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Sharing Cities

A Case for Truly
Smart and
Sustainable Cities

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Planning is:
“*managing our co-existence in shared space*” Healey 1997

A tale of two discourses: the *sharing economy* vs the *sharing paradigm*

Sharing 'Economy'	Sharing 'Paradigm'
Economic activity	Social, cultural, political activity
Economy underpins society	Society underpins economy
Environment as source of resources	Environment as fundamental arena of evolution
Autonomous individuals	Interdependent and vulnerable people
Transactional	Relational
Market-based 'solutions'	Political and behavioural solutions

Sharing cities: co-creating the Urban Commons

In *Sharing Cities*, we go well beyond the 'sharing economy', exploring approaches that are more *cultural* than commercial, more *political* than economic, and that are rooted in a broad understanding of the city as a *co-created urban commons*.





Urbanismo Sociale in Medellín

Building an urban commons

Library parks

Public transit

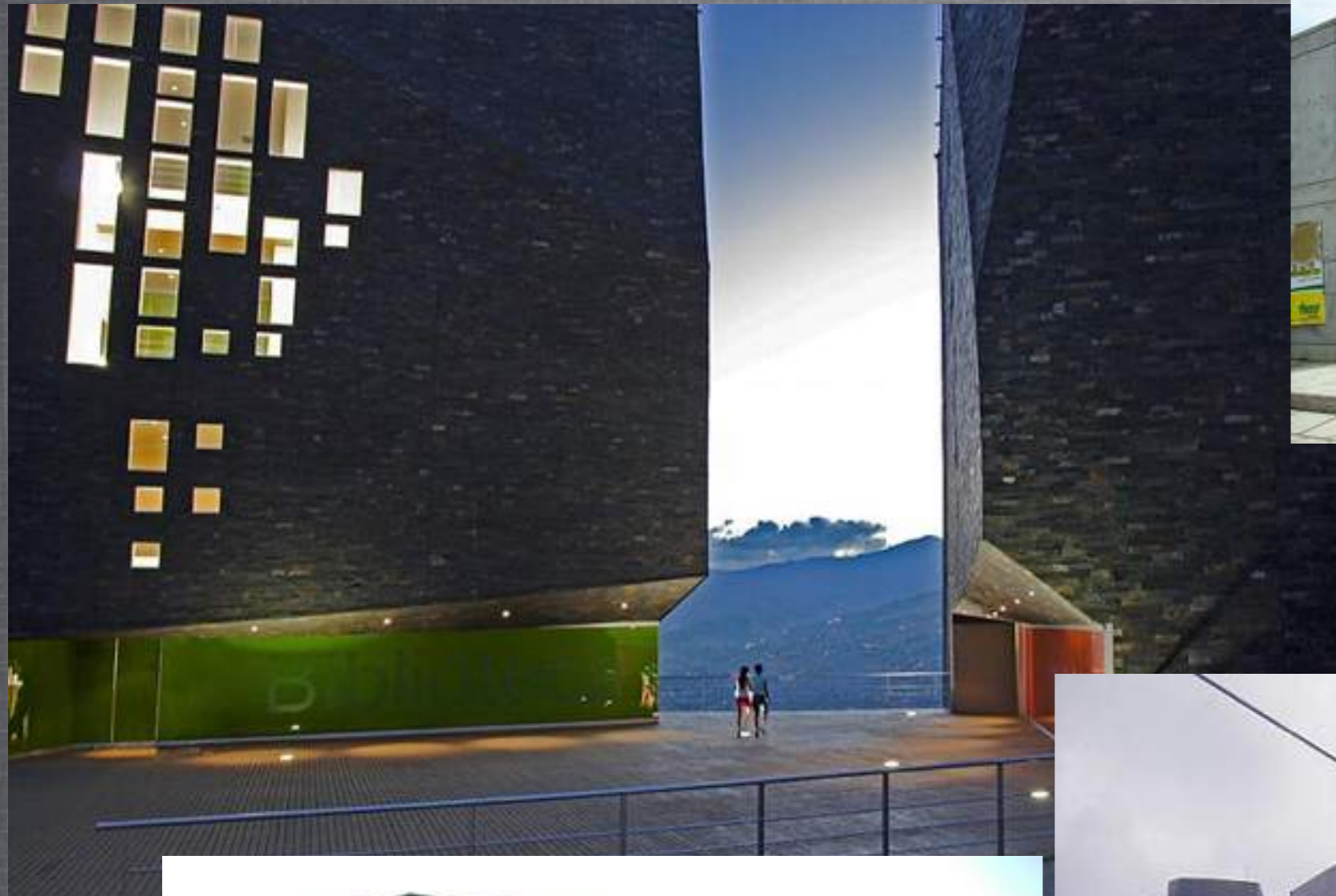
Public facilities

Education and arts

Funded with revenues from public utilities

Participatory planning and budgeting

Medellín



Sharing Cities: Sharing Streets?

Södra Vägen, Gothenburg, Sweden

Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA



Sharing Food Spaces: What Is 'Local'?



Boston: laissez-faire sharing?



Loh 2014

“City leaders need to support and emphasize communal models of sharing that build solidarity and spread trust. In other words sharing systems must be designed around equity and justice.”



Sharing is what
makes cities work