

Recombinant Urbanism
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Ciji Palace



1612



Xiamen occupies an important military position against Taiwan and is gate of Southeast China

1839 British Occupation: 1839-1842 First Opium Wars

1843 Under the Nanjing Treaty of 1843, Xiamen was opened as one of five treaty ports for foreign trade, previously limited only to Canton.

1938 Japanese Occupation: 1938-1945 Sino-Japanese War/WW II

1895 Jumpstart of Xiamen's urban development

In 1895, when Japan occupied Taiwan, Xiamen ceased to serve as the center of Taiwan's foreign trade.

However, due the British colonial economy in Southeast Asia, the demand for labor increased, so many Xiamen residents moved there.

It also served as the gathering place of returning Chinese diaspora.

1949 Xiamen became a provincially administered city

1955

The Gaoji Causeway connected Xiamen Island into a peninsula

Shells launched from Xiamen to nearby Kinmen Islands of Taiwan during the 1st and 2nd Taiwan Strait Crises

1980

Deng Xiaoping's economic reforms makes Xiamen one of the first four special economic zones in 1980

1988

Xiamen was promoted to sub-provincial status and began to be specially considered in China's state planning.

2001

Governments of PRC and Taiwan initiate "Three Mini-Links." Trade and travel between Xiamen and Kinmen Island was restored and later expanded to include all of Taiwan

2010-now

Expansion into surrounding suburbs outside of Xiamen Island: Jimei, Haicang, Tongan, Xiang'an districts.

More dense urban development focusing on industrial, high-tech districts, as well as a boom in residential development, public infrastructure, and entertainment venues for tourism.



262 Tongan county was set up.

933 Tong'an County was again established in 933 under the Later Tang.

968 Song Dynasty put the Xiamen area on the map. Opening a sea port for foreign trade

1058 Imperial troops stationed in Xiamen

1282 1,000 soldiers oversaw political and military affairs in the "Thousand Households District."

1387 "Xiamen City" was created in the Ming Dynasty, meaning "the Gate of the nation".

1400 As a defense against Japanese invasion, Xiamen was fitted with heavily fortified walls

1516 Portuguese(1516) and Spanish(1575) traded with Xiamen.



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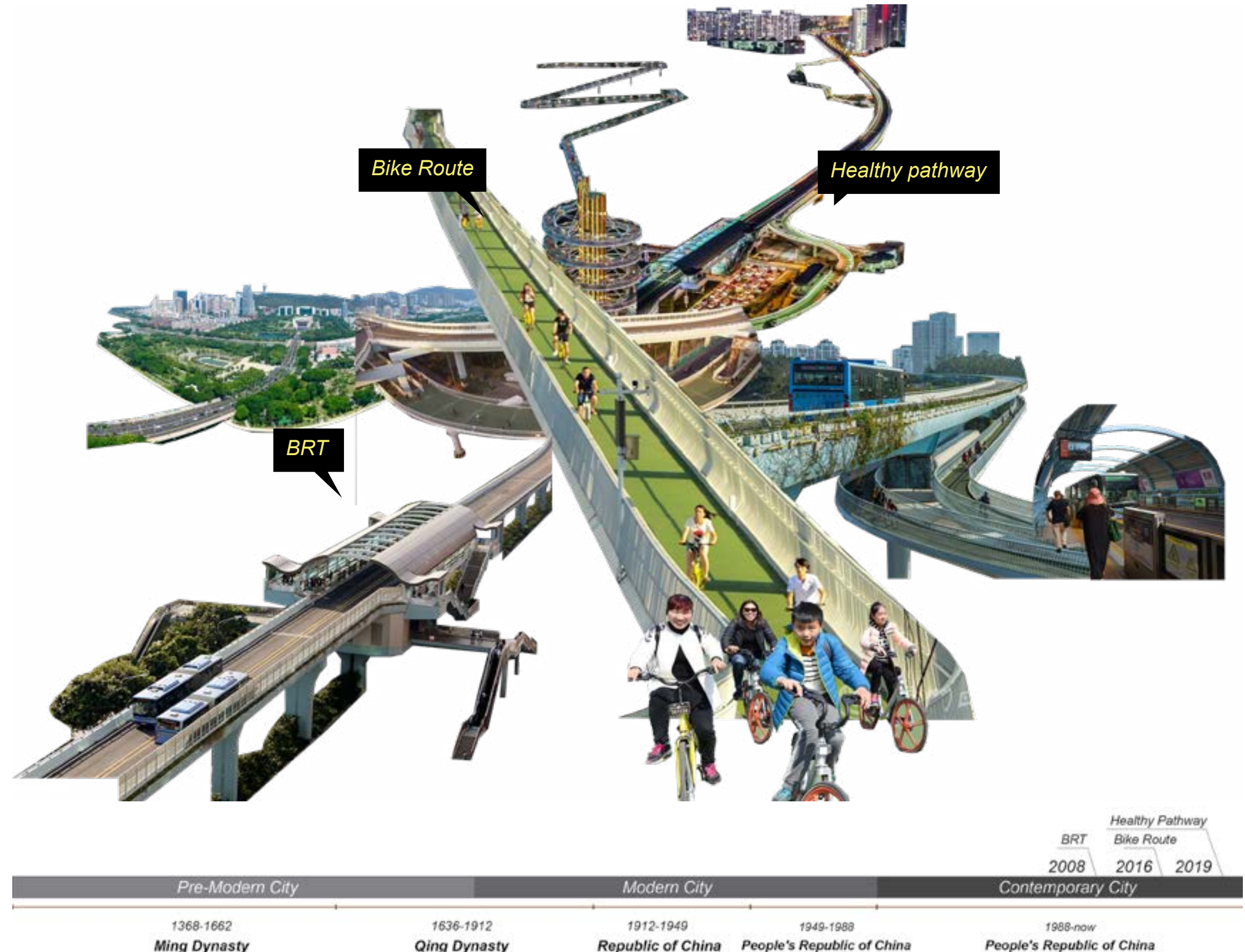
1612 The Qing annexed Taiwan and designated Xiamen as an important hub for trade between Fujian and Taiwan

