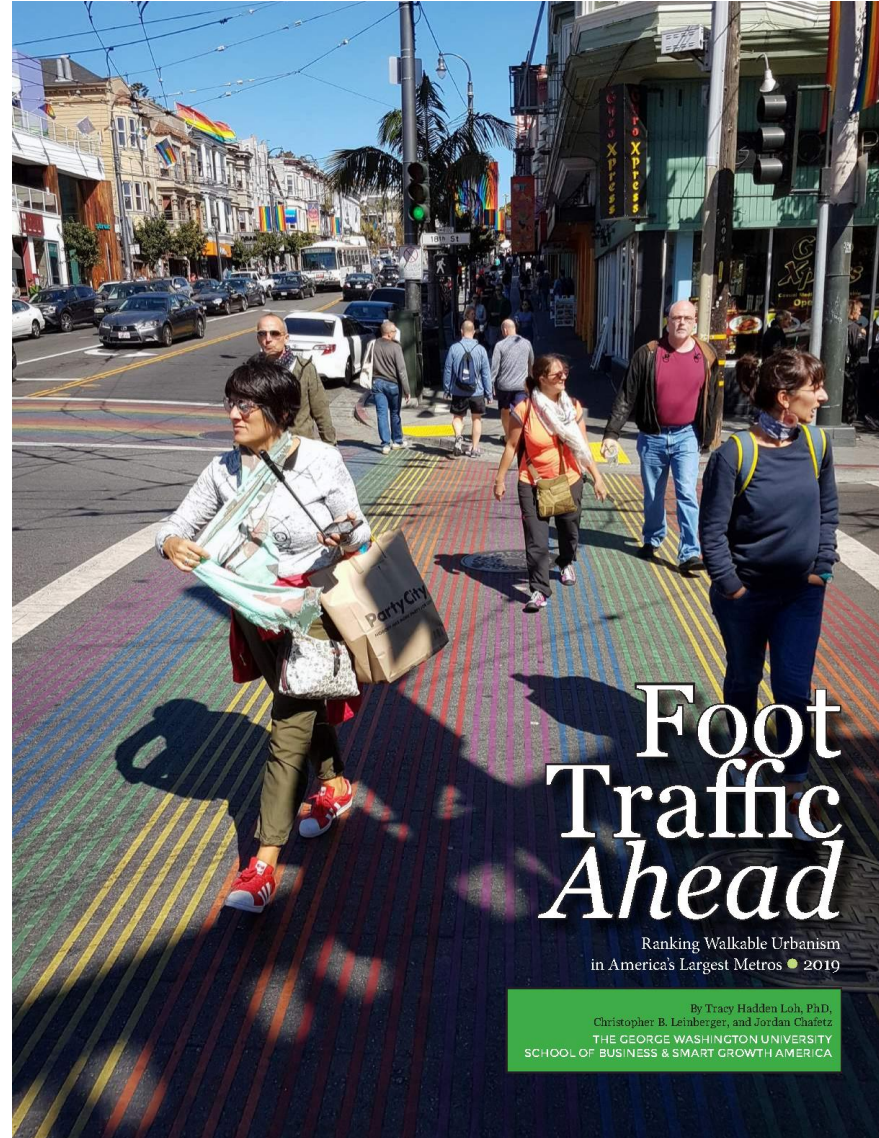




SUSTAINABILITY

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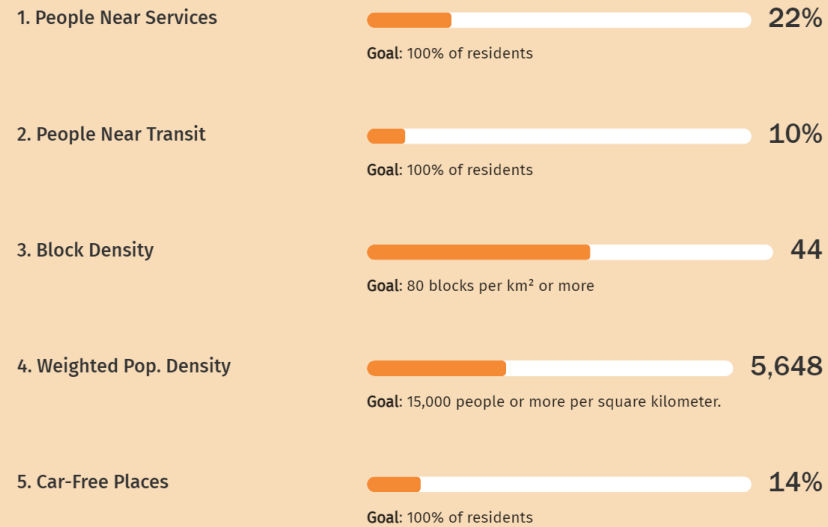
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* Walkable Urban Places (Type I)



