

Large housing estates in France

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The roles of public spaces in the strategies of urban renewal

The case of Minguettes and Ville Nouvelle, in Greater Lyon

Public spaces have gradually found a place in the process of urban renewal: first of all, employed as a tool of *spatial unit*, public spaces are also considered as a factor of *social unit*. They have become a very strong support mechanisms for the actions of urban renewal. Which roles would be allotted to the public spaces today? What are the public actors waiting for in regard to the public spaces? This work intends to give an understanding of the place of public spaces and their function in the evolution of the "sensitive" districts of the city. The aim of the research will be focused on the orientation of the future projects of urban renewal.

Context

What does public space mean?

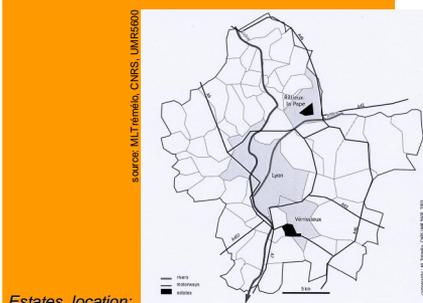
By *public space*, it is necessary to understand the set of urban spaces where are held different *publics*, which correspond to the streets, the places, the gardens... In other words, the "hollows", or the "vacuums" of the city.

What does urban renewal mean?

By *urban renewal*, it is necessary to understand the methods of urban development, which consist in the "rebuilding of the city on itself". Urban renewal has become one of the principal "doctrines" in town planning.

Spatial devices, public spaces are also social devices:

urban design, through the actions in *public spaces*, tries to conduct the behaviours of *the public*. In the same way, the practices of urban renewal also have strategies of urban planning, centered on public space.



Estates location:
"Les Minguettes", in Vénissieux
"La Ville Nouvelle", in Rillieux-la-Pape

Questions

In regard to these practices of urban renewal centered on public spaces, there are two questions:

How could public spaces inform us about the practices of urbanization and urban renewal?

What is expected from the projects of public spaces in terms of urban behaviour (urbanity, civility, safety...)?

Objectives

Through the place of public spaces in the projects of urban renewal, this work seeks to understand the significance of the political, urban, architectural, human and social engagements in these "sensitive" districts:

Do these engagements hide a stigmatization of social housing estates and their populations or do they search for their urban integration?

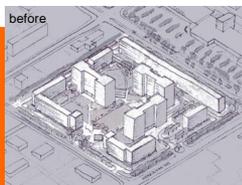
The knowledge of these practices will allow a better comprehension of the articulation between the "demand" of the inhabitants and the "supply" proposed to them.



"Les Minguettes", in Vénissieux: district of Armstrong



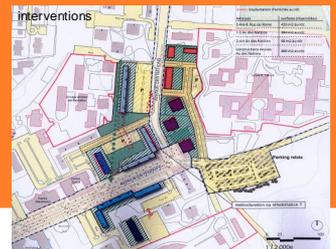
"La Ville Nouvelle", in Rillieux-la-Pape: district of Semailles



The urban renewal project of Armstrong: demolition, rebuilding, refurbishment of public spaces



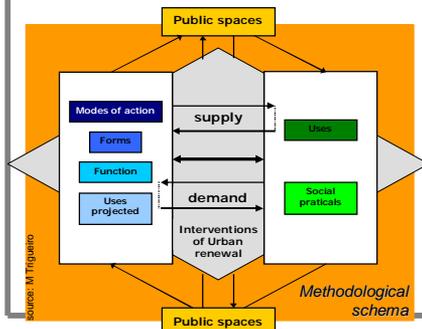
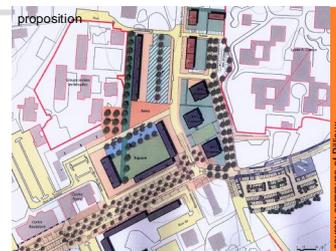
The urban renewal project of Semailles: demolition and new public spaces planning. For a reinforced "social cohesion"?



Methodology

Two surveys have been carried out with the inhabitants of the two estates, Minguettes and Ville Nouvelle, and have shown the first results: the relation of the inhabitants with their families, neighbours, dwellings, district and the spaces of common life.

The objective now is to confront the "demand" which these investigations represent with the "supply" in regard to public spaces.



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Methodological schema

