

A city that forbids us from breathing?! The pros and cons of urbanization

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The paper is devoted to the analysis of the essence, scale, and consequences of the urbanization process in global and national contexts. The study examines contemporary urbanization trends, examples of highly urbanized countries, and Georgia's position in the international framework. Particular attention is paid to the urbanization process of Tbilisi, population growth, and the related social, environmental, and infrastructural challenges.

The paper analyzes the main problems facing the capital, including traffic circulation, air and environmental pollution, intensive construction, and negative impacts on public health. It also discusses the driving factors of urbanization—economic concentration, infrastructural advantages, and migration from the regions. The concluding section presents possible solutions to urban challenges within the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11.