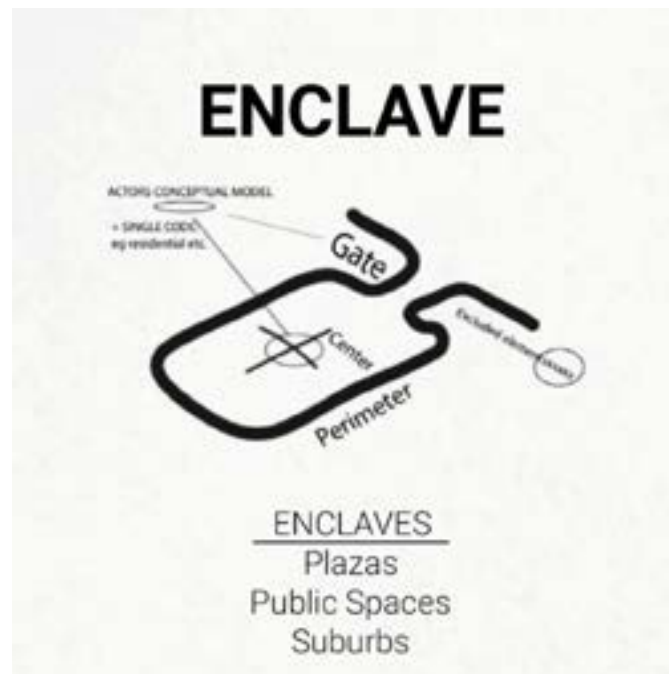




The Xiamen City Healthy Pathway Across the Island project is a trail that stitches together many of the city's public spaces— including parks, mountains, and plazas— across varying elevated and ground-level pedestrian pathways.

Xiamen's BRT system was the first in China, connecting many key points while facilitating new transit-oriented development. The Xiamen bicycle skyway cover five residential areas and three business centers, together creating a recombinate armature transport system for pedestrians, buses, and bicycles.





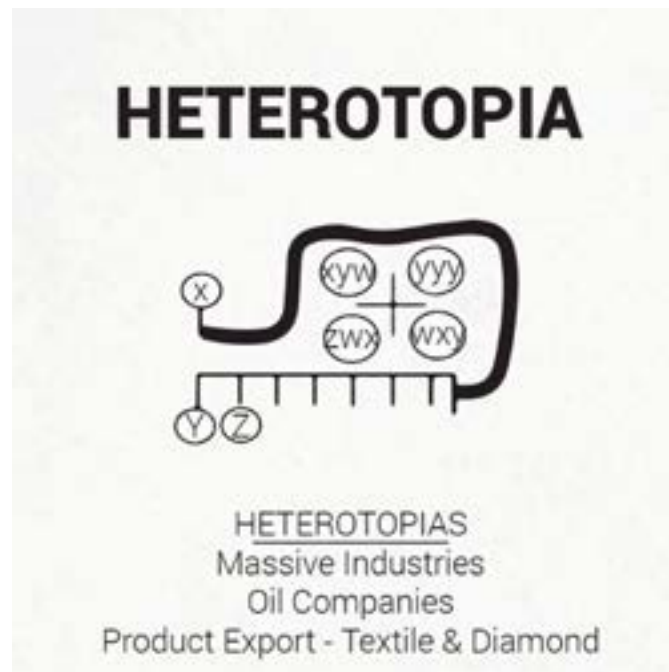
Xiamen university is an exmple of enclave that allows only certain people to access its facilities. Visible fences such as the main gate seperate people allowed and not allowed inside.

The campus is also bordered by a road, seperating it from the rest of the city. Invisible fences, such as ID cards works as a soft boundary. There is a major gathering point in the middle of campus for informal and formal public gatherings. The university is located near Shapowei, a former fishermen's village turned into tourist attraction.



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Shapowei is a traditional fishermen's community and the birthplace of Xiamen. With the construction of Yanwu bridge in 2003 and Shimao tower in 2015, Shapowei lost its access to the lake. The native fishing community gradually diminished until 2015, when the government completely shut the area down.

Recently, due to the prime location adjacent to Xiamen University, Huandao Road tourist belt, and Zhongshan Road business district, Shapowei has become the most popular tourist attraction. In addition, the Shapowei community brands as "Western Art District" as a catalyst to stimulate the revival of the "old community" in order to attract young people.



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