Module 4: Hardware and Software Divisions of the Cities

**Exercise 1: The physical divisions our city**



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**Steps:**

1. Use GmapGIS: <https://www.gmapgis.com/> or Scribblemaps: <https://www.scribblemaps.com/> to find the map of your own city/town and draw on the map using the Draw Tool [Draw a line or a circle] spotting the physical divisions that may exist in your city e.g. a lake, a river, a large hill/mountainside, the seaside, the walls of an ancient monument etc. You can draw a line of the division that a physical landmark creates in your city and use the “Label” tool to write down what kind of a division is that.
2. Think about: Are these physical divisions also related with cultural/religious divisions or socioeconomic divisions regarding the areas in your city?
3. If yes, please write down each relevant choice and provide also a small comment about the area you chose. *[e.g, The Jewish neighbourhood is traditionally close to this hill for historical reasons, or e.g., you can spot more underdeveloped neighbourhoods on that side of the river etc.]*

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| **Area** | **Type of related Divisions** | **Comment** |
|  | Socioeconomic division |  |
|  | Cultural/Religious division |  |

1. Briefly present your answers and discuss in the seminar room, with your fellow participants your map and your answers. (Optional)

Some food for thought:

* *Did you find the exercise interesting?*
* *How many physical divisions exist in your city?*
* *Is there a connection between physical divisions and socioeconomic characteristics of these parts of the city?*
* *Were your maps and answers similar to your fellow participants, did you find common ground in your discussion?*