



Land Economy

Question

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

Place is a constellation of processes and relationships rather than a physical entity. Discuss using examples.

Background

Land Economy is a multidisciplinary field, drawing from economics, urban and regional planning, architecture, law, 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 place and how the built environment relates to humans and human systems (legal, political, economic, social etc.). A helpful starting point might be to consider a place you know well – why do people go there? what goes on there? what feelings, sounds, images, groups do you connect with that place? how has it changed over time? There is no right or wrong answer, but you should make an argument and support it using real-world examples and/or academic scholarship.

The task

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.

- The history and future of place: <https://www.rics.org/news-insights/wbef/the-history-and-future-of-places-an-introduction>
- Theses on urbanization: [https://read.dukeupress.edu/public-culture/article/25/1%20\(69\)/85/31054](https://read.dukeupress.edu/public-culture/article/25/1%20(69)/85/31054)
- Place: <https://booksite.elsevier.com/brochures/hugy/SampleContent/Place.pdf>
- Urban Ecosystems: Why cities are key 'battlegrounds' in the fight against climate change: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/stories/urban-ecosystems/>
- Atmosphere, mood, and scientific explanation: <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fcomp.2023.1154737/full>
- Future of cities: <https://www.centreforcities.org/future-of-cities/>

If you cannot access any of the reading above through your school or library, please request a copy using [this link](#).