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Review

"Despite the attention to the subject of global cities over the last few decades, few scholars have confronted the ways in which globalization is creating new forms of 'sub-urbanization.' Herzog's new book cleverly confronts this important topic for the rapidly growing metropolitan regions of the Americas. His expansive observations, lively writing and keen photographic eye combine to form a compelling narrative."

-Leslie Sklair, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, London School of Economics

"This is a well-researched and powerfully argued account of a key urban trend – the combination of unbridled consumerism and urban sprawl with highly negative impacts on health and civility. The choice of city cases innovates by making comparisons between US and Latin American cities, showing the overall similarities in their market driven, automobile dependent pattern of contemporary development."

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-Alex Krieger, Urban Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design, and Principal, NBBJ

"Will the twenty-first century city be dominated by suburban sprawl? If it is then, *Global Suburbs* predicts a grim future, with ecological breakdown, ill-health and diminished sense of place with the social city sacrificed for the 'quick buck' of 'fast urbanism'. Offering a brilliant critique of the suburb, starting in the US and moving through Mexico to Brazil, Larry Herzog makes an impassioned case for 'slow urbanism' and more convivial urban living."

-Gareth A Jones, Urban Geography, London School of Economics

"This is a depressing book. It is a story about the triumph not of the will but of the capitalist project... The take-home lesson is that the raw market model of urban expansion simply will not deliver the kind of urban living experience to which the new middle class aspire."

? Patrick Troy, Housing Studies

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