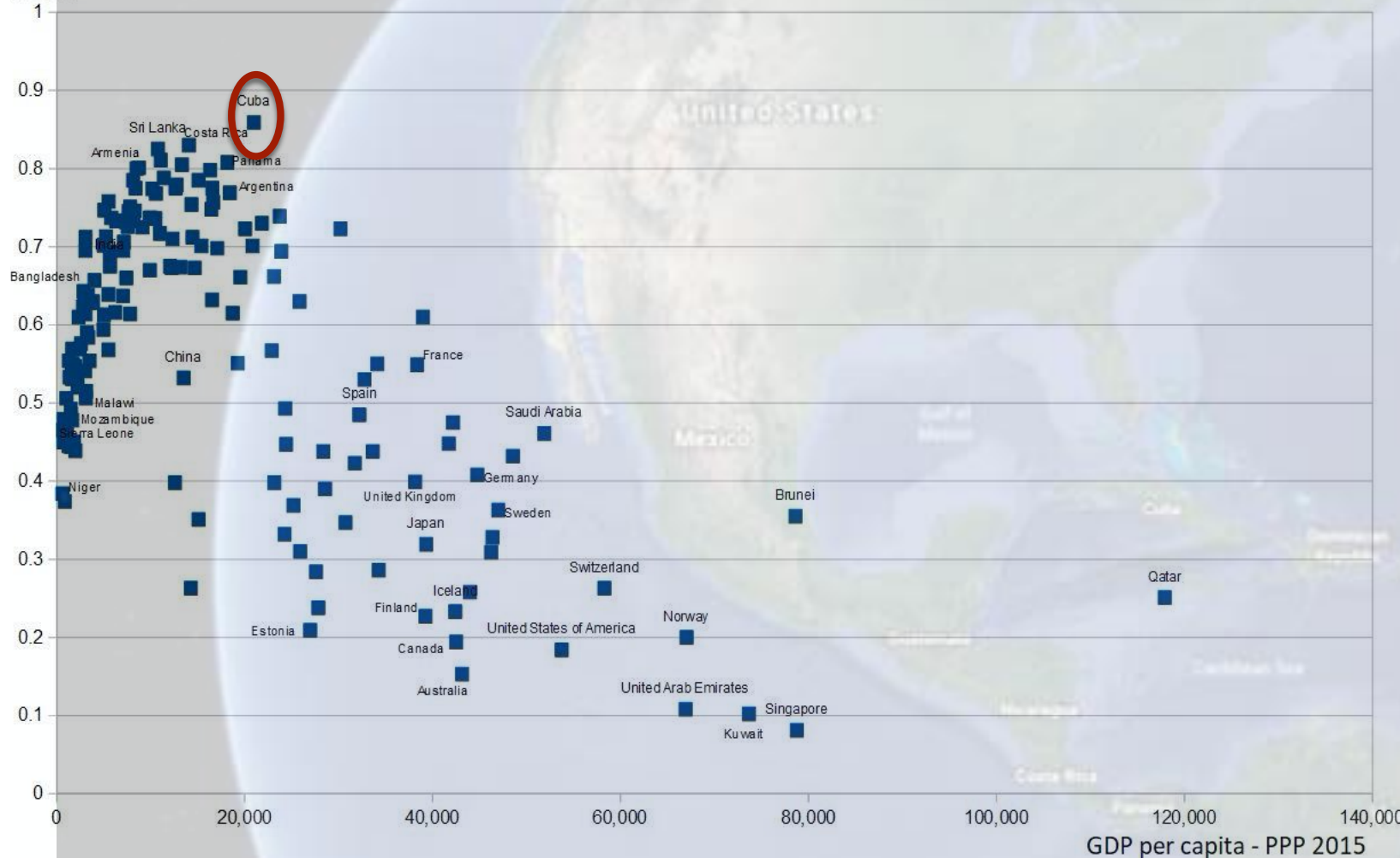


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Cuba: the exception

Sustainable development Index in relation to per capita income



Data from J. Hickel,
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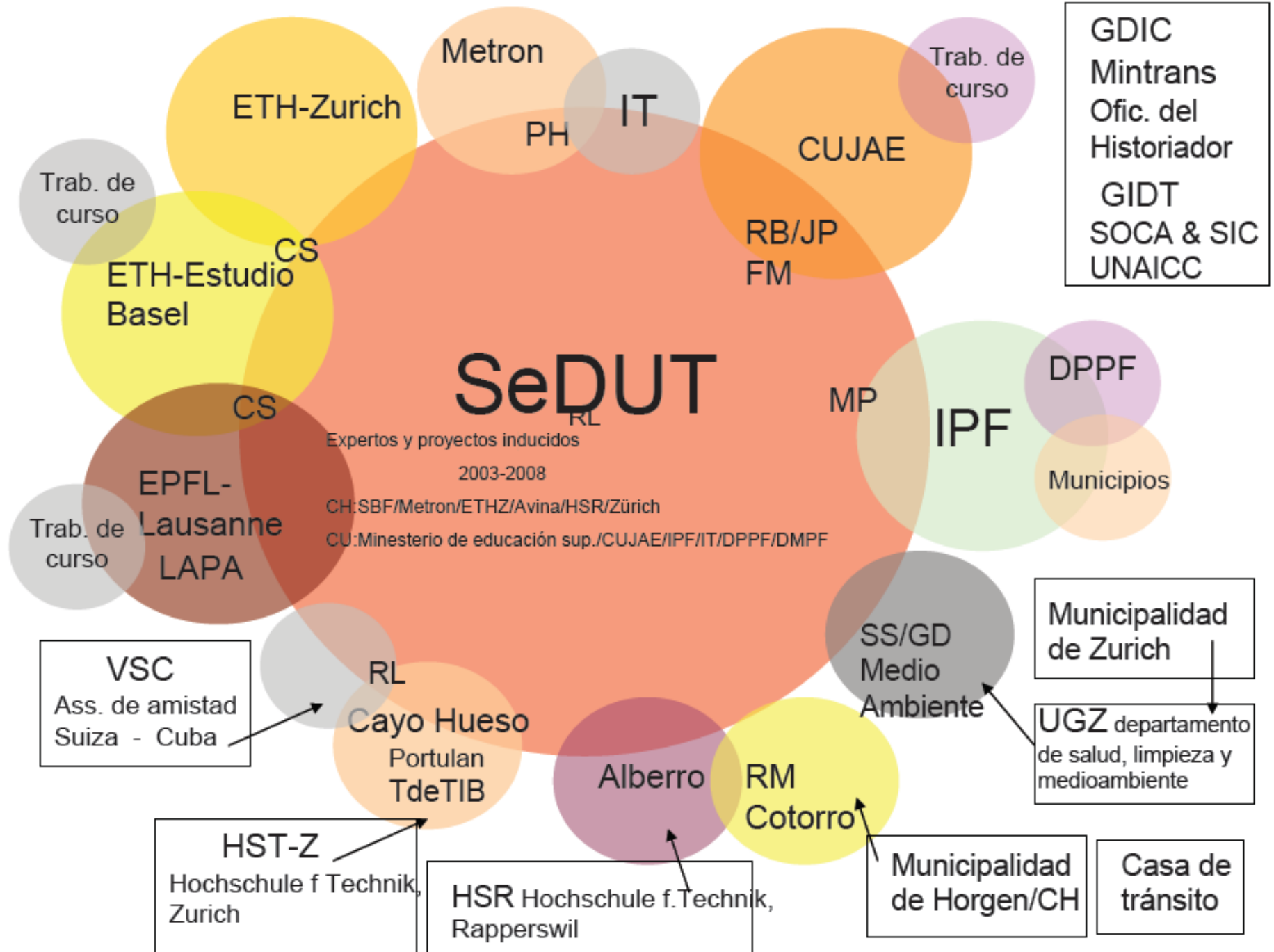
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Havana City: the challenge



CUJAE and the New Urban Agenda



UCL & Cuba

- **2013 UCL workshop** on Havana sustainable mobility:
UCL team created; MITRANS engagement (CIMAB)
- **2014 UCL-CIMAB workshop** in Havana on ‘mobility for the city we love’: knowledge exchange and co-production, and...
 - *UCL-CUJAE partnership formed*

The university:

Promoter of **partnerships** for urban transformation

National



City

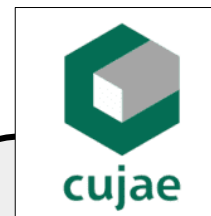


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Urban Mobility & Urban Equality



MAS+Habana

Mobility + Accessibility + Sustainability



Knowledge in Action
for Urban Equality



MAS+ Habana/KNOW
Capacity-building/knowledge co-production
<http://cuba-research-network.net/havana-sustainable-mobility/mi-plaza-a-video-overview-of-the-event/>



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Research-into-action: interventions

Centro Habana

- **Plaza Anton Recio** (2017). Small urban road intersection/community space. Proposals being incorporated into local development plan.
- **Linked spaces** (2018). Shopping street, urban square, link to seafront. Proposals partially built.
- **Parque El Curita** (2018-19). Traffic interchange/community space. Proposals included in the planned transformation to improve community amenity.
- **Central Station** (2019). Restoration and reconfiguration to transform public realm. Proposals under consideration by railway authorities.

