City as Form
City as Formation

Detroit Past
Multiplicity of Languages
without really going into the intricacies of urban design, I will present two distinct models of process of design.

an experiment with a derivative proposition.
Tale of Two Cities

Belapur

Calcutta

Prescription
Belapur

Assembly of functional and formal modules

Fixed and static
The 9 nodes: Belapur, Nerul, Vashi, Turbhe, Koparkhairane, Ghansoli, Airoli, Digha, Dahisar were handed to NMMC on 1 January 1998 with all ready physical and social infrastructure.
City as...

Prescription
Machine
Assembly of functional and formal modules
Fixed and static
Organism – The city keeps changing ever so slowly
Emergent Definitions are dissolved

Calcutta

Definitions are dissolved

Calcutta
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Invention

Chaotic parts

Calcutta
The lure of efficiency and attraction of clarity – has blurred our definition of a city. It becomes then a machine, an arrangement of prescribed parts. I would argue the city does not have a form. It is an organism, ever changing. It is like a conversation fueled by multiplicities and discrepancies.
Requires a monotonic language at the end (central). Keywords: Hierarchy, Machine, Optimization, Modular.

Central Intelligence Model

Distributed Intelligence Model

Conversational
Causality is blurred
A perspectival superimposition
Utopian
Experiment
Proposition

I think we can play the game for real :)
e-Governance

Source: IBM Research Lab
A key to urban reconstruction / renewal is a democratic planning process – subscribing to ‘city as conversation’ as a working metaphor.