Do metropolises have a gender?

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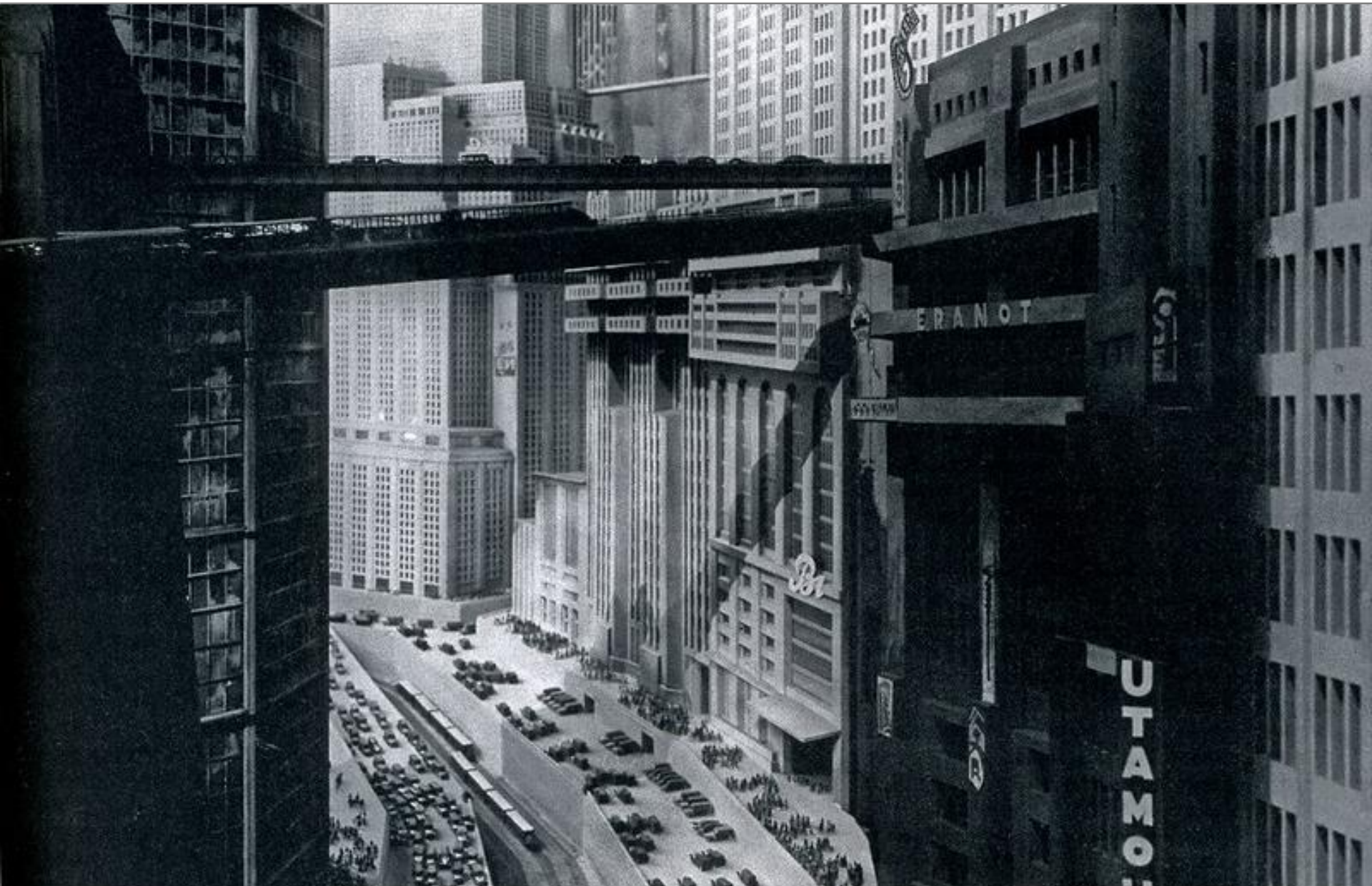

