

# How to Be a YIMBY: Market Urbanism and Regional Economics

O'Neil Center Advanced Undergraduate Reading Group Syllabus

Fall 2019

Primary Reading:

Ed Glaeser. 2012. *The Triumph of the City: How Our Greatest Invention Made Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier, and Happier*. New York: Penguin.

## 1. Motivation from the Street Level

William Easterly, Laura Freschi, and Steven Pennings. 2016. "A Long History of a Short Block: Four Centuries of Development Surprises on a Single Stretch of a New York City Street." *DRI Working Paper* no. 97, <http://www.nyudri.org/research-index/2016/greenestjune?rq=greene%20street>

Explore the paper's website: <http://www.greenestreet.nyc/>

F.A. Hayek. 1945. "The Use of Knowledge in Society." *American Economic Review* 35, no. 4: 519-530.

## 2. Glaeser I

Glaeser Introduction, Chapter 1, and Chapter 2: p. 1-68

OPTIONAL Econtalk: <http://www.econtalk.org/glaeser-on-cities/>

## Glaeser II

Glaeser Chapters 3 and 4: p. 69-116

## 4. Glaeser III

Glaeser Chapters 5 and 6: p. 117-164

## 5. Glaeser IV

Glaeser Chapters 7 and 8: p. 165-222

## 6. Glaeser V

Glaeser Chapter 9, Chapter 10, and Conclusion: p. 223-270

## **7. Government Sponsored Racial Injustice at the Local Level**

Preface and Chapters 2, 3, 9, & 11 from Richard Rothstein. 2017. *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*. New York: Liverlight, p. vii-xvii, 17-58, 139-152, & 177-194.

REQUIRED Cato Daily Podcast: <https://www.cato.org/multimedia/cato-daily-podcast/color-law-forgotten-history-how-our-government-segregated-america>

## **8. The Housing Crisis Was Not What You Think**

Introduction and Chapters 6, 7, and 9 of Kevin Erdmann. 2018. *Shut Out: How a Housing Shortage Caused the Great Recession and Crippled Our Economy*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, p. 1-12, 139-179, & 199-220.

REQUIRED Macro Musings Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/macro-musings/kevinerdmann>

## **9. Charter Cities, or Solving the World's Problems through Local Governance**

Introduction and Chapters 1.2, 1.5, 1.6, 2.1, 3.6, and 3.8 of Tom W. Bell. 2017. *Your Next Government? From the Nation State to Stateless Nations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, p. 1-3, 14-27, 45-74, 169-184, and 219-233.

## **10. Texas and Current Events**

Brittany Nunn. 2014. "Night and Day: The Transformation of Lower Greenville." *Advocate Lakewood/East Dallas*, <https://lakewood.advocatemag.com/2014/09/29/night-day/>

Connor Harris. 2018. *Lone Star Slowdown? How Land-Use Regulation Threatens the Future of Texas*. Manhattan Institute, <https://media4.manhattan-institute.org/sites/default/files/R-CH-1218.pdf>

Kriston Capps. 2018. "2018 Was the Year of the YIMBY." Citylab, <https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/12/single-family-housing-zoning-nimby-yimby-minneapolis/577750/>

Peter Simek. 2018. "Inside the Battle for Plano's Future." *D Magazine*, <https://www.dmagazine.com/publications/d-magazine/2018/december/inside-the-legal-battle-for-planos-future/>

REQUIRED Macro Musings Podcast: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/salim-furth-on-land-use-regulations-rise-nimbyism-options/id1099277290?i=1000442513703>