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Florida is a writer and journalist, having penned several global best sellers, including the award winning *The Rise of the Creative Class* and serving as senior editor for *The Atlantic*, where he co-founded and serves as Editor-at-Large for CityLab. And he is an entrepreneur, as founder of the Creative Class Group which works closely with governments and companies worldwide. An MIT study named him the world's most influential thought leader. And *TIME* magazine recognized his Twitter feed as one of the 140 most influential in the world.

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## Testimonials

“An urban-development expert...His ideas about revitalizing cities by attracting artists and high-tech workers have influenced a generation of urban planners.”

- [TIME](#).

“It was fantastic to listen to Richard...the performance not only fulfilled our expectations but opened a new stage of inspirations for our Ministry to work on the development of regions.”

- [Poland Ministry of Regional Development](#).

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