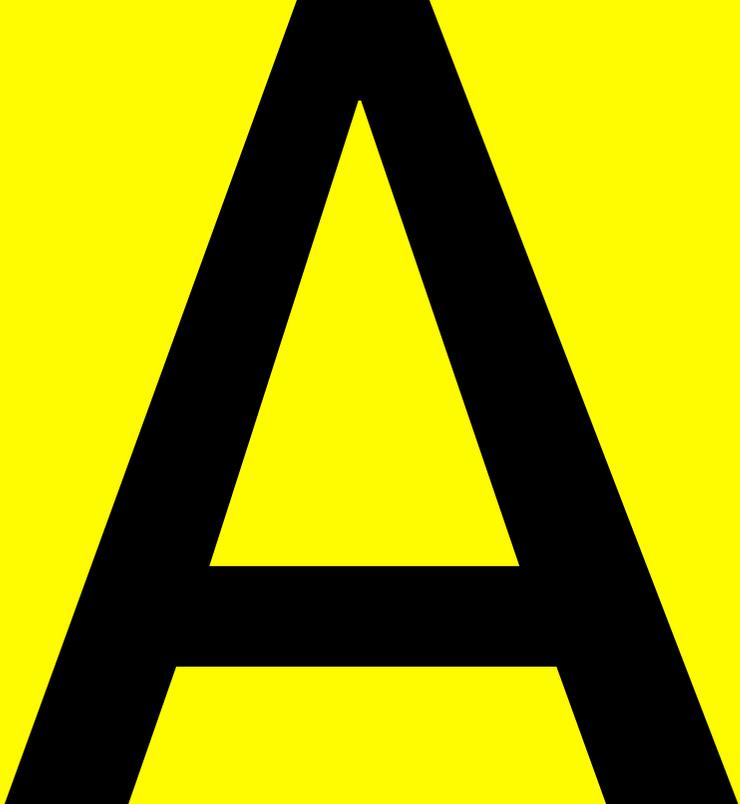


Studio Urban Field Lab

Territories, Fragilities & Ingenuity.

Editing existing urban landscapes, spaces and institutions.

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Program Urban Projects / Urban Cultures.
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Framework

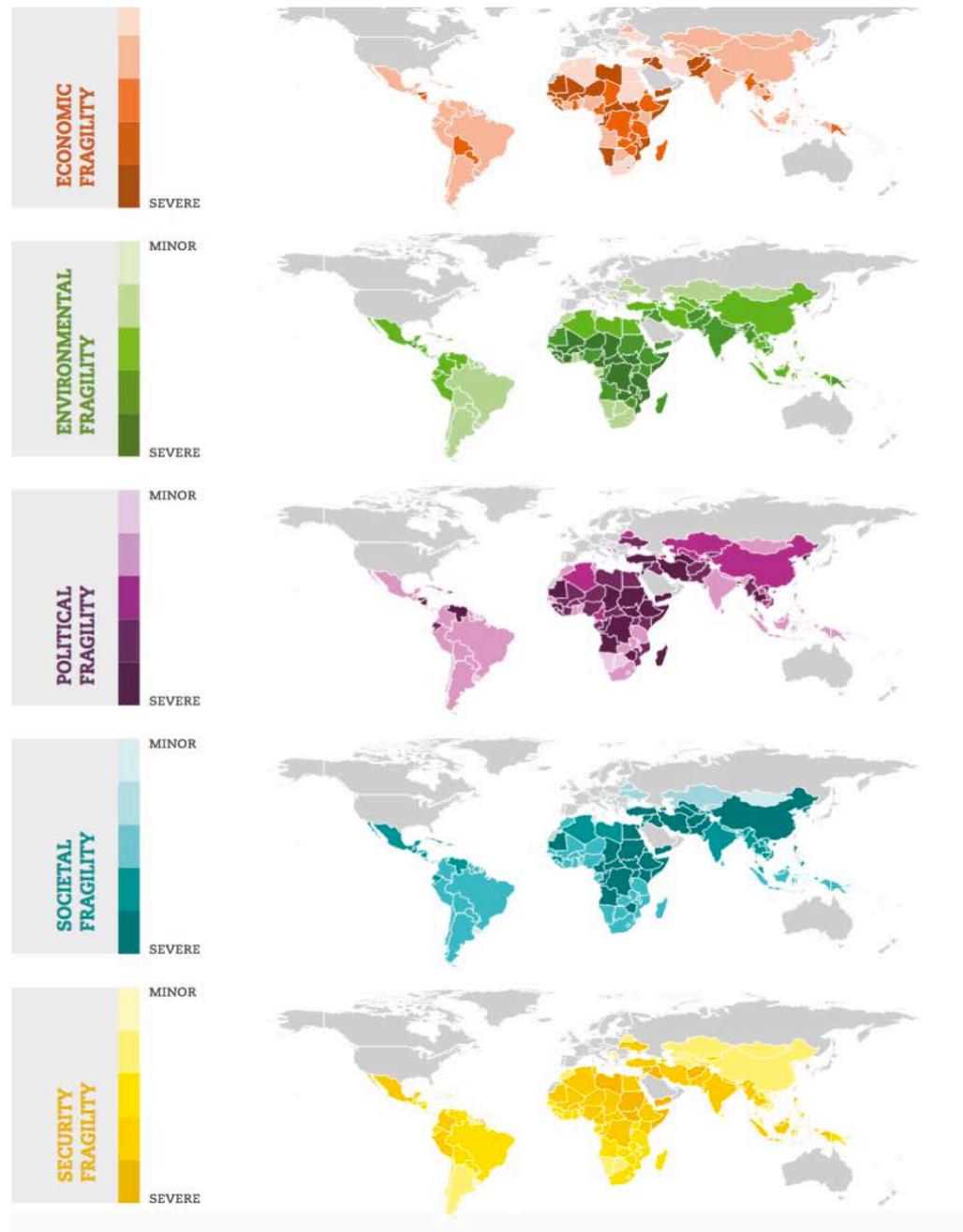
The studio deals with acute and profound societal, cultural and economic transformations, which challenge conventional conceptions of planning, redefining our disciplinary roles and frameworks.

I propose a joint site context in London, but if students would like to select a different context, I am very happy to discuss this.

The studio runs on the Brussels campus in the program Urban Projects, Urban Cultures, but students inscribed in Gent can also apply for the studio.



Fragilities in the world.

