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# SHANGHAI

Urban Collages & Spatial Strategies

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Basemap: Fortune, 2012.

PRE-1840 Walled Town ARCHI-CITTÀ









1840 — 1900 Colonial Settlements ARCHI-CITTÀs | ASSEMBLAGE























1949 – 1990 The 1959 Masterplan + Model Projects CINE-CITTÀ | BRICOLAGE × PHOTOMONTAGE







## NEW TOWNS + RING ROAD

# TELE-CITTÀ | BRICOLAGE × PHOTOMONTAGE × RHIZOMIC ASSEMBLAGE









**1990 – PRESENT** New Towns + Ring Road

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1920 – 1949 "The Greater Shanghai Plan" (Chinese Downtown) CINE-CITTÀ | BRICOLAGE

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ARCHI-CITTÀS | ASSEMBLAGE × BRICOLAGE

PRE-1800 Walled Town

ARCHI-CITTÀ

SHANGHAI: SPATIAL STRATEGIES 1800 - 2020



#### URBANSCAPE



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# SHANGHAI: AN URBAN TIMELINE

PRE-1840 Walled Town ARCHI-CITTÀ









#### WALLED TOWN

SHANGHAI [上海] emerged as a waterfront town that can be traced back to late 13th Century.

In the 16th Century, a city wall with moats was constructed by local people to defend against pirates.

Many roads in the old town are formed through subsequent fills of historic waterways.



Ziming Wang, based on Zhou Zhenhe: Historic Atlas of Shanghai (1999). 基于周振鹤:上海历史地图集 (1999).

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1840 — 1900 Colonial Settlements ARCHI-CITTÀs | ASSEMBLAGE









#### COLONIAL SETTLEMENTS

After Qing Empire was defeated by the British Empire in the Opium War of 1840, Shanghai was forced to open as a treaty port. France and the U.S. followed the British Empire in seizing lands and developing colonial settlements in Shanghai.

Before the British and U.S. Concessions merged into the International Settlement in 1863, each settlement – as well as the Chinese City – had its own government.

Shanghai became an assemblage of Archi-Cittàs (or Enclaves).



1840—1900 | Colonial Settlements | ARCHE-CITTÀs | ASSEMBLAGE PUBLIC SPACE: Mixed / Segregated Urbanscapes













#### COLONIAL SETTLEMENT EXPANSION

Since the late 19th Century, the International Settlement – under the direction of its Municipal Council – started a massive movement to construct roads beyond its boundary as defined in the Land Charter.

The expanded areas were subject to the Internal Settlement's police, tax, and judicial regulations.

The west end of the newly constructed roads was the golf & race course owned by British merchants.

Through this expansion, the BRICOLAGE effect started to happen, which also marks the emergence of the "City-as-a-Machine."





1900–1920 | Colonial Settlement Expansion | ARCHE-CITTÀs | BRICOLAGE PUBLIC SPACE: Hongqiao Road – Colonial Armature



1900–1920 | Colonial Settlement Expansion | ARCHE-CITTÀs | BRICOLAGE PUBLIC SPACE: The Huangpu River Armature















#### THE GREATER SHANGHAI PLAN

As the Nationalist Government (Republic of China) takes office, it put forward a masterplan known as The Greater Shanghai Plan in 1929 with an intention to create a modern Chinese downtown that is able to compete with foreign settlements.

Although never fully executed due to the WWII, this plan marks the beginning of the city's CINE-CITTÀ era. Architectural and urban design in the Greater Shanghai Plan era is influenced by both Beaux-Arts traditions and the rise of Chinese Modernism.





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#### MASTERPLAN + MODEL PROJECTS

The next major masterplan of Shanghai happened in 1959, with planners of the Soviet Union serving as consultants. This masterplan is largely contextual in nature, with an intention to bring different built sections of Shanghai together into a more homogenous texture through the implementation of Ring Roads.

New constructions are limited in number until the 1990s. The most notable constructions in this era are model housing & public projects photomontaged into the city's existing fabrics.



1949–1990 | Masterplan + Model Projects | CINE-CITTÀ | BRICOLAGE × PHOTOMONTAGE PUBLIC SPACE: PHOTOMONTAGE



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有哪些生心休闲死点?本报记者 可沿岸425项重点提升项目计划 或建设。随着市容环境整治的精 民漫步苏州河,将能感受到这条 风情。2020年是苏州河岸线贯

通之年。相关负责人表示,中心城区42公里岸线 已贯通近36公里,年底将实现全线不"断"。

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#### 1850-PRESENT | Mapping of Longtang Housing [弄堂]

Timeline of Longtang's Development as a Representative Residential Form of Shanghai

