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The Evolution of Malmö: Limits and Borders

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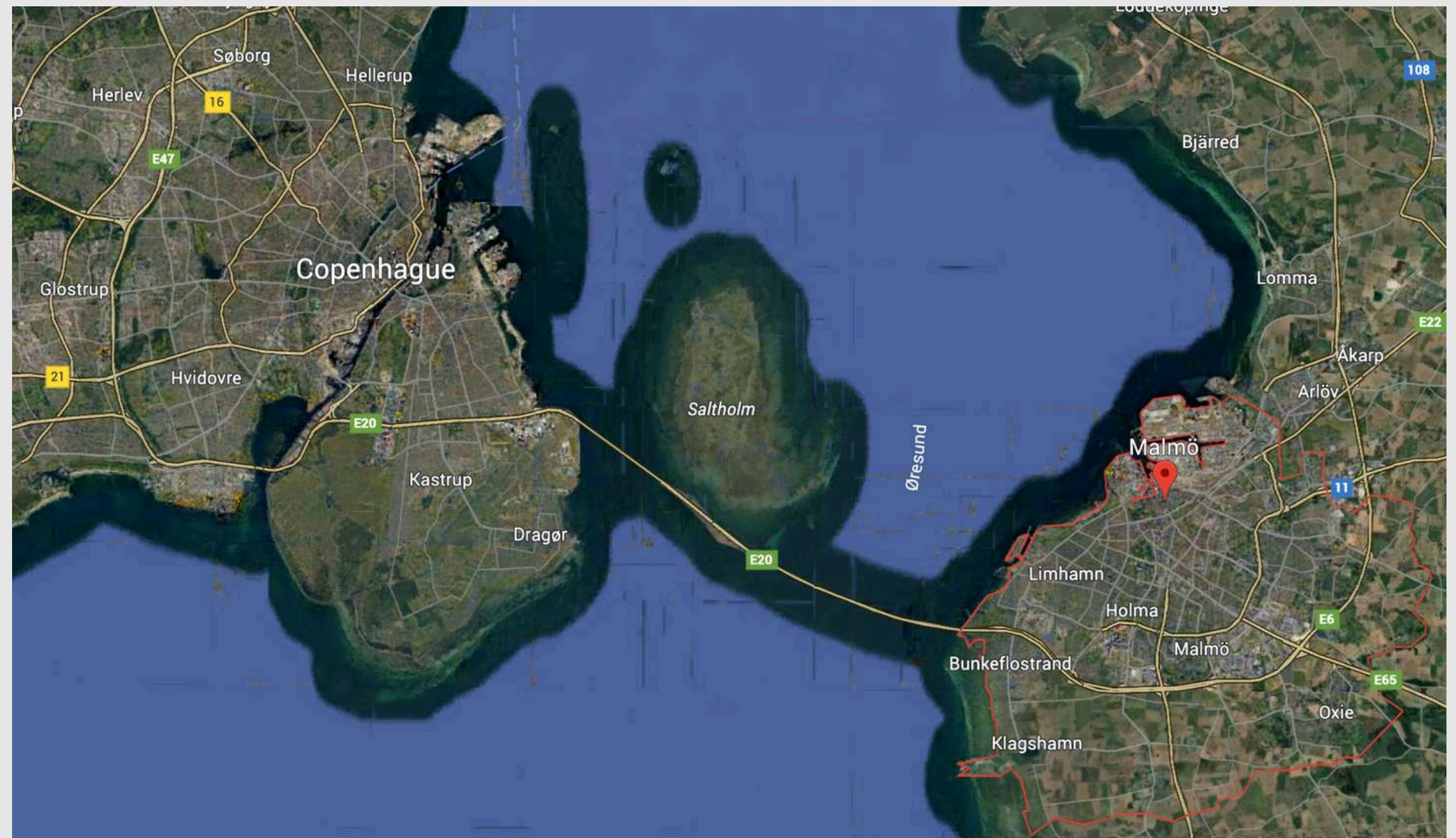
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Malmö: A City at the Crossroads

- Located in southern Sweden, across from Copenhagen
- A city shaped by shifting borders and expanding limits



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Médiéval Origins

Malmhaug: From Fishing Village to Hanseatic Town

- Founded in the 13th century — “Malmhaug” means “pile of gravel”
- Originally part of the Danish kingdom
- Prosperous trade center linked to the Hanseatic League
- Early identity “on the border”: Danish, commercial, European



