# EVOLUTION AND SYSTEMIC PROCESSES OF THE INDIAN URBAN SYSTEM

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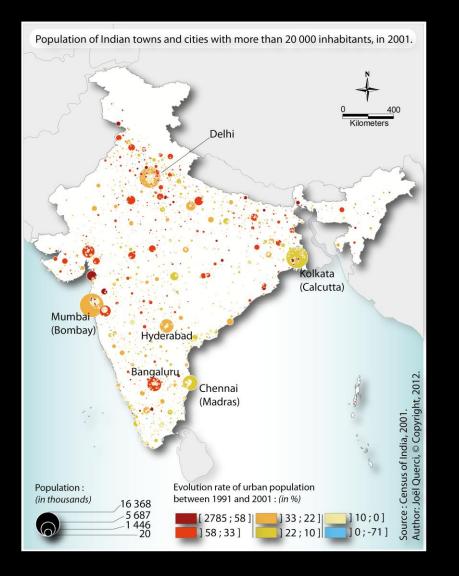


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### **\***Introduction

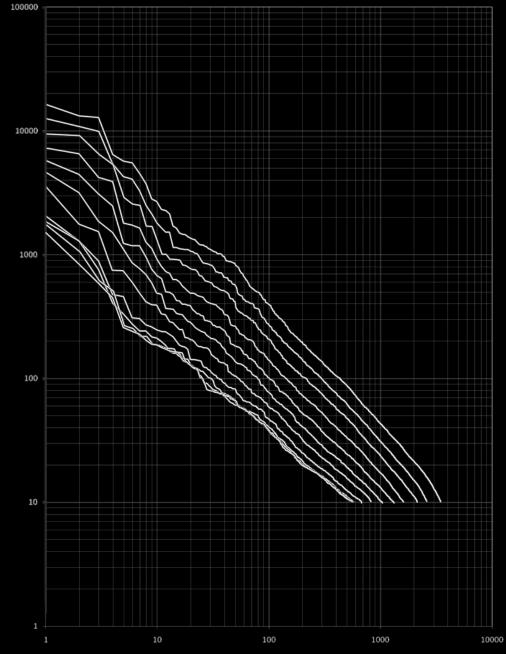


An urbanization rate of 31.2% in 2011 (USA : 84%) representing more than 377 millions of urbans.

A British colonization resulting in the transformation of the urban framework :

- We moved from an urban development inside the country,
- To an urban development along the coasts.

The entry of India within the globalization phenomenon resulted in a modification of its urban logics.

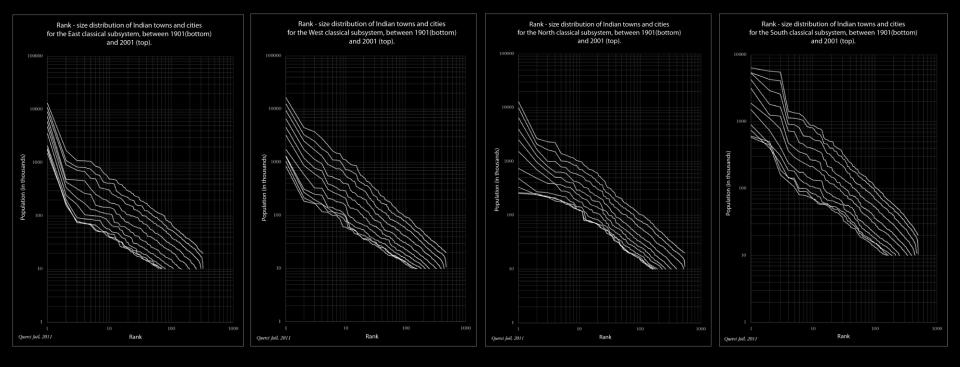


Urban population (in thousands)

Rank











### **\***Problematic

« Develop a more theoretical thinking on the nature of the Indian urban system, its organisation and the systemic processes that take place. »



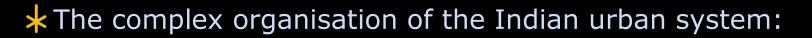
### **\***The complex nature of the Indian urban system:

« A complex system could be defined as a system made up of a lot of elements in interaction, the multiplicity of those interactions reporting the complexity of the system.» (Zwirn H., 2006).

