Land Economy

Question

Write an essay of approximately 1,000 words on the following prompt:

*Do people make places or do places make people?*

Background

Land Economy is a multidisciplinary field, drawing from law, economics, urban and regional planning, architecture, environmental and development studies, history, among others. Therefore, this prompt can be approached differently depending on your interests.

The purpose of this prompt is to challenge your understanding of the relationship between people and place, that is, how humans interact with the built environment and vice versa. A helpful starting point might be thinking about where you come from, where you live now, and why you or your family choose to live there. There is no right or wrong answer, but you should make an argument and support it using real-world examples and/or academic scholarship.

Helpful Resources

We do not expect you to have previous experience with Land Economy. You may be interested in exploring the following readings to guide your writing. The readings draw from various academic fields, so you should feel free to explore the prompt in interdisciplinary ways.

- Inequality at birth: [https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.101.3.1](https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.101.3.1)