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Whose cities do we mean when we talk about the urban age, and who gets to say what a city is? For a century the theory came from London, Chicago and Paris. Colin McFarlane, a leading figure in comparative urbanism, asks what happens when Mumbai, Shanghai and Lagos are treated not as exceptions but as the places where the urban future is being made.

Colin McFarlane is Professor of Geography at Durham University. He is the author of *Learning the City* (2011), *Fragments of the City* (2021), and *Waste and the City: The Crisis of Sanitation and the Right to Citylife* (2023), winner of the 2025 Global Cities Book Award.

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