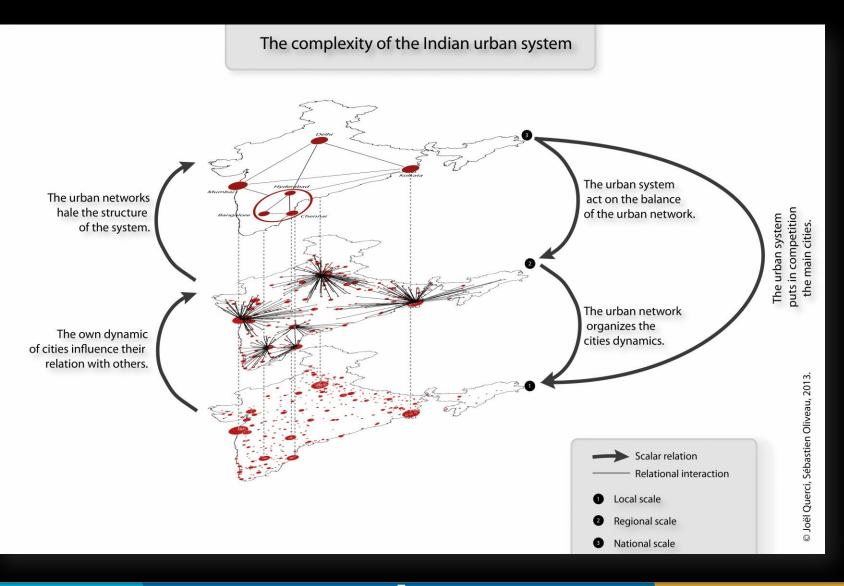
It cannot be exhaustively addressed for a given time (De Rosnay J., 1975)

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Presence of emergence phenomena, controlled or not (Ferber J., 1995)



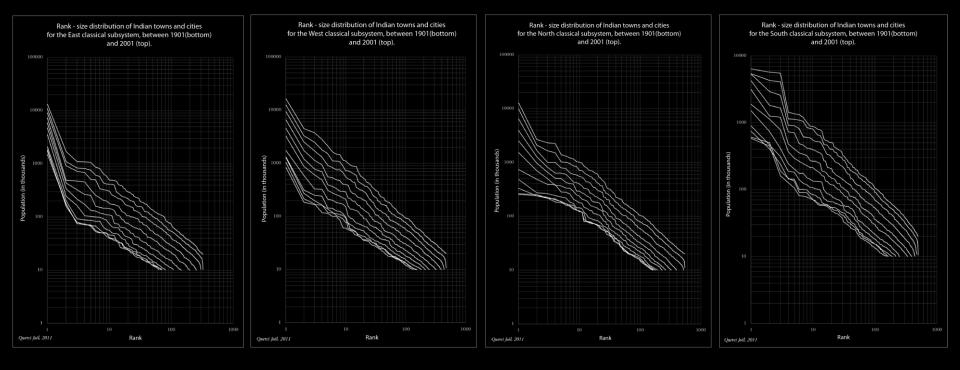
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### $\star$ The complex organisation of the Indian urban system:





### $\star$ The resilience of the Indian urban system:

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«Resilience corresponds to the capacity of a system to integrate a shock in its working without change its qualitative structure» (Holling , 1973).

In ecology, resilience measures the return time required to a system to return to the stability.

The resilience corresponds to the capacity of a shocked urban system to recover its structural balance state. This structural balance corresponds to the return to a regular urban framework.



