

# Cities on Speed:

## Mumbai Disconnected / Bogota Change

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### Mumbai Disconnected

Like a city on steroids, Mumbai is rapidly becoming one of the world's biggest megacities. But it's all happening on a narrow peninsula with an infrastructure on the verge of complete collapse. Every day, 10-12 people die from falling off the overcrowded public trains. On the roads, cars come to a stand-still in serial traffic jams. To make matters worse, the Nano, India's popular and affordable mini car, was launched in 2008. Iker Gil interviews Camilla Nielsson, co-director with Frederik Jacobi of the documentary "Mumbai Disconnected." Through three interwoven human stories, we meet the people at the frontline of Mumbai's infrastructural battle. The film is part of Cities on Speed, a documentary project commissioned by The Danish Film Institute and the national broadcaster DR that presents four filmic views of human conditions in four of the world's biggest cities: Bogotá, Cairo, Shanghai and Mumbai.

### Bogota Change

An exciting and rapidly edited portrait of a city that has risen like a phoenix from the ashes. Bogotá, capital of Colombia, was long notorious as one of the most criminal, dangerous, and inhospitable cities in the world. The turnabout came in 1995, when Antanas Mockus was elected mayor of the city in a landslide victory. Once elected mayor, the city waited with baited breath to see how he would apply his unorthodox methods to realize crucial changes in mentality. He taught the citizens to live together and to take on responsibility. Then Mockus cleared the way for his successor, the next visionary mayor, Enrique Peñalosa, who would transform the city's infrastructure from 1998 onwards. Peñalosa oversaw the creation of bicycle paths, leafy parks, sports fields, playgrounds, libraries, and the ambitious public transport project Transmillenio. It is the tale of two men who, unencumbered by party politics, succeeded in transforming hopeless deprivation into a head start. Nowadays, Bogotá's metamorphosis is seen as a shining example of humane urban renewal.