

Reading list for Land use, markets and planning: ‘The physical city’

This is a non-exhaustive list of papers, selected to give a flavor of the types of questions, methods, and data researchers use on topics related to land markets in developing countries.

(*): key papers discussed in the lectures

1. Land, Slums, and Building Cities

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Gonzalez-Navarro, M., & Undurraga, R. (2023). [Immigration and Slums.](#)

Harari, N. and Wong, M. (2024). [Colonial Legacy and Land Market Formality.](#)

* Harari, M., & Wong, M. (2024). [Slum Upgrading and Long-Run Urban Development: Evidence from Indonesia.](#) *The Review of Economic Studies*, forthcoming.

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Jedwab, R., Loungani, P., & Yezer, A. (2021). Comparing Cities in Developed and Developing Countries: Population, Land Area, Building Height and Crowding. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 86, 103609. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.regsciurbeco.2020.103609>

Lall, S., Lebrand, M., Park, H., Sturm, D., & Venables, A. (2021). [Pancakes to Pyramids](#) (World Bank Publications - Reports No. 35684). The World Bank Group.

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2. Titling

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Field, E. (2007). Entitled to Work: Urban Property Rights and Labor Supply in Peru. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122(4), 1561–1602. <https://doi.org/10.1162/qjec.2007.122.4.1561>

Galiani, S., & Scharfrodsky, E. (2010). Property Rights for the Poor: Effects of Land Titling. *Journal of Public Economics*, 94(9), 700–729. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2010.06.002>

Manara, M., & Regan, T. (2022). Ask a Local: Improving the Public Pricing of Land Titles in Urban Tanzania. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 1–44. https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_01247

3. Housing:

Armentano, V., McIntosh, C., Monestier, F., Piñeiro-Rodríguez, R., Rosenblatt, F., Tuñón, G. (2024). Movin' on Up? The Impacts of a Large-Scale Housing Lottery in Uruguay. *Journal of Public Economics*, 235, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0047272724000744>

Barnhardt, S., Field, E., & Pande, R. (2017). Moving to Opportunity or Isolation? Network Effects of a Randomized Housing Lottery in Urban India. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 9(1), 1–32. <https://doi.org/10.1257/app.20150397>

Belchior, C. A., Gonzaga, G., Ulysea, G. [Unpacking Neighborhood Effects: Experimental Evidence from a Large-Scale Housing Program in Brazil](#). 2023.

Camacho, A., Duque, V., Gilraine, M., & Sanchez, F. (2022). *The Effects of Public Housing on Children: Evidence from Colombia*. National Bureau of Economic Research. <https://doi.org/10.3386/w30090>

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Franklin, S. (2020). Enabled to Work: The Impact of Government Housing on Slum Dwellers in South Africa. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 118, 103265. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2020.103265>

Kumar, T. (2021). The Housing Quality, Income, and Human Capital Effects of Subsidized Homes in Urban India. *Journal of Development Economics*, 153, 102738. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2021.102738>

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Wang, Shing-Yi. (2011). State Misallocation and Housing Prices: Theory and Evidence from China. *American Economic Review*, 101 (5): 2081–2107. <https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.101.5.2081>

4. Regulation and taxation:

Anagol, S., Ferreira, F., & Rexer, J. M. (2021). [Estimating the Economic Value of Zoning Reform](#) (NBER Working Papers No. 29440). National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

Brockmeyer, A., Estefan, A., Ramírez Arras, K., & Suárez Serrato, J. C. (2021). Taxing Property in Developing Countries: Theory and Evidence from Mexico. National Bureau of Economic Research. <https://doi.org/10.3386/w28637>

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