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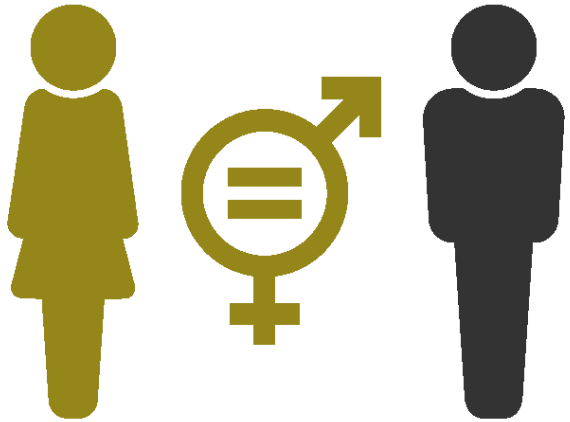
The most tangible aspects of urban spaces

Let's talk about patriarchy

Private/feminine **Public/masculine**



Reproductive role **Productive role**

Invisibilised **Recognised**

Unpaid **Paid**

- Sexual division of labor places women and men in separate spaces with different roles
- Roles attributed to men and women have determined the rights of both
- Man visions are privileged, excluding all those visions different from his own
- Hierarchies for the access to rights and opportunities
- Gender inequalities naturalized

Let’s talk about the Right to the City

Patriarchal system: social conventions, models and practices

Unequal representation in decision-making processes

Public policies designed for and by only one part of society: **men**

Restricted access to resources and essential services

Violence and oppressions: gender disparities

Limited rights as citizens

Gender blind governance

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Governance models remain gender blind when…

… they don't recognize women as legitimate political actors due to cultural gender norms and stereotyped sex roles.

… procedures and processes of governing do not provide the space to bring on board women's specific interests.

… even if gender concerns are considered by institutions of urban governance, these still fail to implement the changes required.

Facts & figures

Women in the workforce: Women make up

41%

of the metropolitan labour market

Who can fix gender discrimination? Only

28%

of elected city councillors are women

Educating the next generation of women leaders: Primary and secondary school **educational enrolment** includes 86% of girls, but in some places, it is as low as

28%

But there is a gender pay gap: **Women earn**

46%

less than men

However,

44%

of metropolises have at least one type of tool or measure to **promote equal opportunities for women**

Drawn from our **metropolitan indicators**

How can we build metropolises without inequalities, exclusions and segregations?

That's what gender mainstreaming is about!

Incorporating **the gender perspective** in urban planning is about considering the **needs, opinions and experiences of the entire population in the same degree of importance**

to put at the centre the daily life

Safe

Sustainable

Community participation

Efficient

Caring

Inclusive

Transformative tools...

- **Planning focused on the sustainability of daily life:** giving priority to all those tasks and needs that make life possible in our metropolises

- **Voice, visibility and decision from everyone.** It means to consider the needs, life styles and knowledge of daily life and the plurality of uses that are crucial for sustaining livelihoods in urban areas

… and strategies for sound metropolitan governance

- **Participatory frameworks and tools** to strength citizenship involvement
- **Inclusive mechanisms** that allow women to have decision-making powers and enter public and political arenas
- **Accountability of governance institutions** to women in order to enhance responsiveness
- Develop **inclusive processes for community based consultations** of women, especially poor women, youth and minority groups
- Take steps that encourage and ensure that **women and girls become active participants**
- **Multi-level and context-sensitive decentralized governance**

Sounds good, but how does this work in practice?

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Bogotá, Colombia

A **public space safety audit** was conducted using a map-based mobile and desktop app, throug which nreighborhoods are scored by the parameters that make women feel more or less safe, such a lighting, openess, visibility, crowdness, etc.

Mashhad, Iran

The **Girls' Leadership Programme** reaches girls from ages 8 to 11 for educational training on urban sustainability, promoting long-term civic engagement

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Thanks!

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