



**Teresa Caldeira**  
On the Aestheticization  
of Street Culture

## AESTHETICIZATION OF STREET CULTURE

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In this short excerpt of an interview with Teresa Caldeira, anthropologist and Professor of City & Regional Planning at the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley, she talks about her concerns with the aestheticization of auto-constructed areas. While agreeing that architects may help in improving the living conditions of slum dwellers, aestheticization of poverty shouldn't become a path to build a career. Teresa adds that street culture is so dynamic that any attempt to appropriate it for commercial use would be easily outdated.

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