

Social Innovation, Change and the Future of Resilient Communities in Tokyo

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Abstract : The paper will introduce and discuss specific examples of urban practices which take place within the dynamic urban landscape of contemporary Tokyo. The rising interest and importance of derelict places as resilient and creative clusters will be analysed, before relating this to the rediscovery of small urban niches and the emergence of different forms of social entrepreneurs. Secondly, two different case study areas will be introduced before discussing different forms of hybrid lifestyles, social micro scale enterprises and social innovations, understanding the concept of 'small places of resilience' as zones of human interaction, desire and care in which spontaneous practices take place.

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