# $\star$ The resilience of the Indian urban system:

Maintenance of a system

Maintaining the system over time (sustainable development)

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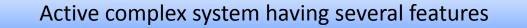
Capacity for a system to integrate a disruption in its working (the resilience)

#### Christina Aschan-Leygonie, 2000.





### **\*** The resilience of the Indian urban system:



Disruptions or fluctuations Intrinsic properties of the system

- Stability.
- Adaptability.
- Resistance.
- Capacity of abandon.
- Learning by the past.
- Diversity of the system.

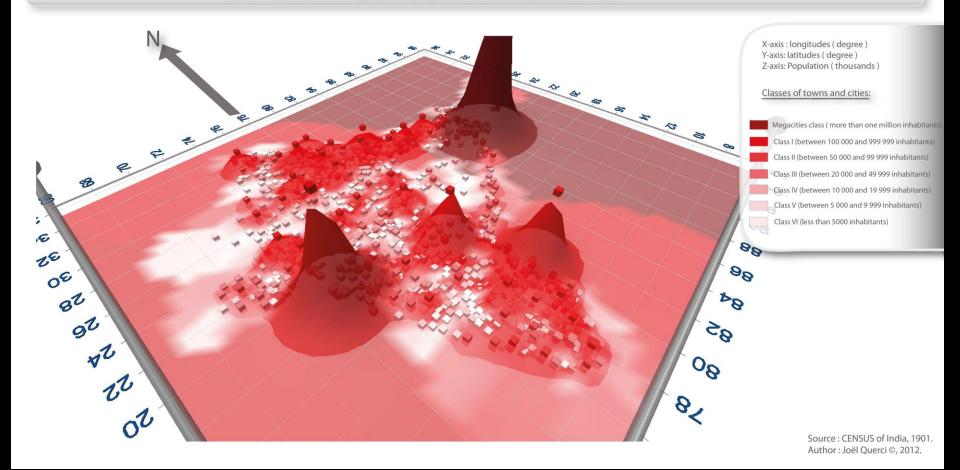
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South - West view of the graphical projection of cities population in 1901.

