



CityLife

A bioarchaeological study of 1,800 years of resilience and adaptation to urbanity

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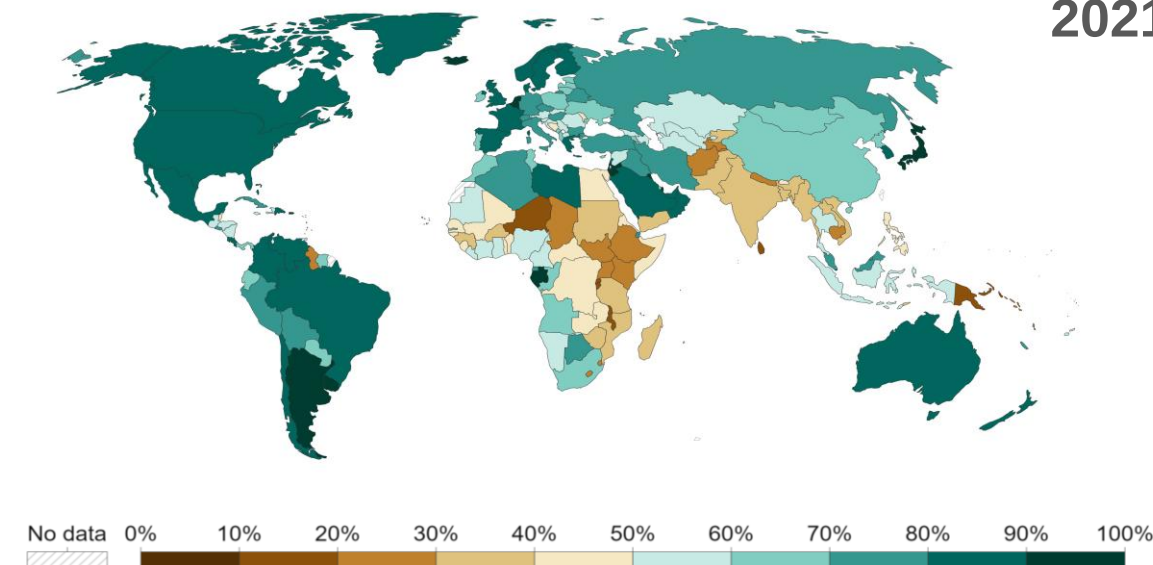




Share of people living in urban areas, 2021

Our World
in Data

2021



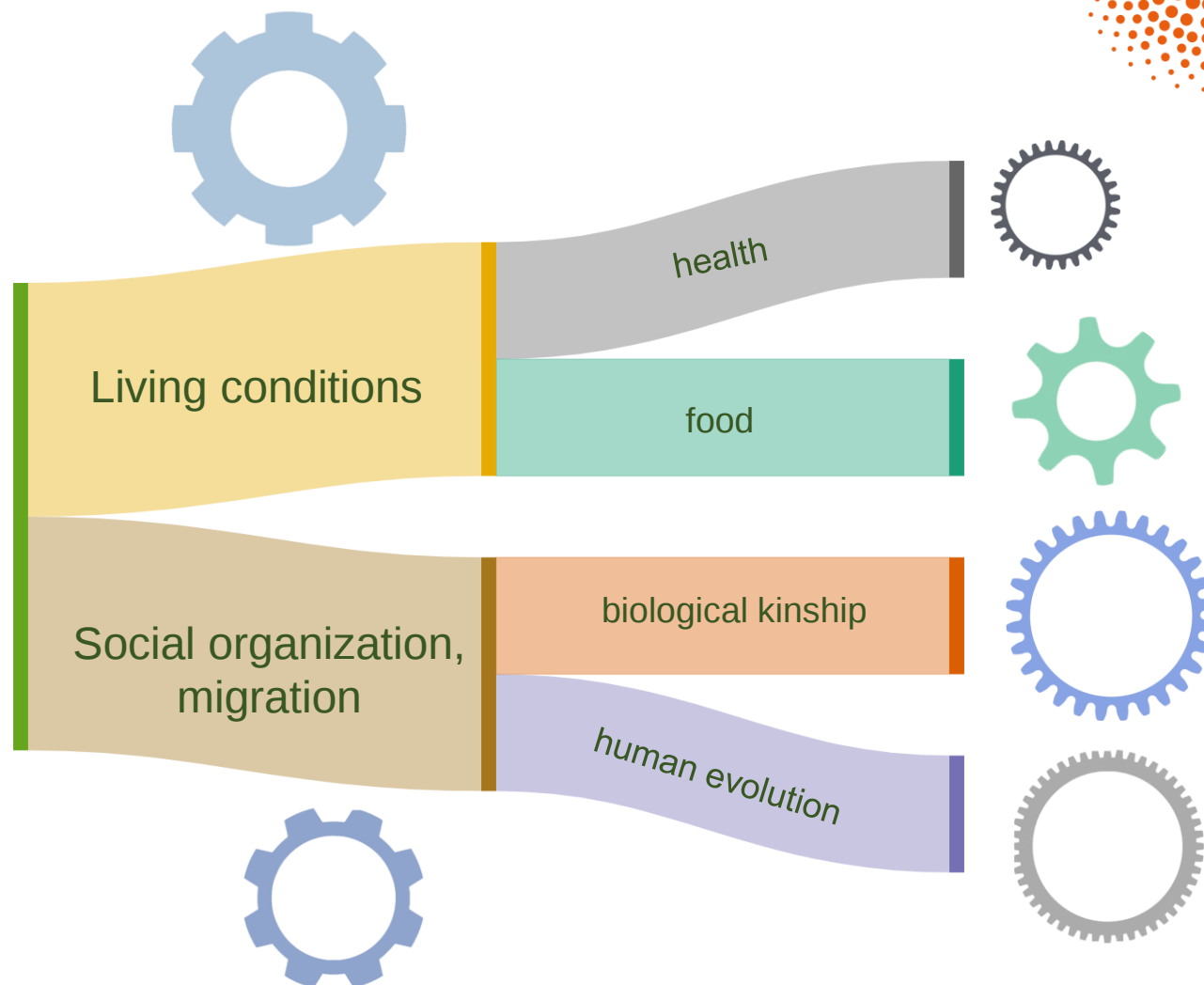
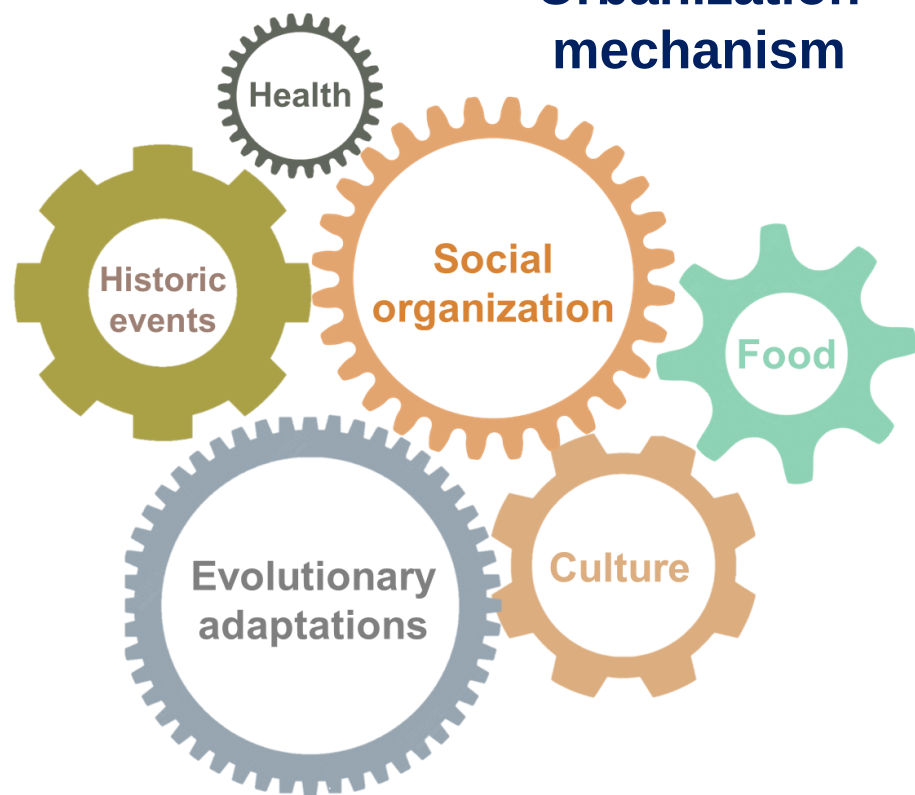
Source: UN Population Division (via World Bank)

