2011 Forecast – A Seasonal Summary of Topical Trends

General Situation
An uncertain start to the year with high winds moving across from the west. Possible risk of storms later. Bright spells in the east, some moving westwards, generally moderate. Cloud in the US and Europe, lingering in places. Fine elsewhere.

The World
Amsterdam - eco-bling  Johannesburg - retrophilia  Reykjavik - conspicuous austerity
Athens - welfariat  Lisbon - recession chic  Riyadh - virtual water
Bahrain - demand shock  London - declinism  San Francisco - gadget porn
Bangkok - flash mobs  Los Angeles - CGI fatigue  Seoul - nature-deficit disorder
Beijing - affluenza  Madrid - slowdown  Shanghai - crony capitalism
Beirut - asymmetric warfare  Moscow - phishing  Singapore - social notworking
Buenos Aires - upcycling  Mumbai - season creep  Sydney - cappuccino economy
Delhi - hurry sickness  New York - laptop zombies  Tokyo - retirement panic
Dubai - joy-to-stuff ratio  Paris - sock puppets  Vatican city - ethics deficit
Dublin - brickor mortis  Oslo - newsfasting  Washington - greenscamming
Ibiza - fauxhemians  Rome - retrosexuals  Zurich - lifestyle refugees

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