

## Case Study Chapters: Meso Level

In this section we address the meso scale of designing cooler layouts and environments for hot-climate cities such as residential and inner city blocks. The first is an example of research from Singapore into the important cooling effect of green infrastructures, in particular the role of trees. The second, a design case, describes a clustered housing development in India, which highlights the combination of building forms and landscaping to create a cool and sociable community environment. The third chapter in this section is a study by the editors for a large and partly high-rise urban development in China, which aims to illustrate an approach that integrates all three levels of micro, meso and macro considerations in a concept master plan solution.