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The Frontiers of Urban Change in Jakarta: Urbanisms of the Majority and Urbanisms of Finance

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The durability of central city residential districts in Jakarta, as well as in other large metropolitan systems of the majority world, has largely been attained through intricate intersections of the social, built and material environment, as these intersections are continuously remade through shifting constellations of the incremental initiatives of residents. Things aren't only what they seem to be and most plans to develop neighborhoods end up creating possibilities that were not anticipated. So a plurality of efforts brings out a wide range of capacities from available things that then become the resourcefulness of a given neighborhood in face of the constant volatility of urban life.

These collective efforts are becoming increasingly difficult—as mega-developments begin to take up more and more space and impose their own assumptions and practices of urban life. What is happening at the frontiers between these different kinds of urbanisms? How can the intense mixtures of built and physical environments be replenished as provocations and platforms for complex social maneuvers?