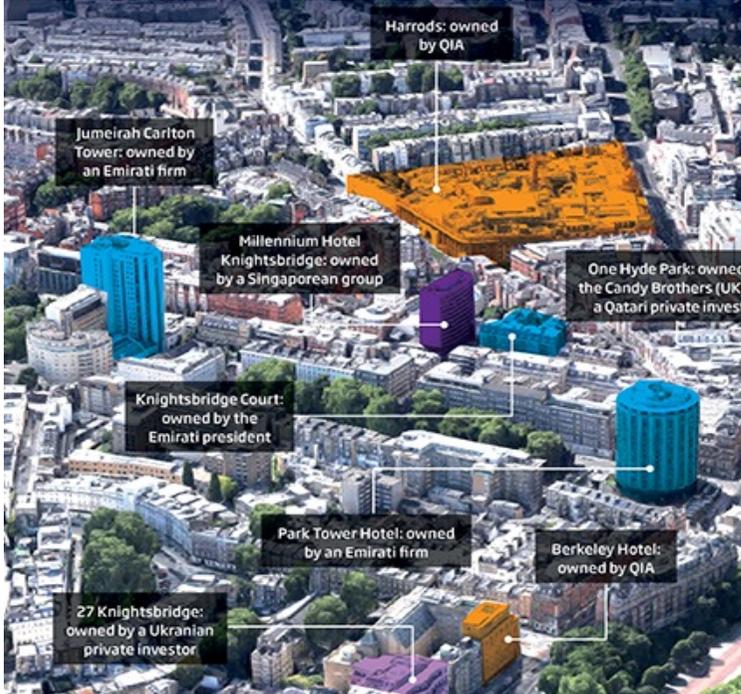


States of Fragility Framework, 'Maps of specific Fragilities', Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 2018.





Fragilities on a city level

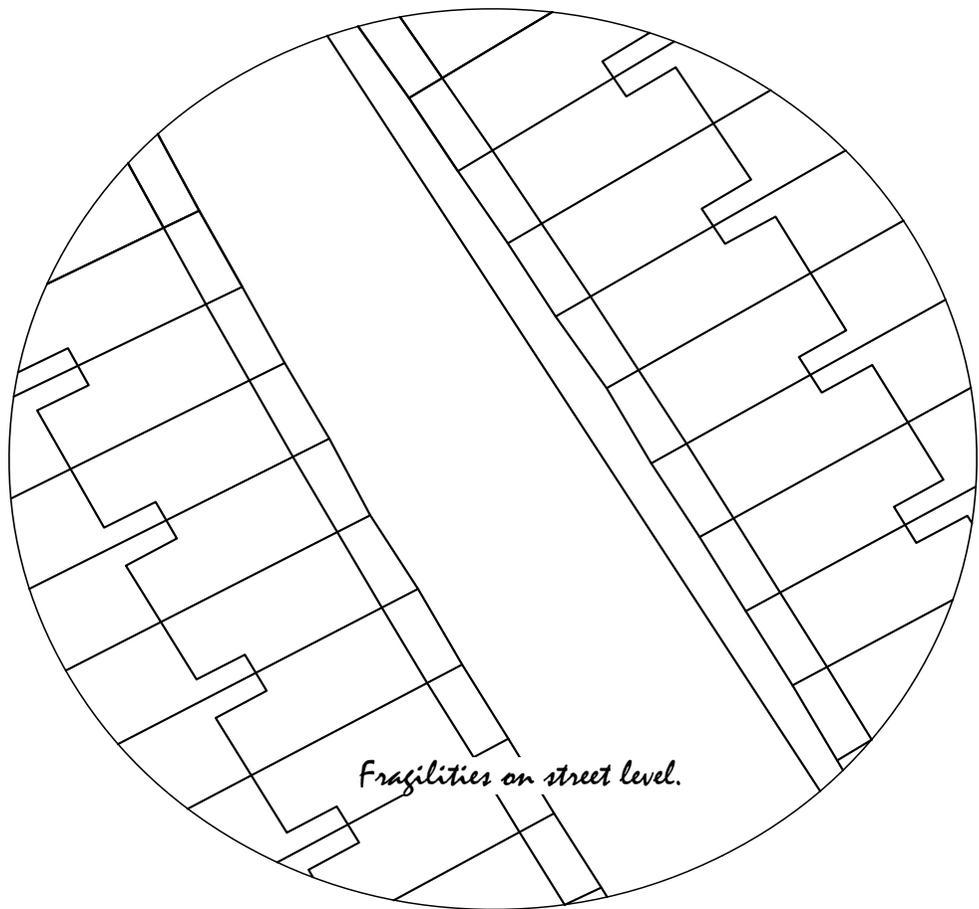


“Fragile cities are only not found in fragile countries.”

States of Fragility, OECD, 2018.

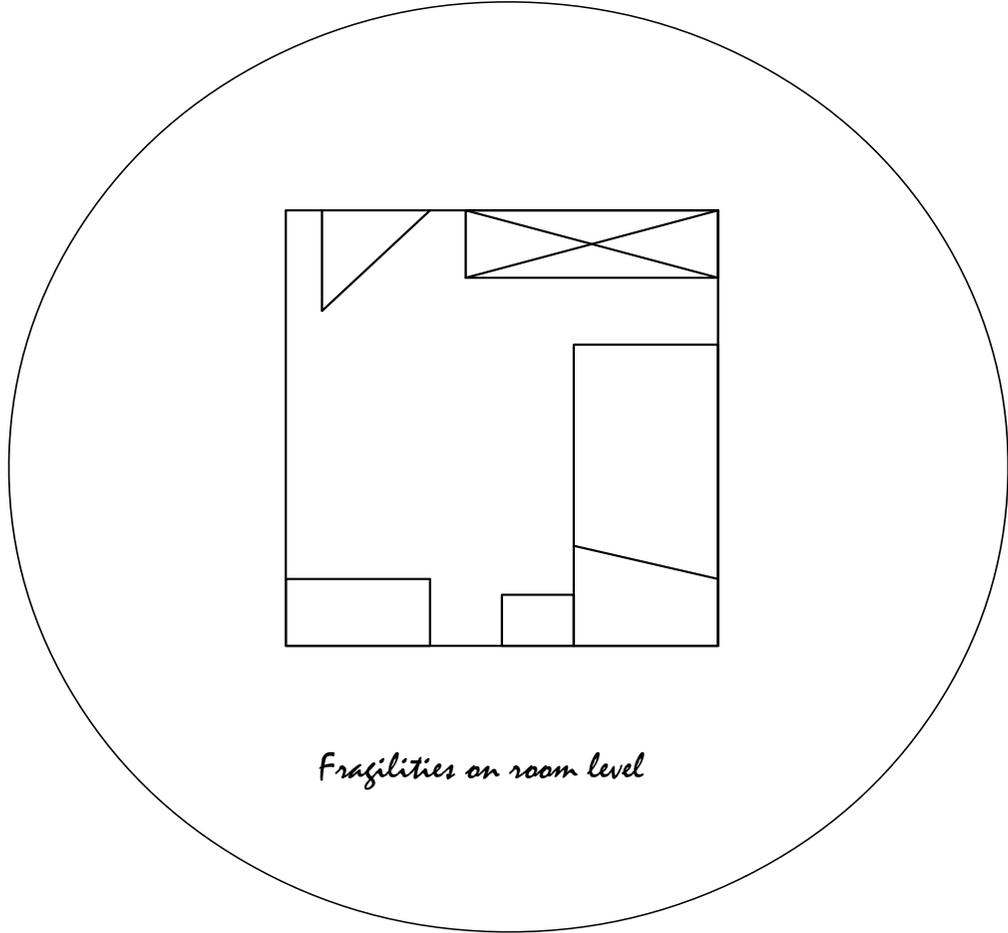
“Fragility occurs when city authorities are unable or unwilling to deliver basic services to citizens. It is triggered by a rupture of a city’s social contract. The intensity of fragility is conditioned by an accumulation of risks. And some risks – the pace of urbanization, income and social inequality, youth unemployment, homicidal and criminal violence, poor access to key services, and exposure to climate threats – are more serious than others.”

