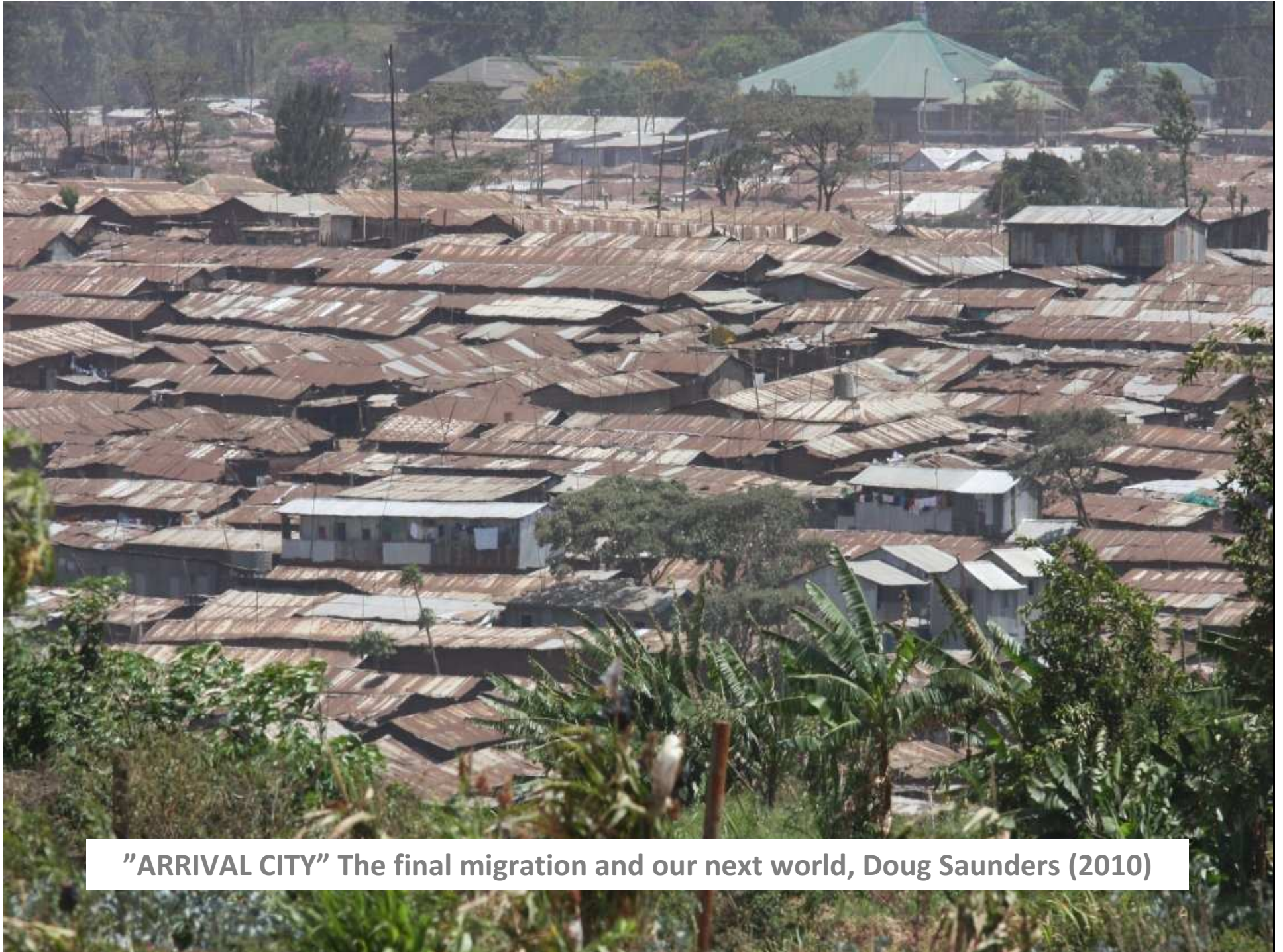


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**"ARRIVAL CITY" The final migration and our next world, Doug Saunders (2010)**