03 Industrial Era (19th Century)

Industrial Transformation

- 1856: railway arrival → Malmö joins global trade networks
- Port expansion reshapes the city
- Rise of industries: shipbuilding (Kockums), mechanics
- Social contrast: working-class vs. bourgeois districts



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Administrative Expansion (20th Century)

Redefining Urban Limits

- 1915: Limhamn annexed (cement industry)
- 1931: Husie integrated → housing expansion
- Later: Bunkeflo and Oxie added
- Aim: manage growth, balance housing and industry, build coherence



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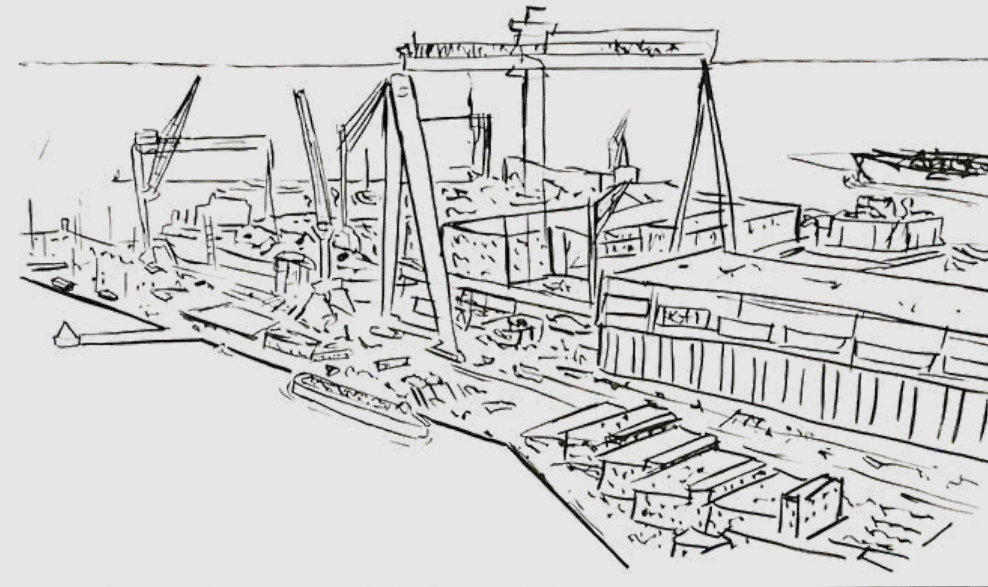
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A Post-Industrial and Borderless City