Robert Muggah, Visualizing Urban Fragility, 2016. United Nations University. Centre for Policy Research.

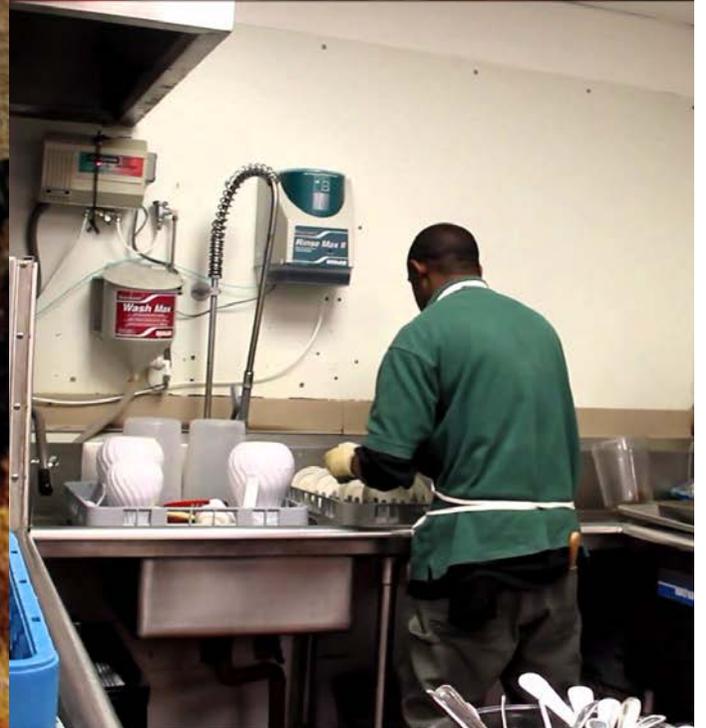


Fragilities on street level.





Fragilities on room level

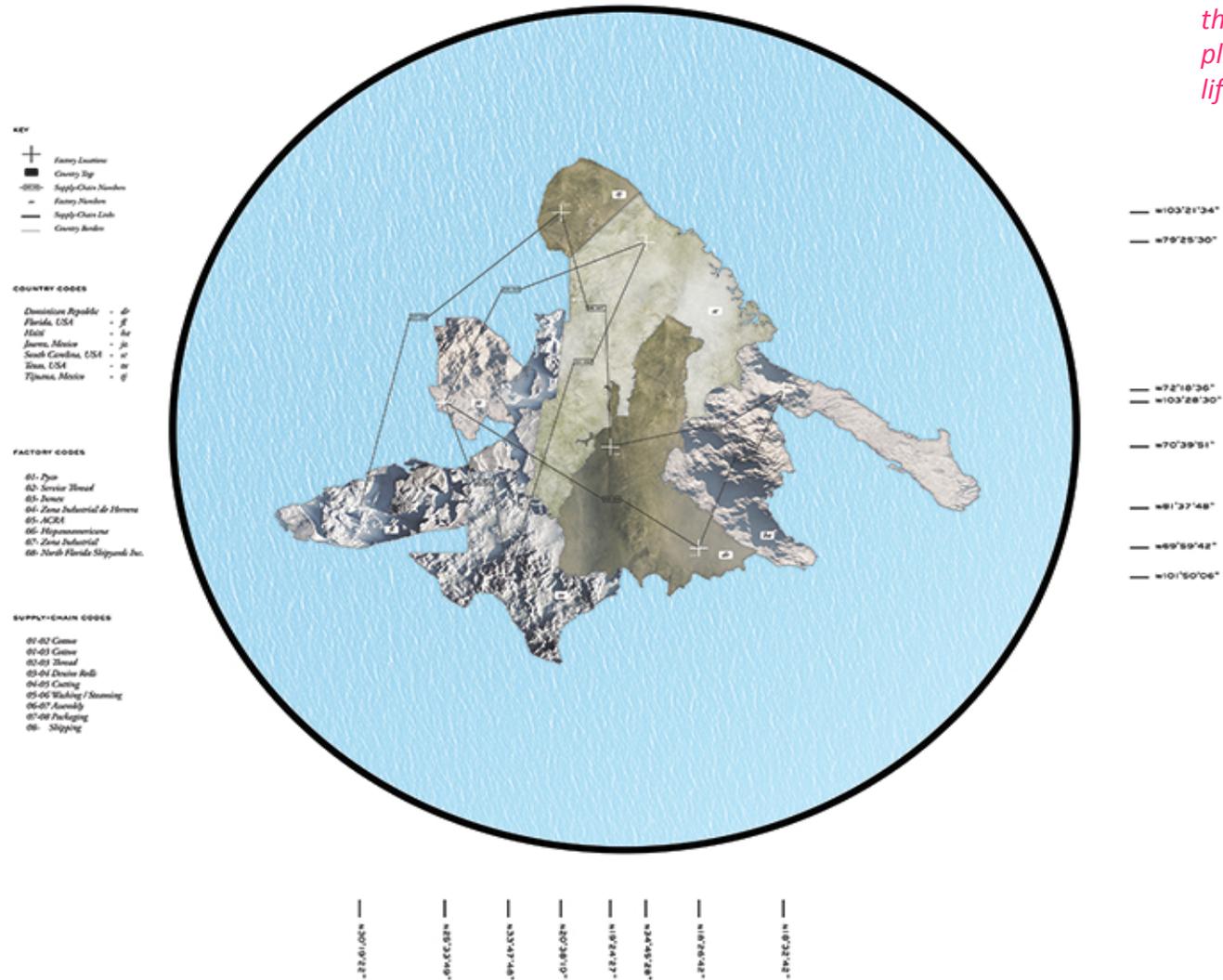


Remember Very Clearly When this Carpet Went Down Because it Came Over Television that President Kennedy was Assassinated.
Martin Parr, 1991



... But, of course, all these scales are connected. What happens in one scale will impact on the next scale.

