One Friday per month from 12pm to 2pm

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A monthly meeting with an expert to cross the views of researchers and the public on the theme of new proximities.

GOALS

- Capitalize and spread knowledge in an interdisciplinary manner and beyond the strict circles of university research
- Build a shared knowledge on the question of "new proximities"
- Create action research dynamics in the territories

- Rethinking our lifestyles based on proximity
- Work and workplaces in the polycentric city
- Space and time in happy proximity
- Learn and spread knowledge in terms of proximity
- Cultures of territories and territories of cultures

- What economic models for proximity: decarbonisation, circularity, mobility, well-being?
- Being immobile in order to be mobile?
- Amplify the meaning and resonance of citizen actions
- Re-examine public action

2021-2022 PROGRAM

**27-28th August 2021**
 Launch of the New Proximities Seminar during the summer university organized with The Village.

**October 1st 2021**
 Michel Grossetti (Sociologist, Director of Research at the CNRS and Director of the 'Research Ecosystem ofTerritorial and Sociality Studies' at the University of Burgundy) - "Territorial-identity and spatial dynamics of the agglomeration of Toulouse"

**November 26th 2021**
 Claire Pellegrini (Director of the EPFL Laboratory of Urban Planning and Territorial Development and Deputy Director of the Laboratory of Urbanism of the University of Genoa) - "Cultural dynamics in the territories"

**December 3rd 2021**
 Patrick Bouchain (Architect, urban planner, and project manager) - "Territorial projects and urbanism: design, implementation, and sustainability"

**January 14th 2022**
 Ria Fontana (Architect of the City of Toulouse) - "Territorial projects and urbanism: design, implementation, and sustainability"

**February 25th 2022**
 Boris Besade (Geographer, researcher at the University of Toulouse) - "Territorial projects and urbanism: design, implementation, and sustainability"

**March 18th 2022**
 Chris Younes (Philosopher, Professor at the University of Paris and Director of the "Institut de Philosophie de Paris") - "Philosophical reflections on urbanism"

**April 8th 2022**
 Caroline Gañé (Researcher at the CNRS, Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Planning) - "Urban planning and the city of the future"

**May 6th 2022**
 Maxin Le Floch (Urban planner, expert in sustainable urbanism) - "Urban planning and the city of the future"

**June 2022**
 André Tomé (Director of Research at CNRS and Director of the "Institut de Philosophie de Paris") - "Philosophical reflections on urbanism"

**September 2022**
 Jana Revadin (Architect, Professor at the University of Toulouse) - "Architectural and urban projects: design, implementation, and sustainability"

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“New proximities”?
Rather than dealing with what separates, rather than focusing on the growing distances or on the walls that stand between people, collectives, organizations and territories, we have chosen to focus on what brings us closer together. We have chosen to use the key to entering proximities in order to reflect on rapidly changing worlds.

“Proximities”?
The expression generally refers to “the location which is at short distance from another thing or someone, two or more things which are close together” (CNRTL). The proximities we are talking about are multiple. They are spatial and are measured in meters, kilometers but also in seconds or hours. They are social like those which make it possible to “form a group” and bring together people who are separated by hundreds of kilometers. They are cultural, but also cognitive, when they facilitate dialogue. They are digital when information and communication technologies allow real-time exchanges.

“New”?
Because the proximities are in full recomposition with the health crisis. Covid has produced another relationship to time and space, that of confinement, curfews, forbidden outings, compulsory slowing down and the rediscovery of slow activities, but also unprecedented pressures on our space-time budgets. All of these transformations raise questions about agitation and acceleration, here and elsewhere, but also about the meaning of the long time and the need to project oneself again despite uncertainty. These questions about the relationship to time, to the present, to the past, to the future pre-existed. The crisis revived them while pointing out the importance and the plural character of proximity.

“New proximities”
therefore like those at work in the new arrangements of time and space, which we propose to observe and document. New proximity of activities and actors in third places, wasteland, “infinite places” where new energies are born. New proximities also like those put forward around mobilizing figures such as those on a human scale of “15-minute city”, “the territory of the half hour”, of the “village” rediscovered, of the “middle town” resuscitated. New proximity to imagine our ways of living together and inhabiting the earth differently tomorrow. New proximities that bring together players in resistance in ZADs or on roundabouts, those that allow the emergence of new places, sometimes marginal lifestyles. Proximities such as these convergences of approaches between individuals on societal choices linked in particular to ecological transition. Proximitis like those which push us to defend again and again the idea of the city as a place of maximization of interactions.

“New proximities”
finally like those which encourage us to go beyond disciplinary boundaries to imagine and build this seminar which will bring together people from different academic or operational backgrounds from different countries for a meeting that will not be limited to observation and to analysis. Beyond the concepts, it will also make it possible to address the modalities of urban and territorial action, of citizen intervention and will adopt a critical approach on the reflections, projects and practices at work.

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