

Major governments across the world have encountered budgeting crisis for a large number of different reasons. However, the Olympic games have fostered a tradition of going over the top in both spectacle and budget. Martin Muller, Swiss National Foundation Professor and head of the Space & Organization unit of the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich, has termed the crisis "[The Mega-Event Syndrome](#)". Muller argues that by tying "mega-events" to large-scale urban development, event planners are succumbing to higher risks of cost overruns despite their efforts to stay on budget. It is a problem that will not be solved because governments are not willing to cut back.