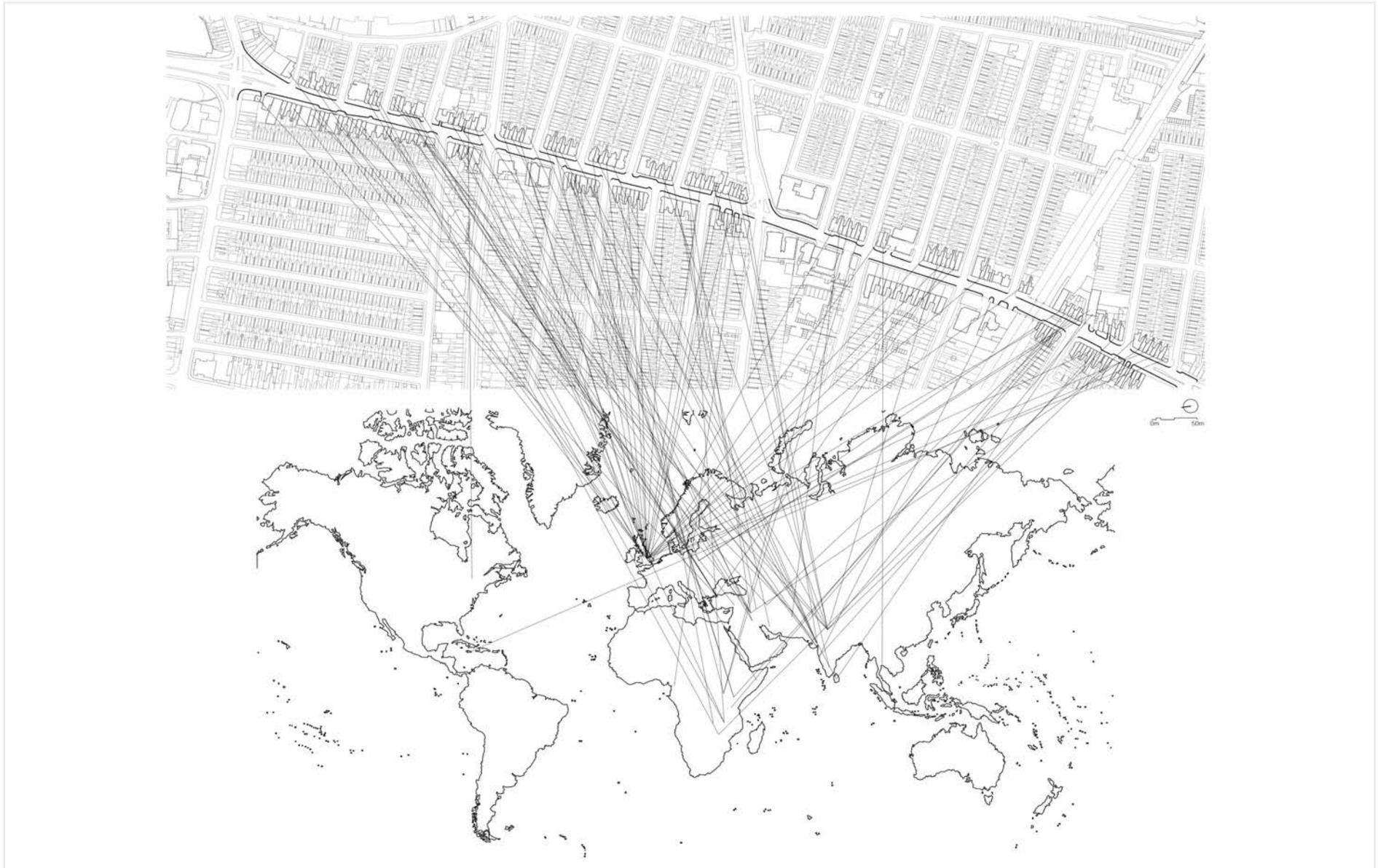
Map of Levi's Jeans



A pair of Levi's 501® jeans intended for North American consumption will touch four continents, hear five languages, and travel half the circumference of the planet during its production lifecycle.

Connectedness has created different kinds of geographies, which are mostly not driven by proximity or topology but by other kinds of systems.

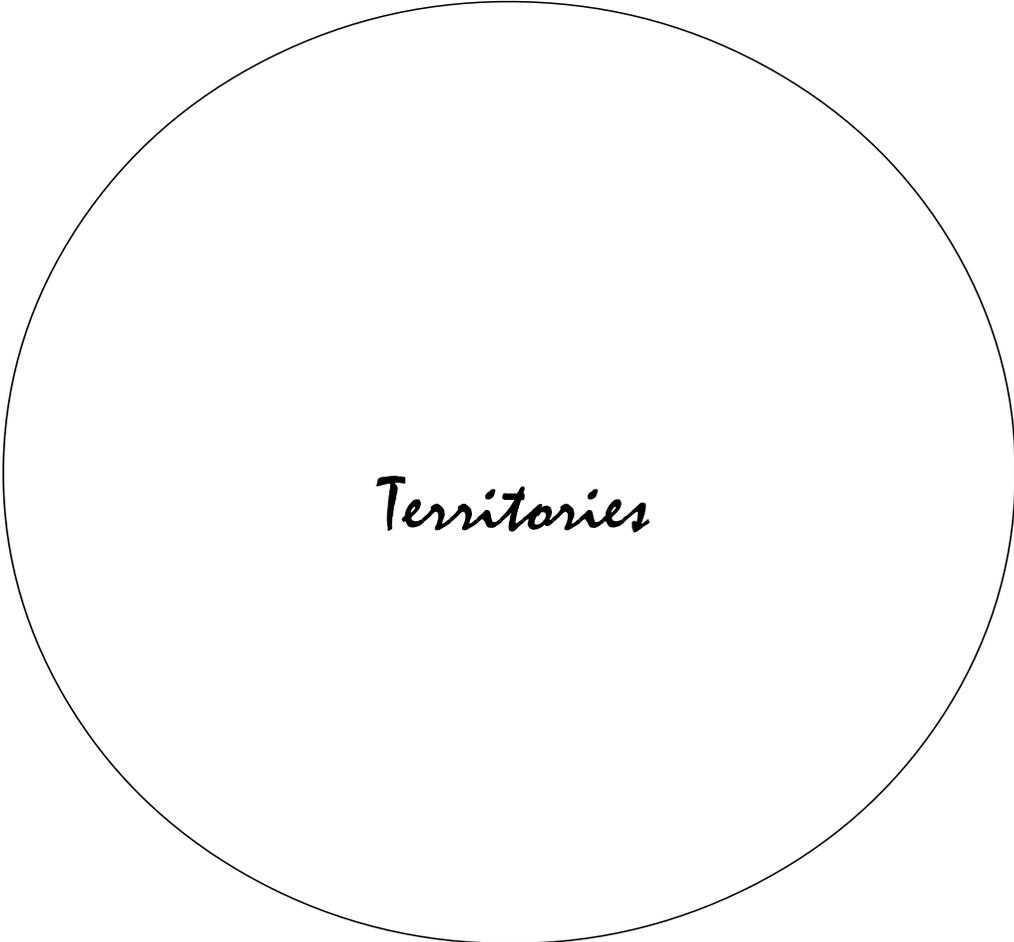
World to Street



Narborough Road, Leicester : A survey of proprietors by country of birth (2015) Suzanne Hall. LSE.

Global issues transform our streets.

Overriding and systemic changes do not only happen on a global, national, regional or local scale, but they also impact on the everyday realm of citizens. Architecture is implicated in these changes and it is our duty to engage and situate our own spatial practice within this complexity.