Note: Urban populations are defined based on the definition of urban areas by national statistical offices.

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How historical populations adapted and developed
resilience to the disadvantages of urban life?

Urbanization mechanism



CONCEPT

PREPARATION

INTERVIEW

AFTERMATH





NEW
INNOVATIVE
BREAKTHROUGH FOR THE FIELD
OPEN NEW HORIZONS
NOT TOO NARROW
AMBITIOUS
WELL-ORGANISED
EXCELLENT PARTNERS
CHECK NEW LITERATURE
CHECK COMPETITORS
BE CRITICAL
NOTE WEAKNESS
UNDERLINE STRONG POINTS

- Check on the ERC guidelines.
- Choose the right ERC panel – think on how your idea can impress them.
- Read the abstracts of successful projects.
- Contact your ERC partners, build your team.
- Contact friends or colleagues with experience on ERC.
- Read ERC proposals, if possible.

- Write the B1 – the panel reads first B1.
- Be sure to convincingly describe your exciting research and yourself (CV) in B1.
- Write B2. Use/produce preliminary data.
- Scrutinise B2 because the panel at the second stage will dig into details of the project.
- Optimize B1 by making it more precise, more compact more exciting.

START EARLY –
you need plenty of time

Think of the penalties



- Depending on the grant you have 4-10 min. to present the B2.
- **One panel member is responsible for leading your interview**
- Three or four panel members are responsible to ask you the questions of the reviewers
- **Focus on the main idea**
- Do not get lost into details of the project – even if the reviewers have read the proposal not all members are specialised in your field
- **Make the presentation attractive without too much text**

- **Contact colleagues that have been through the interview.**
- Ask the project members and the advisors to note down probable questions, unclear points etc. of your B1 and B2.
- **Make a list of all these and prepare your answers.**
- Check on the ERC panels, make a list of probable members.
- **Organise a mock interview or in person meetings with colleagues from the project, your department, from other universities.**

- **Be confident show that you know what you are doing.**
- Show that you are able to successfully complete the project.
- **Make a lot of practice and try to keep the time.**
- Invite good colleagues who will hear your talk and will be truly critical.
- **Be yourself!**

*Believe in
Yourself.*

- ERC submission is a journey on its own, you will be a winner despite the result.
- Start early to prepare yourself for this step in order to have enough time to try in all stages.
- Plan ahead the core idea and organise your preliminary research and your CV around this idea.
- ERC will change your scientific life so it is worth the effort!!

BE CONFIDENT
EVERYTHING
IS
POSSIBLE

Team



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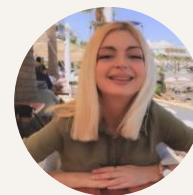
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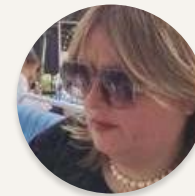
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