

August 2021 - August 2024

One Friday per month
from 12pm to 2pm

See the event
online



SEMINAR

new proximities

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** *The Village*

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 CHES and Director of Studies at the EHESS, interdisciplinary Laboratory on Solidarity, Societies and Territories (LUSST)

**November 26th
2021**



Claire Pelgrims
Doctor in Building Art and Urbanism, postdoctoral fellow of IGH FNRS Gender and Architecture of the Bourla at the Saha Laboratory, Université Libre de Bruxelles

**December 3rd
2021**



Patrick Bouchain
Architect, urban planner, project manager, sociogeographer, founder of the agency Concrétisme

**January 14th
2022**



Rita Fontana
Doctor of Architecture from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Bâtière
Michel Mayorga
Doctor of Architecture and Master of Urban Planning from the Polytechnic University of Valencia, architect from the National University of Córdoba

**February 25th
2022**



Boris Beaudé
Geographer, researcher at the Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne (EPFL)

**March 18th
2022**



Chris Younes
Philosopher, Professor at the Ecole Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris and Professor Emeritus at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-La Villette

**April 8th
2022**



Caroline Gallez
Research Director at FSTAD within the City Mobility Transport Laboratory

**May 6th
2022**



Maud Le Floch
Urban planner, scriptwriter, Founder of Nouveaux pôles of urban arts

**June
2022**



André Torre
Director of research in economics at INRAE, President of the INRAE Centre of Corcia

**September
2022**



Jana Revedin
Architect, graduated from the Politecnico di Milano and doctor in architecture from the University IUAV of Venice

“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.

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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. Proximities like those which push us to defend again and again the idea of the city as a place of maximization of interactions.

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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.