Plus: Virgen del Camino urban transport hub; Fontanar intermodal station; Avenida Boyeros y Calle 114 cycle path; CUJAE public realm and highway; Plaza de la Revolución urban landscape (for 'friendly city' for the elderly).

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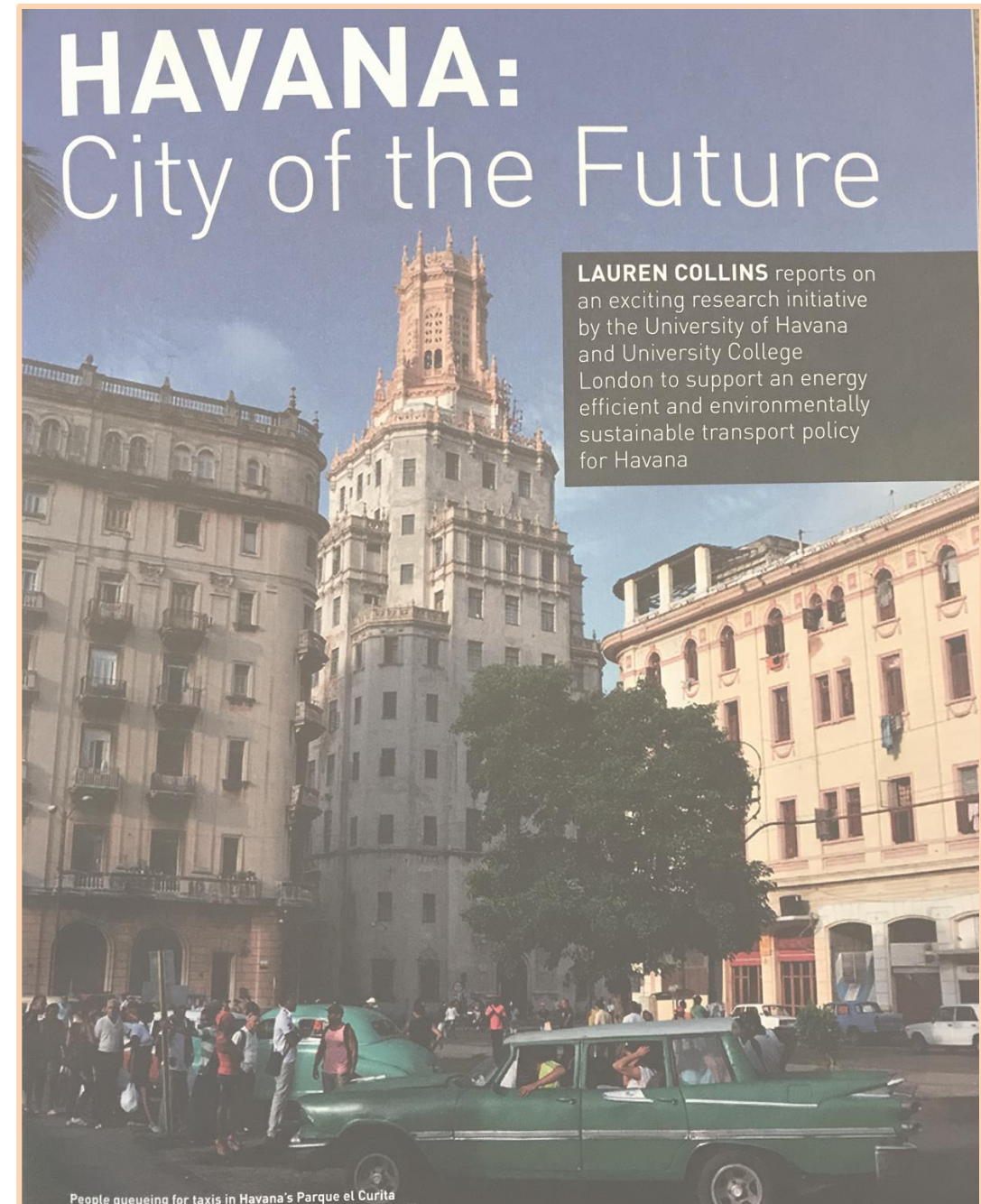
To conclude: lessons

Factors contributing to progress

- Groundwork
- Compatibility
- Policy context

Benefits of engagement

- Capacity-building
 - for universities, institutions, communities
- Knowledge co-production for
 - Appropriateness of solutions
 - Responsiveness to opportunities
 - Robustness in the face of challenges



What's next?

Lots more to do

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals provide a framework

We have valuable experience, methods and networks to build on

- For further work in Cuba
- and the Caribbean...
- ...and beyond

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