Territories

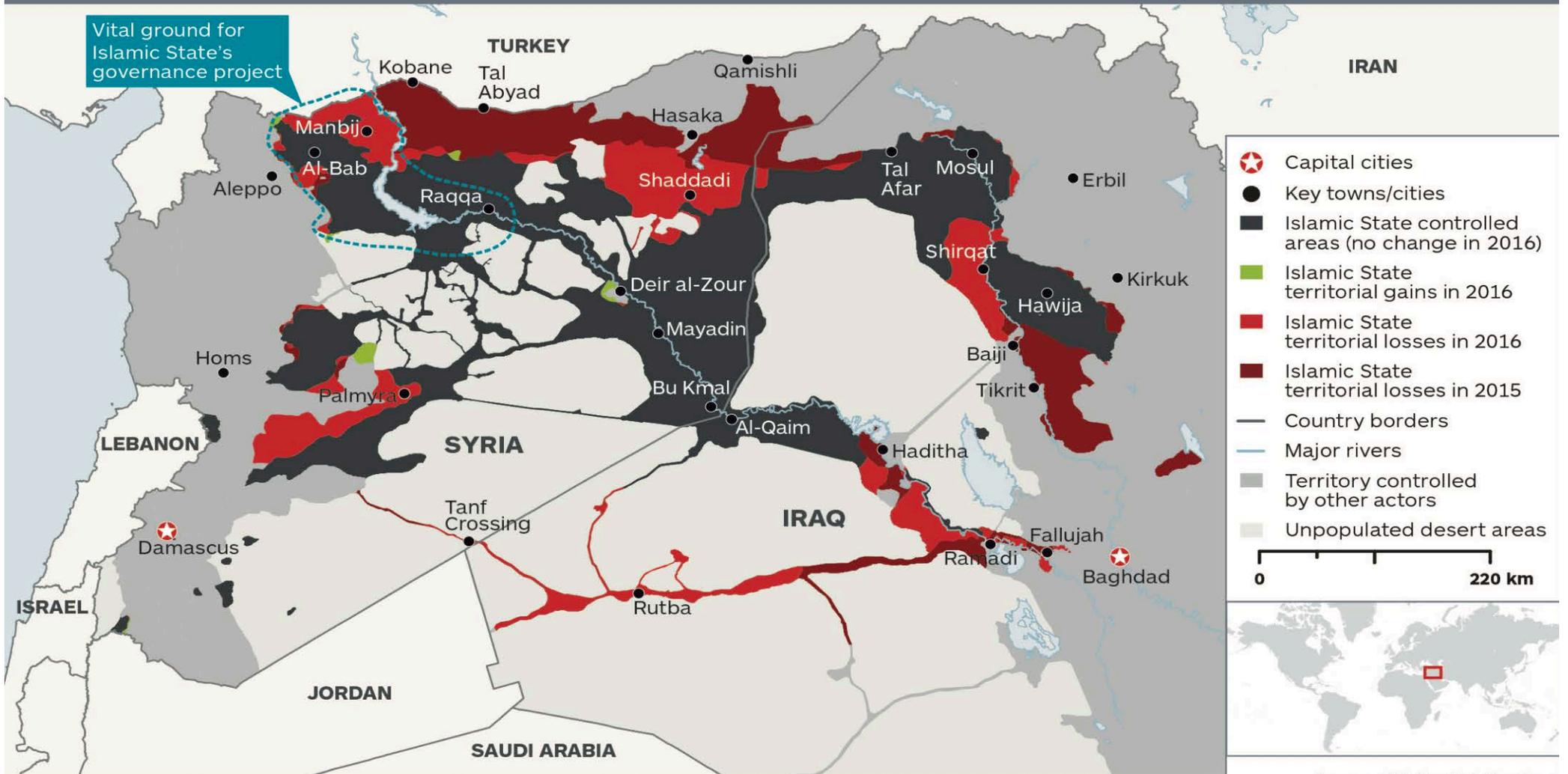
An area in which one has certain rights or which one has certain responsibility with regard to a particular type of activity. “don’t go committing murders on my territory”

Oxford dictionary

Territory is more than merely land, and goes beyond terrain, but is a rendering of the emergent concept of ‘space’ as a political category: owned, distributed, mapped, calculated, bordered and controlled.

Stuart Elden, *Land, Terrain, Territory*, 2010.

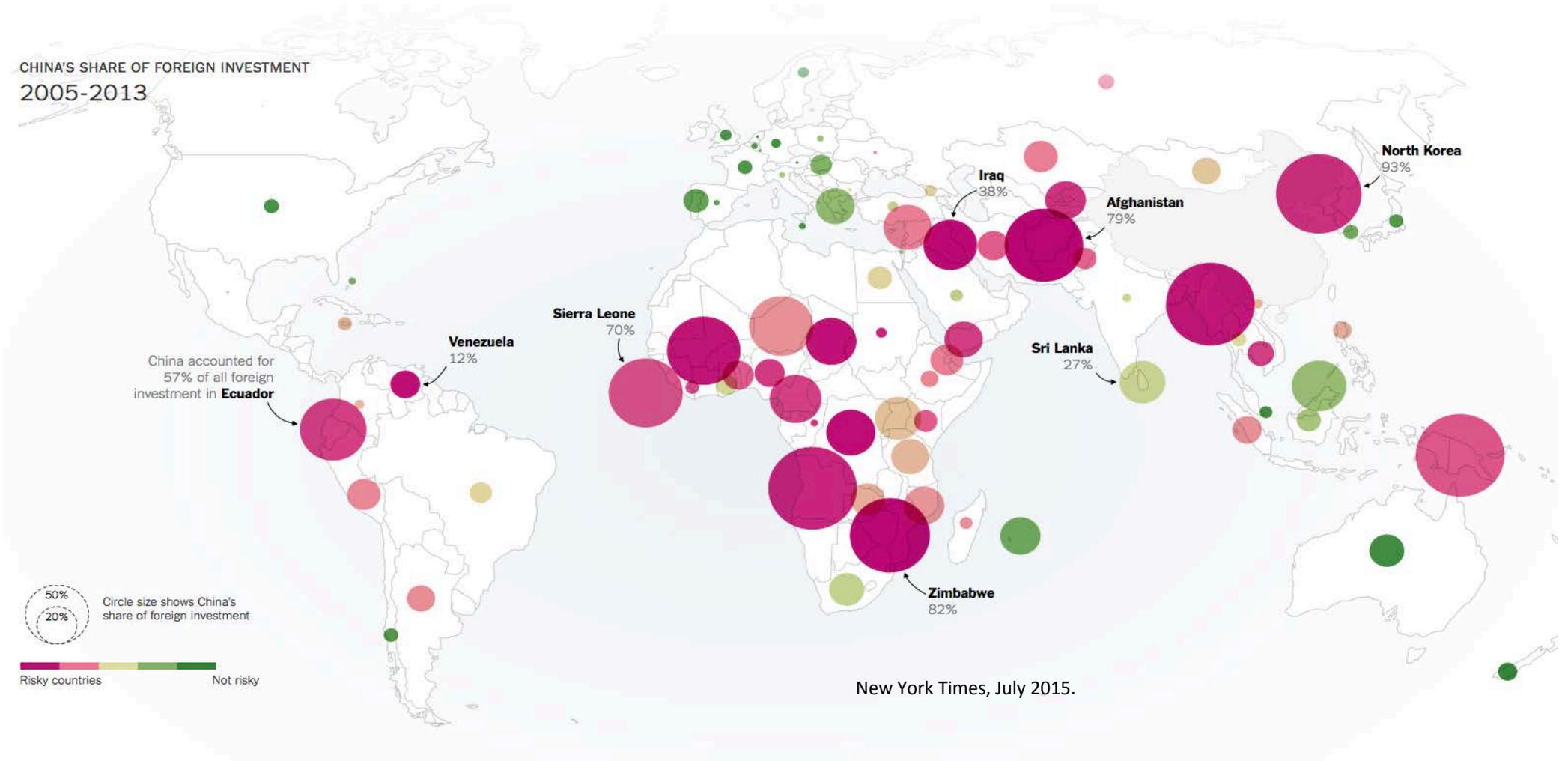
Islamic State territorial losses between January 2015 and 3 October 2016