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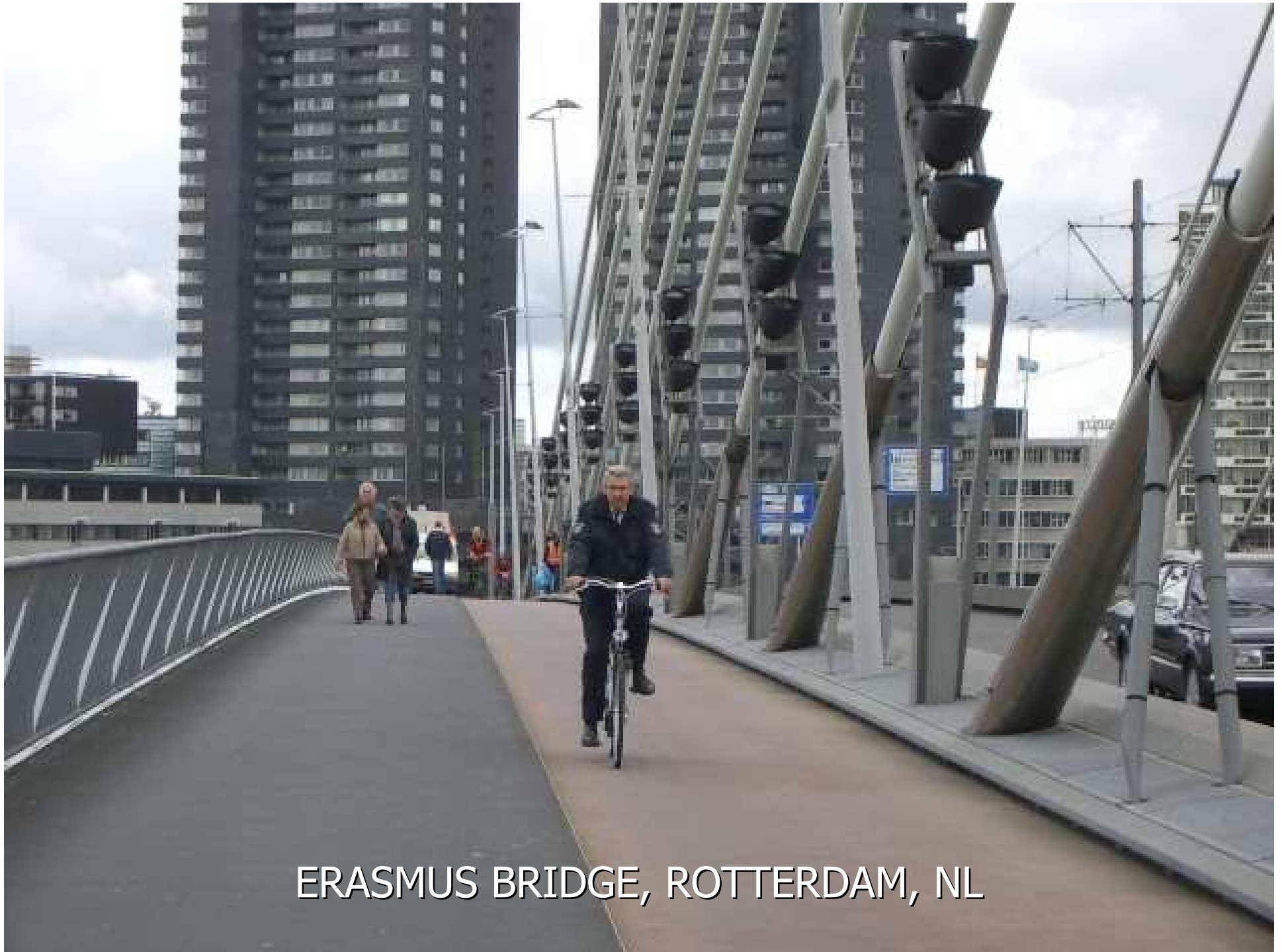
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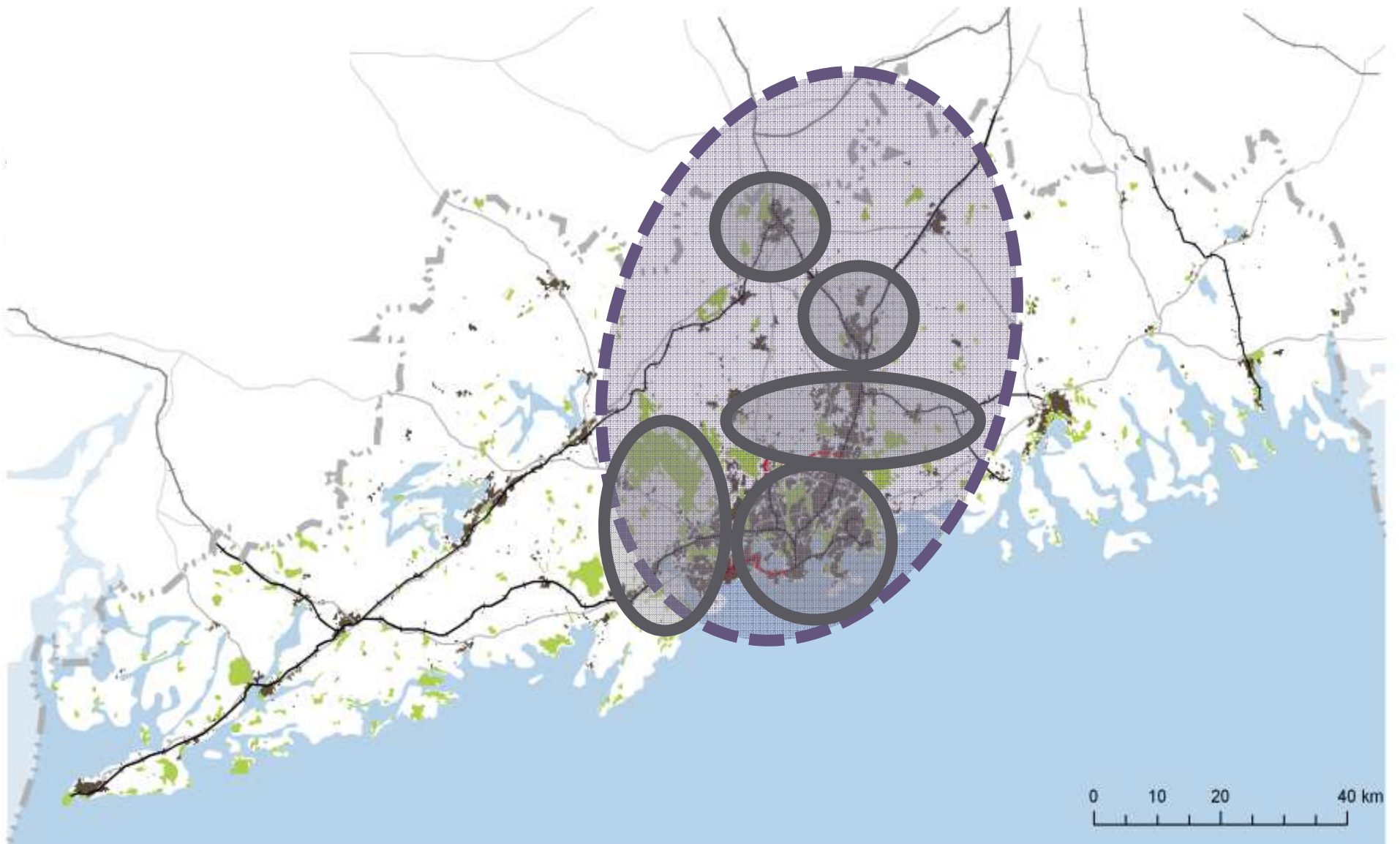




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- **Compagnie Générale des Eaux, 1853**
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  - **Veolia Environnement (2003)**

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**local to global**  
**public to private**

**PUBLIC** or **PRIVATE?**  
**transparent** or **competitive**  
**governance** or **advantage?**  
**citizen** or **consumer?**  
**voter** or **shareholder?**  
**user** or **client?**  
**municipality** or **corporation?**



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**Indian Health Institute, architect: Ashok Lall**

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