“Liveable Cities”, literally, refers to cities that have favorable living conditions. In fact, “liveability” is quite a broad term that has no single definition. In this reading list, we look into the concept from five fundamental and indispensable aspects of a city – Economy, Environment, Governance, Living, and Mobility. Then, a couple of case studies are given to share the experience of developing and maintaining a sustainable, resilient, and liveable city.

The list contains over 60 resources published in the past 2 years and aims to offer insight from various reliable sources. This includes research centers, journals, award features, consulting firms, and more.

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Overview

Providing a general idea of liveable cities, how to shape one, what are needed, and the possible challenges


Centre for Liveable Cities, & Civil Service College. (2014). Liveable & sustainable cities: A framework. Singapore: Centre for Liveable, & Civil Service College. Also available @ Main Library General Lending (HT169 LIV)


A city’s affordability to become liveable, which requires maintaining a holistic and diverse economy


Also available @ Main Library General Lending (HE560.12 URB)


Environment

This aspect contributes directly and largely to a city’s liveability, in terms of environmental health and sustainability.


Centre for Liveable Cities. (2015). Built by Singapore: From slums to a sustainable built environment. Singapore: Centre for Liveable Cities. Also available @ Main Library General Lending (HD205 BUI)

Centre for Liveable Cities. (2016). Cleaning a nation: Cultivating a healthy living environment. Singapore: Centre for Liveable Cities. Also available @ Main Library General Lending (RA566.512 URB)


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Governance

Urban governance concerns strategic planning and policy making for the development of a liveable city.


**Centre for Liveable Cities.** (2016). *Transformative partnerships: Case studies on urban governance.* Singapore: Centre for Liveable Cities.


Also available @ Main Library General Lending (HT169.12 CHA)


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This aspect embodies social and psychological health of all communities in a liveable city


Mobility

Urban mobility helps boost the formation of a liveable city through green commuting and intelligent logistics


Also available @ Main Library General Lending (T165.5 CRE)


Case Studies

Learn from these cities on how to culture and retain the city’s sustainability, resilience, and liveability

Horan, E., Craven, J., & Goulding, R. (2014). Sustainable urban development and liveability. How can Melbourne retain its title as the world’s most liveable city and strive for sustainability at the same time? European Journal of Sustainable Development, 3(4), 61-70.


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