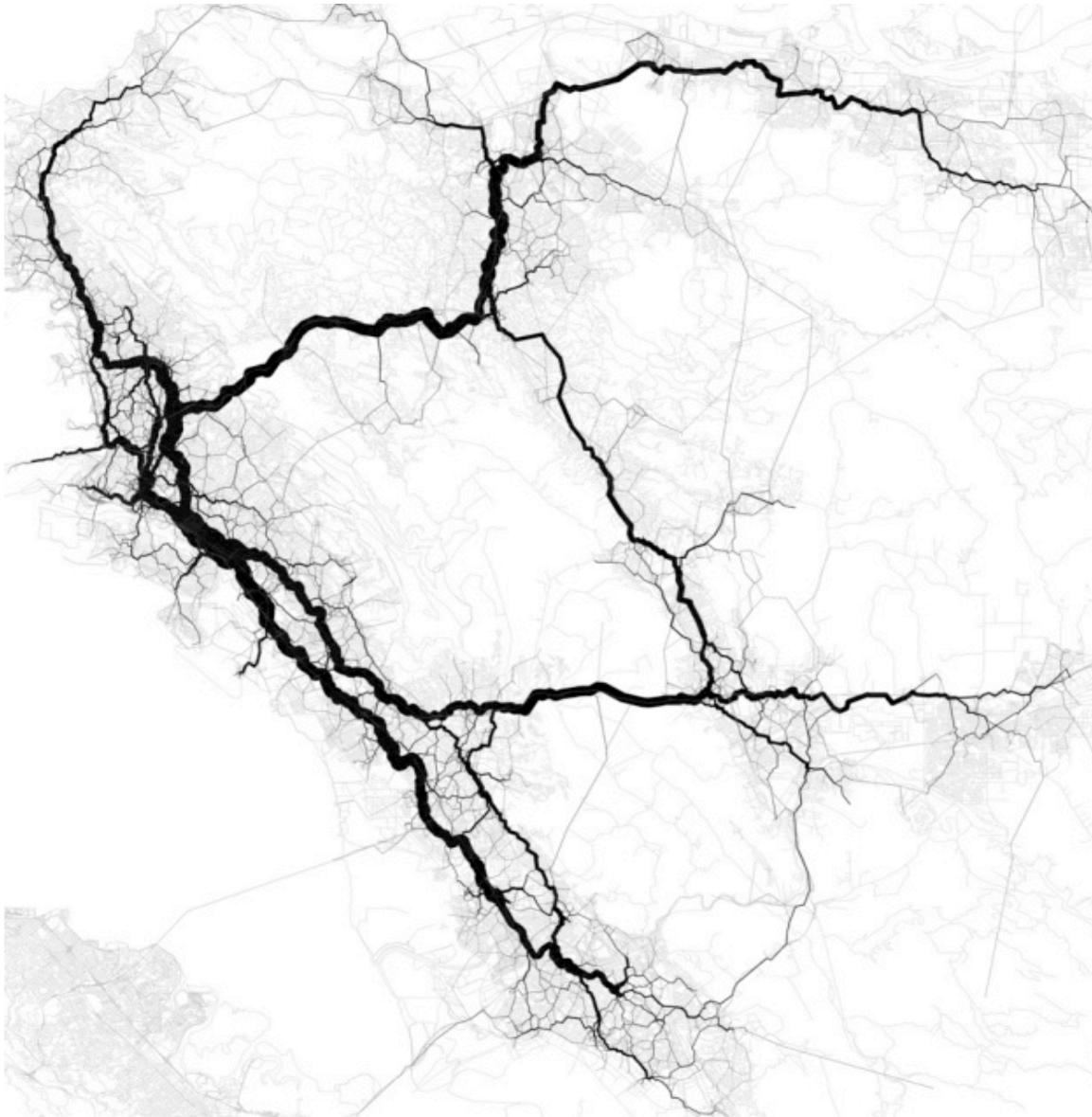
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CHINA'S SHARE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT
2005-2013



New York Times, July 2015.



Eric fisher, Geographic connectedness via Twitter locations, San Francisco bay, 2012.



‘Territories require constant effort to establish and maintain’; [they are] the results of strategies to affect, influence, and control people, phenomena, and relationships.’

Robert. D. Sack, *Human territoriality: its theory and history*, 1986.





Imogen Cunningham, *Unmade Bed*, no date.

The inversion of home. When home is not a place to which we return, but the default state. Home, can also become a trap, one that is not easy to leave.



