

✘ [So to speak](#). Our friend and colleague Matt Kahn's new book, [Climatopolis: How Our Cities Will Thrive in the Hotter Future](#), has just been published. Matt is a real rarity among economists in two ways:

- 1) He writes in English; and
- 2) He does not think that economics can explain everything and anything, and has nothing to learn from other disciplines.

So when Matt says something, I always listen and I always learn something. I don't always agree, but as one of the blurbs on the book says, "Figuring out why I disagree with Matt Kahn's arguments leaves me seeing the world in a different way."

Matt is a real rarity in the climate debate because he respects evidence and remains open-minded about all ideas, especially those that undercut his own. You should also check out his wonderful book [Green Cities](#), which gives a readable, incisive, and comprehensive discussion of whether increasing wealth will improve or degrade the urban environment.

End of plug. My check is in the mail. But Kahn's work is really worth a read.