Walkability in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana [USA]



Walkability in London [GBR]



Walkability in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana (USA) versus London (GBR)
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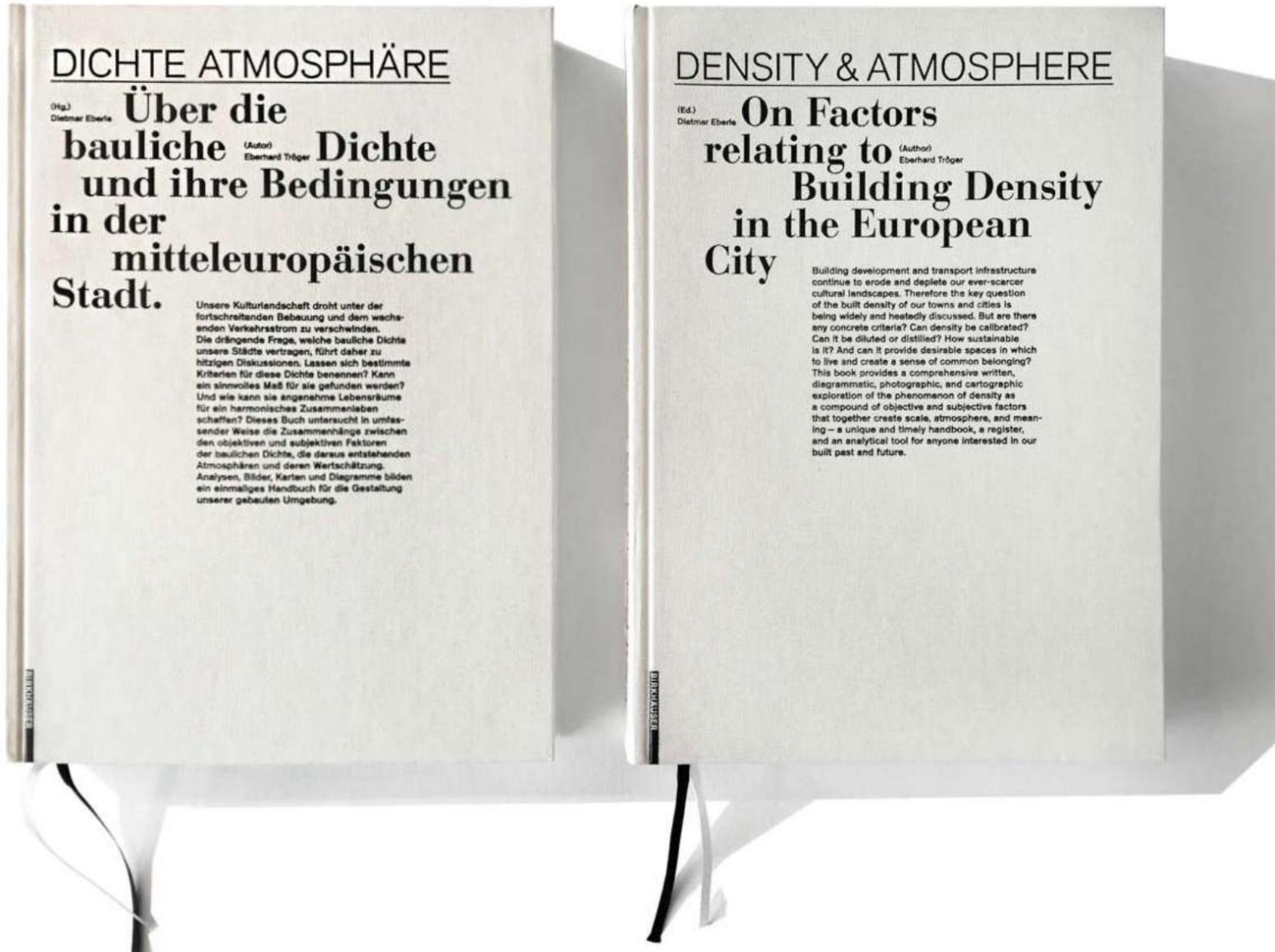
The 15-Minute City



1.2 percent of the landmass*
6.8 percent of the population
19.1 percent of the real GDP

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* WalkUPs (Type I) are about 0.2% of all the land in the largest 35 metros, while walkable neighborhoods (Type II) are about 0.9%.



DICHTe ATMOSPHERE
(Hg.)
Dietmar Eberle **Über die**
bauliche (Autor)
Eberhard Tröger **Dichte**
und ihre Bedingungen
in der
mitteleuropäischen
Stadt.