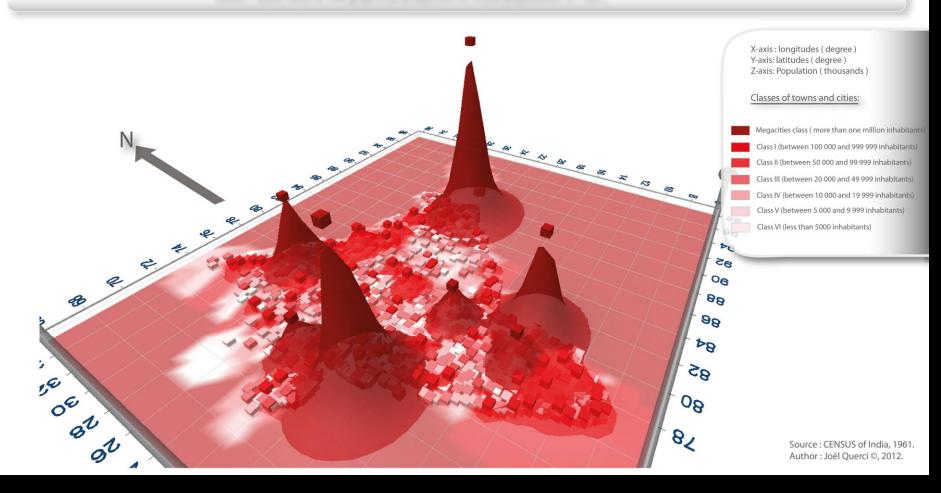






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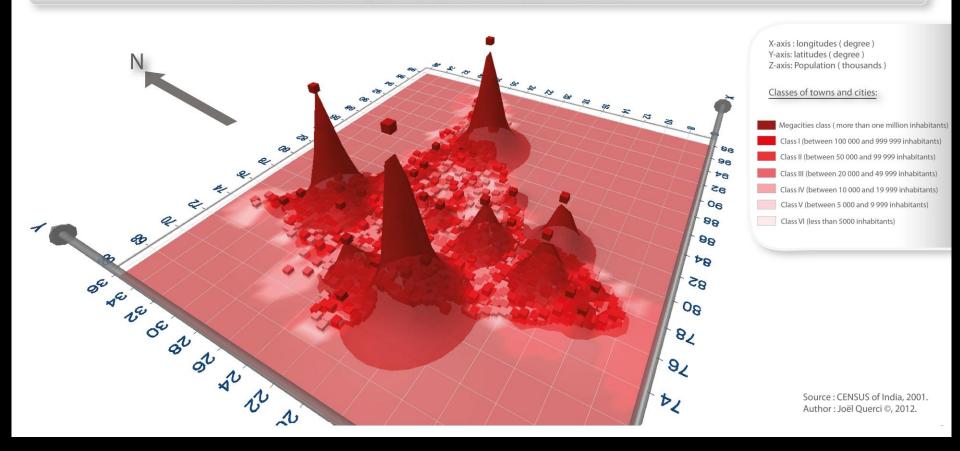


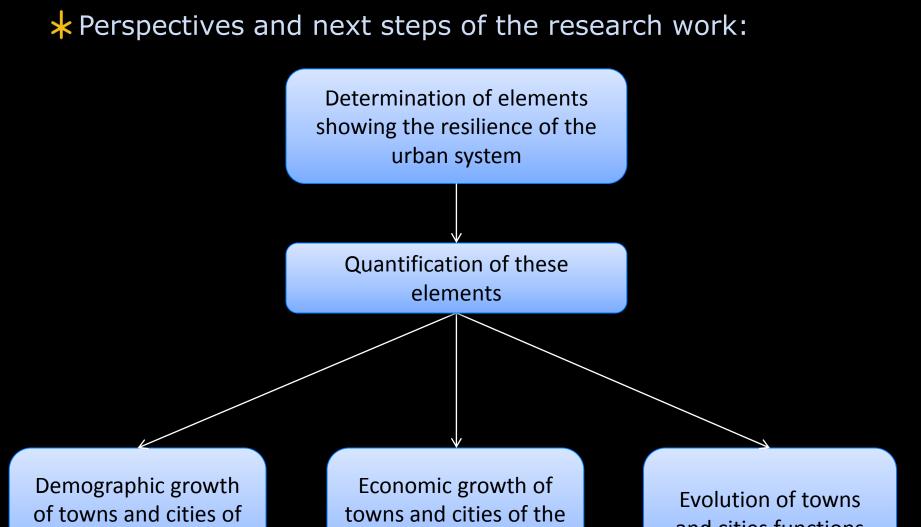




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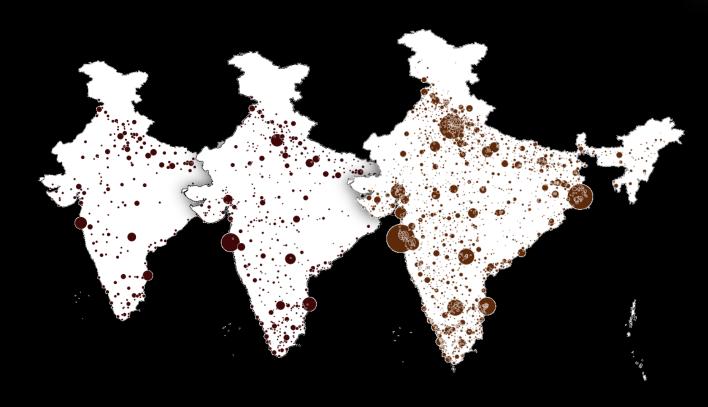
and cities functions





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