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DNL : histoire - géographie	Fiche candidat
Langue : anglais	Voie GT
Thème : Johannesburg: an emerging global city	

Problématique : To what extent does Johannesburg illustrate the legacy and challenges facing South Africa?

DOCUMENT 1 : Urban inequality in Johannesburg

The post-apartheid city [...] characterised by various forms of segregation, is a site of continued spatial and socio-economic inequalities, where the most marginalised communities are on the receiving end. [...] The vestiges of its colonial and apartheid past remain deeply embedded in its geography. Attempts to fashion the city's spatial transformation have been anchored on its gentrification. This has changed some aspects of the physical decay* which has occurred over decades in the post-apartheid city, specifically the development of its infrastructure. Nevertheless, it has not been without great cost to the multitudes of vulnerable communities, including the working-class poor and migrants. The physical rehabilitation of the post-apartheid city has resulted in it becoming an enclave of wealthier members of the population. However, this is proving to have a directly proportional relationship to the physical, economic, social and cultural displacement of vulnerable and marginalised communities. This systematic entrenchment* of segregation and marginalisation challenges the idea of gentrified space as an antidote to urban decay*.

*Decay : decomposition

*Entrenchment : (here) institutionnalisation, deep- rootedness

Abstract from Malaika Lesego Samora Mahlatsi, *Gentrification and the displacement of vulnerable communities in the post-apartheid city : a case study of the Maboneng precinct and Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2022*

DOCUMENT 2 : Alexandra Township, Johannesburg in Gauteng province, South Africa



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