

Human Urbanism for Creating Safe and Friendly Environments

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This book introduces concepts of environment-behavior studies as it relates to everyday urban life. After first reviewing some of the factors making up the appeal of different cities in the world, which have all developed under varied conditions, it illustrates the theories behind how we humans look at, experience, explore, make sense of, and come to feel an affection for urban spaces. It then goes on to examine the mechanisms by which city dwellers are able to share the limited space available without disturbing each other; also considered are measures for crime and disaster prevention, with reference to many real-life examples and suggestions. The discussion ends with an overview of universal design, or environmental design that enables all members of society to access and use public spaces.

The book is intended not only for professional architects and urban planners, but also for beginning students of environmental design, general readers who wish to learn how to use their physical environment efficiently, and teachers of the younger generation—the future users of urban spaces. Rich photographs and illustrations ensure clear and easy understanding.