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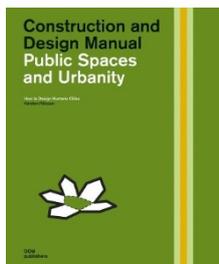
Public Spaces and Urbanity

How to Design Humane Cities

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The European tradition of the dense classical city marks the point of departure for this book. Special emphasis is placed on physical and spatial parameters, on development patterns and building types, on the guiding principles governing access, and on interconnections with public roads and pathways – all of which form the foundations of urban life as well as cities that provide safety and security.

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