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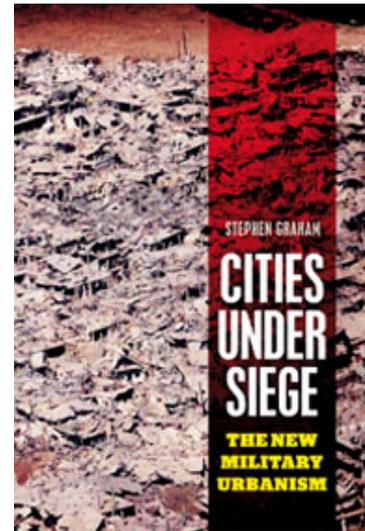
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Cities Under Siege

The New Military Urbanism

Stephen Graham

“Roll over Jane Jacobs: here’s urban geography as it looks like through the eye of a Predator at 25,000 feet. A fundamental and very scary report from the global red zone.” **Mike Davis**



- **Stephen Graham is available for interview and comment and *Cities Under Siege* is available for extraction.**
- Cities have become the new battleground of our increasingly urban world. From the slums of the global South to the wealthy financial centres of the West, *Cities Under Siege* traces the spread of political violence through the sites, spaces, infrastructure and symbols of the world’s rapidly expanding metropolitan areas.
- A new original study of the subtle interpenetration of global geopolitics and the micro-politics of cities and neighbourhoods from the ground-breaking expert of the rapidly rising, crucial, field of urban geopolitics – acts of war against cities and their inhabitants.
- Drawing on a wealth of original research, Stephen Graham uncovers the New Military Urbanism that now permeates the entire fabric of our urban lives, from subway and transport systems hardwired with high-tech “command and control” systems and the infection of civilian policy with all-pervasive “security” discourses; to the militarization of popular culture.
- Graham diagnoses the ‘boomerang effect’ pattern in New Military urbanism, just as in the nineteenth century when European colonial nations imported the fingerprinting, panoptic prisons and Haussmanization; strategies of control pioneered on colonized frontiers.
- Now, through the dominance of the techniques of Western military technology and science, city-dwellers become targets that need to be continually tracked, scanned, controlled and targeted, armies become high-tech urban counter-insurgency forces. Graham examines the transformation of Western militaries into high-tech urban counter-insurgency forces, the militarization and surveillance of international borders, the use of “security” concerns to suppress democratic dissent, and the enacting of legislation suspending “normal” civilian law.

Further praise for *Cities Under Siege*

“Powerful exposé of how contemporary political violence now operates through infrastructures of everyday urban life.” *Bookseller*

“A brilliant critique of the deadly embrace of military violence and contemporary urbanism. Steve Graham writes with immense power and lucidity, layering detail over detail and image over image to expose the shadows that are falling across cities around the world. This is not a dystopian future but the present, and Graham compels us to open our eyes to the dangers military urbanism poses to contemporary democracy.” Derek Gregory, University of British Columbia, author of *The Colonial Present*

“*Cities Under Siege* is a detailed and intense forensics of new urban frontiers, laboratories of the extreme where experiments with new urban conditions are being undertaken. In this fascinating new work Steven Graham has created a novel concept of the city, looking at war as the limit condition of urbanity and calling for an alternative urban life yet to come.” Eyal Weizman, director, Centre for Research Architecture, University of London, author of *Hollow Land*

Praise for *Splintering Urbanism*

“*Splintering Urbanism* is an enormously important book. It connects new (digital) aspects with conventional infrastructural conditions and challenges.” Saskia Sassen, University of Chicago and LSE

Splintering Urbanism's great strengths are its global perspective, its wide range of material and case studies, and the ways these are integrated to form new ways of looking at cities.” Steven Pinch, University of Southampton

“Both interesting and important. It addresses the notion of the network city in a profound way ... a promising and fruitful approach.” *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*

“*Splintering Urbanism* is a significant work and achievement.” *Urban Studies*

Praise for *Cities, War and Terrorism*

“This is a brilliant, disturbing book.” Derek Gregory, University of British Columbia

“*Cities, War and Terrorism* is a rare accomplishment. ... It provides the first, original investigation of the urbanisation of modern conflict.” David Campbell, University of Durham

“This book must, and will, change the way urban researchers and planners think about and explore city regions. ... Purposely provocative and deeply disturbing.” Leonie Sandercock, University of British Columbia

“This volume provides a fascinating, and immensely broad-ranging, call to understand the complex inter-relationships between geopolitical forces and those resilient urban lives.” *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religion*

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NOTE TO EDITORS

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