



# The Impact of Globalization on Cities

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## ABSTRACT

*A lot of cities nowadays are changing substantially due to the influence of globalization. The most significant impact of globalization is in cities, because the cities are becoming the rulers of the countries. In this process, a variety of urban developments on different platforms are awaiting cities. These developments are discussed on different dimensions. Here, the globalization process and the effects this process has on the understanding of city management, urban space and urban law are tried to be revealed. In sum, the effects of globalization on cities and the concept of world cities are forming. In the context of problems of globalization, the effects of globalization on economic, cultural, social, spatial and environmental values and understanding of management are examined. It was established that globalization also includes the increased movement of people, products, ideas, images, lifestyles, policies and capital and that it affects cities through local and global dynamics which in turn causes macro-urban and micro-urban changes. Conclusions were made that globalization tends to affect a lot of spatial, economic and social patterns which in turn affects cities but does not result in the same spatial patterns.*

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## Introduction

Globalization is one of the most dominating topics around the world and covers a lot of aspects which range from economics, politics, religion to social elements. The extent to which globalization has been influencing economic and social elements has been so significant that researchers like Brenner (1999) and Healey et al., (1997) consider it a global phenomenon just like its name implies.

Globalization consists of a lot of aspects and elements. Some of them tend to interfere and contrast with each other and therefore its meaning is always subject to a lot of different

definitions. Globalization can be defined as the continued increase in the movement of commodities, capital, images, identities and people through a global space (Jessop, 1998). A study by Amin and Thrift (1994), considers that globalization is not limited to the movement of physical things such as products and people but can also extends to include intangible things such as ideas. Thus, we can re-define globalization as the increased

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