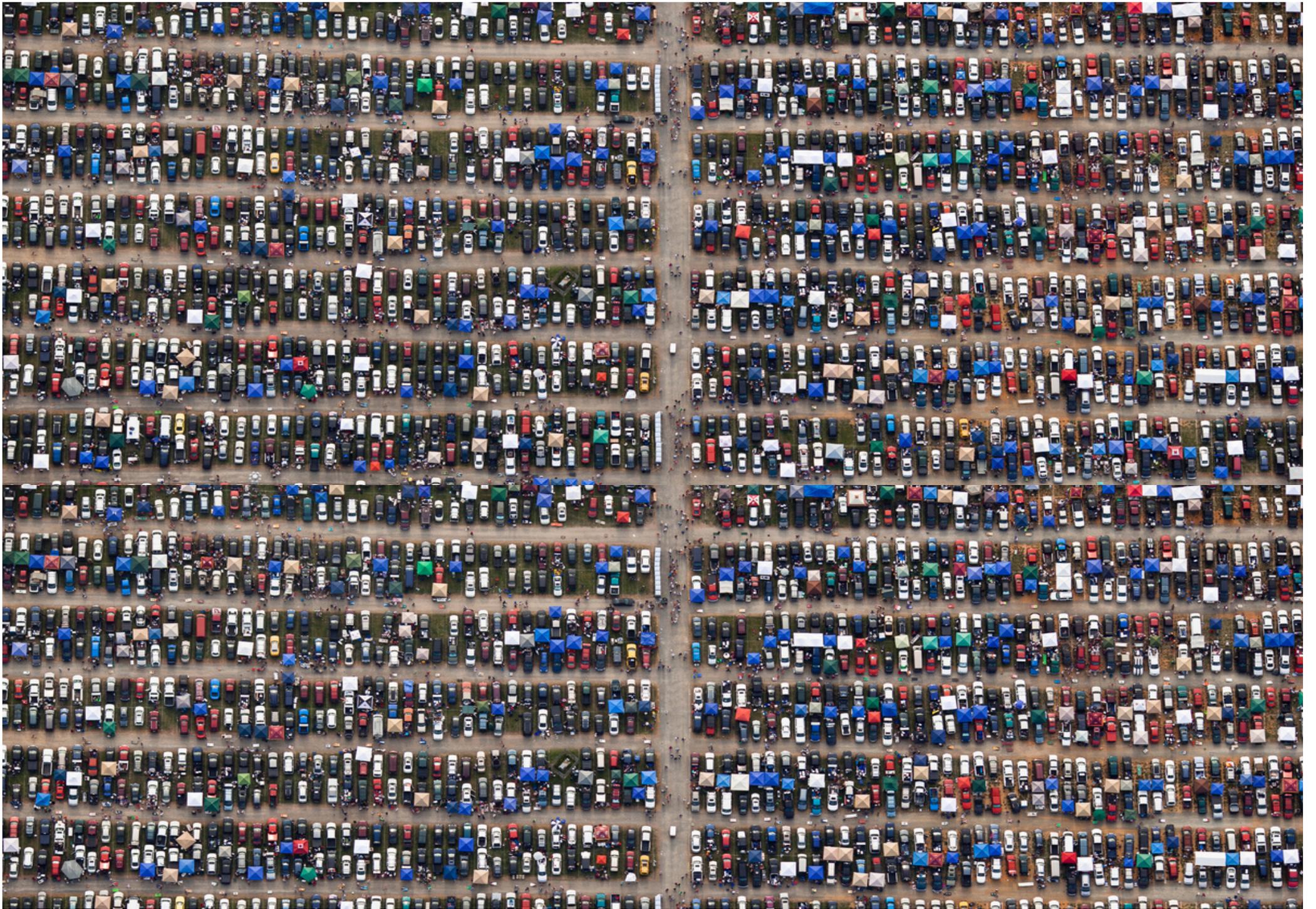
I am sure he will come and visit, won't he?

Territorial Trap.

Territories shape space and inhabitation;
inhabitation shapes space and territories.



Gray Malin, Bondi Beach.



Mar del Plastico, Andalusia, Spain: 350 sq km of greenhouses growing fruit and vegetables to feed Europe. Photograph: Bernhard Lang



‘Territoriality is a behavioral phenomenon associated with the organization of space into spheres of influence or clearly demarcated territories which are made distinctive and considered at least partially exclusive by their occupants or definers’.

Edward Soja, *The political organization of space*, 1971.



School [sku:l]
'An institution for educating children.'



Office ['ɒfɪs]

'A room, set of rooms, or building used as a place of business for non-manual work.'

Frozen territories?

Behind closed doors (quite literally).

Hidden in plain sight.
A forgotten territory?
An institutionalized territory?



Care home [kɛ: hæʊm]
'A small institution providing accommodation and care for people who are unable to look after themselves.'

The taboo of the aged body.



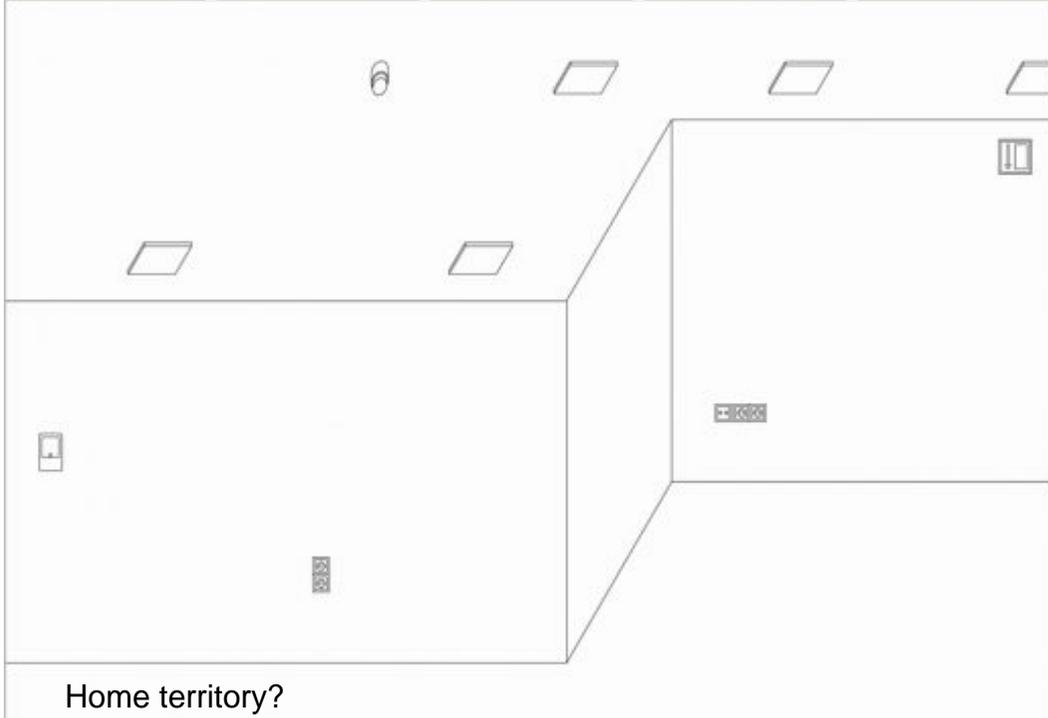
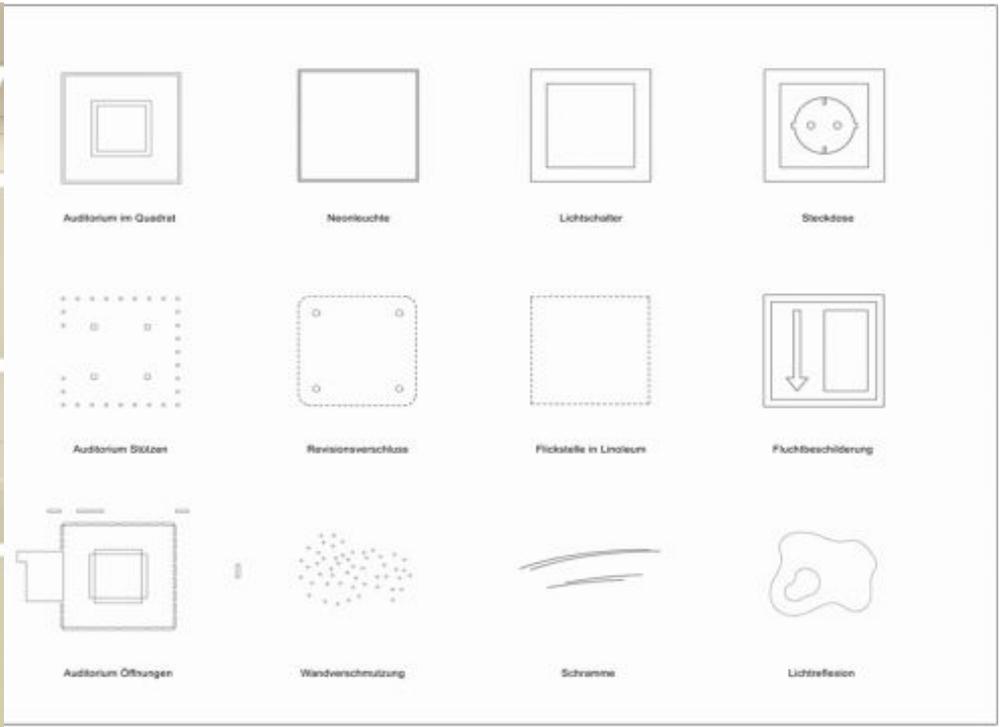
Hidden and unseen landscapes.



