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Resources.Lab is an international forum for knowledge production about future urban environments, at Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, Sweden. Resources.Lab utilizes design-based research methods to explore the potentials of urban environments in an unpredictable world of increasing social division and uneven distribution of resources. How is change taking place within the global cities? As the global city today is driven by market forces rather than by ideas of planning as it has been taught in a European "tradition", the essence of what we call "citieness" – socio-economic diversity and a diversity of typologies, spaces and activities – is lost. Many urban theoreticians today are therefore pointing towards the so-called informal or the auto-constructed settlements, as environments producing real alternatives and new thinking for the urban. Although created as small-scaled, local and incremental processes, these interventions have possible far-reaching effects on the urban development and the society as a whole.

What tools and methods are produced within the realm of the self-organized city? What role do infrastructural and educational resources play in the creation of the empowered citizen? How can new educational programs and collaborations meet with local practices and give real offers to the urban transformations? What impact do the initiatives from the ground have on the urban agenda?