Unsere Kulturlandschaft droht unter der fortschreitenden Bebauung und dem wachsenden Verkehrsstrom zu verschwinden. Die dringende Frage, welche bauliche Dichte unsere Städte vertragen, führt daher zu hitzigen Diskussionen. Lassen sich bestimmte Kriterien für diese Dichte benennen? Kann ein sinnvolles Maß für sie gefunden werden? Und wie kann sie angenehme Lebensräume für ein harmonisches Zusammenleben schaffen? Dieses Buch untersucht in umfassender Weise die Zusammenhänge zwischen den objektiven und subjektiven Faktoren der baulichen Dichte, die daraus entstehenden Atmosphären und deren Wertschätzung. Analysen, Bilder, Karten und Diagramme bilden ein einmaliges Handbuch für die Gestaltung unserer bebauten Umgebung.

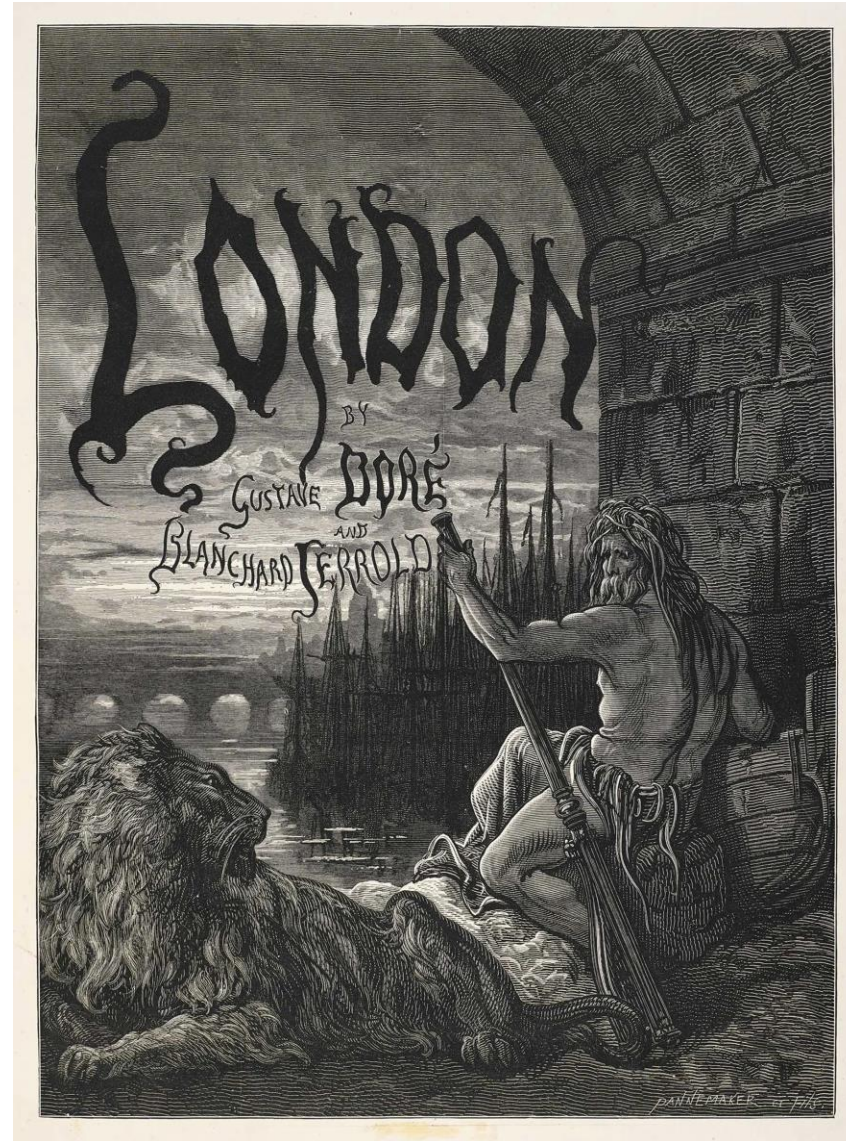
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Building development and transport infrastructure continue to erode and deplete our ever-scarcer cultural landscapes. Therefore the key question of the built density of our towns and cities is being widely and heatedly discussed. But are there any concrete criteria? Can density be calibrated? Can it be diluted or distilled? How sustainable is it? And can it provide desirable spaces in which to live and create a sense of common belonging? This book provides a comprehensive written, diagrammatic, photographic, and cartographic exploration of the phenomenon of density as a compound of objective and subjective factors that together create scale, atmosphere, and meaning – a unique and timely handbook, a register, and an analytical tool for anyone interested in our built past and future.

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Dudley Street, Seven Dials



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Wentworth Street, Whitechapel



Wentworth St in Whitechapel, London, UK, 22 August 2018 (Source: Barnimages)



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Bethnal Green in 2021 (area: 1.186 sq. km): 21,090 residents
Population density = **17,800 residents per sq. km**



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London in 2018: **32.6 m² floorspace per person**



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