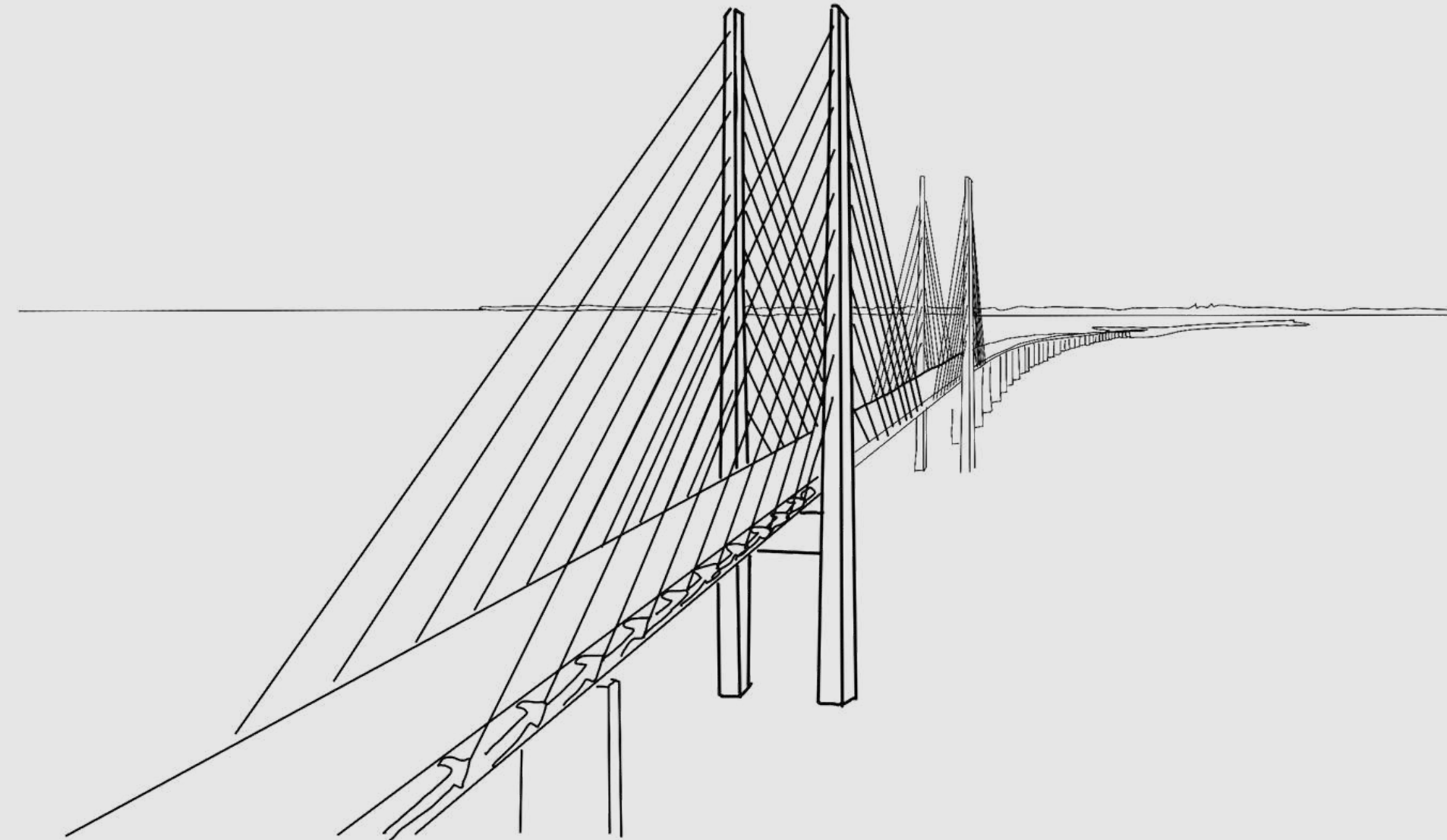
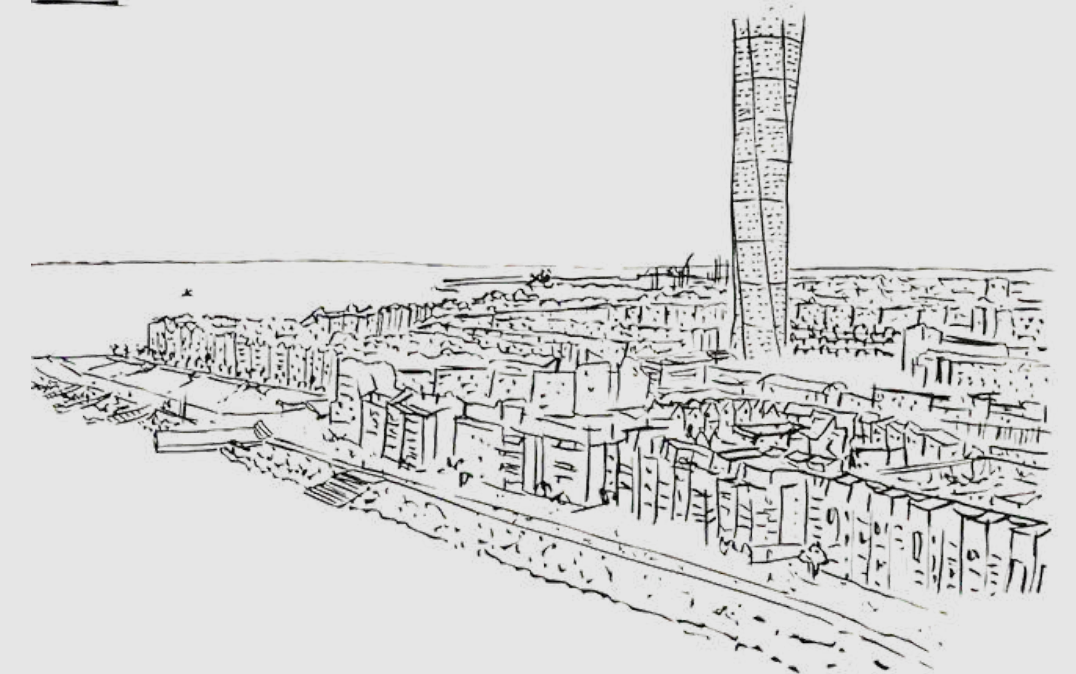
- Economic shift after 1980s industrial crisis
- 2000: Öresund Bridge opens — direct link to Copenhagen
- Focus on sustainability, innovation, and connectivity

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