Global cities have entered into a difficult phase. Under the further globalizing economy, global cities, once seen as the most competitive unit of the interface between global capital and local supporting activities, are surpassed by the growing trend of globalization itself. Cities remain spatially fixed, in spite of the progress of the mobility-driven capitalist economy. Cities are required to provide infrastructures for fostering their role as a global city. However, enough profits do not return to their citizens and the city itself. This presentation considers difficulties of the global cities after globalization by examining the case of Tokyo.

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