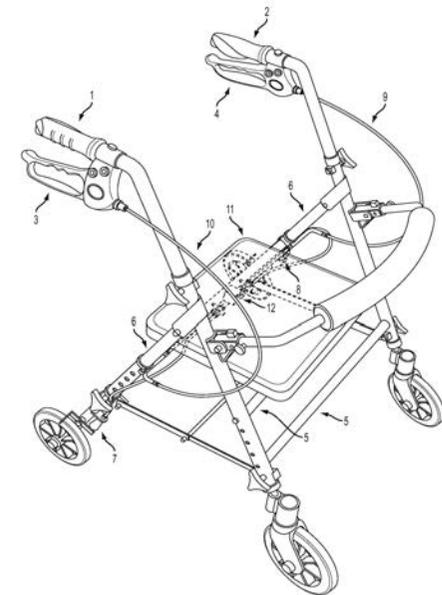


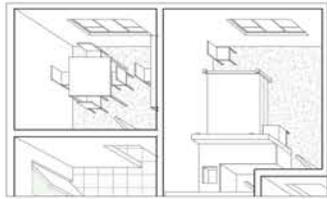
Home territory?

Detail und Debaikel. Christian Fuchs. 2002.

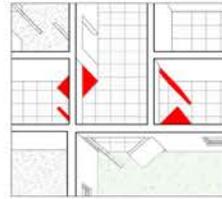


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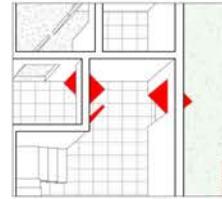




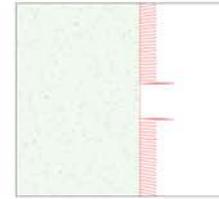
1. Management Zone



4. Double Door to Common Space



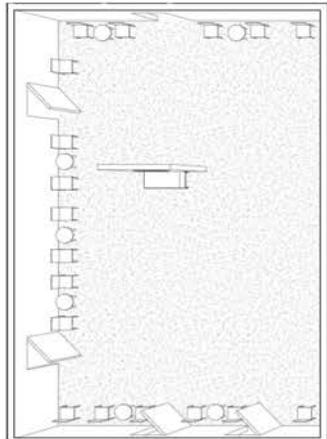
5. Double Door to Outdoor Space



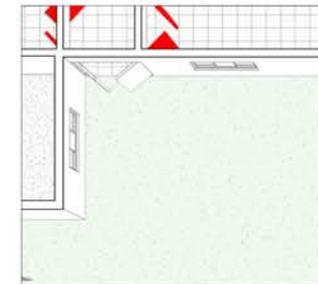
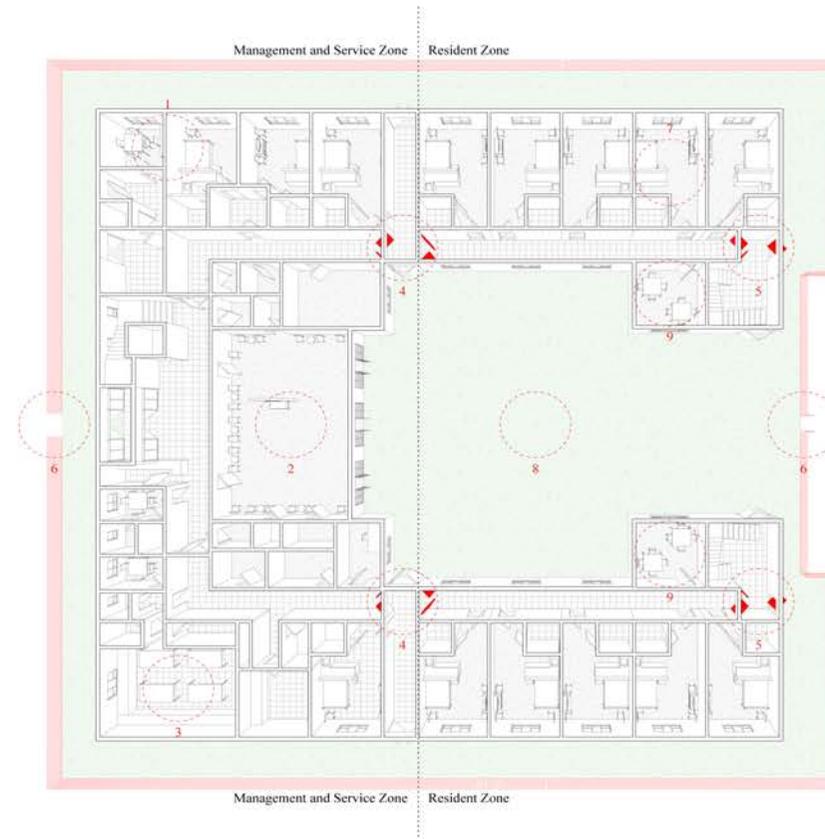
6. Fence



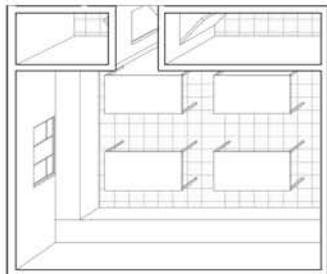
7. Resident Room



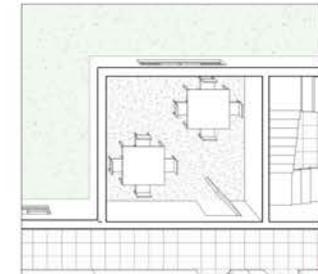
2. Communal Space



8. Outdoor Garden



3. Service Zone



9. Common Dining Room

Explicit and implicit territorial control in a care home.

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Intimacies & **Ingenuity.**



The Great British Seaside. Margate. Martin Parr. 1986.



Still photo from the film *Ikea Disobedience*, by Andrés Jaque Architect. Office for Political Innovation. Madrid / New York, 2012. Woman opening her hair salon in her home.



Still photo from the film *Ikea Disobedience*, by Andrés Jaque Architect. Office for Political Innovation. Madrid / New York, 2012
.Children regarding their mother's restaurant as their home.



Clacton. Martin Parr. 2018.



Szechenyi thermal baths, Budapest, Hungary, Martin Parr, 1997



Senior Communal Living Berlin.