NEW WAYS OF MAKING THE CITY: TWO FRENCH EXPERIENCES

The examples of temporary occupation and third-places

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1. A temporary urban occupation project: Les Grands Voisins

- "An Urban and Social Brownfield Site"
- Situated in Paris
- 44,000 m² of buildings over 3.5 hectares
- About 2,000 people living and working
- Started Fall 2014
- Temporary use of old hospital promised for demolition
- Will be replaced by a 600 housing "Ecological neighborhood"
Temporary use of vacant spaces

From the old Saint-Vincent de Paul Hospital

Time lapse

Exploit the transition period to experiment new ways of living and sharing

To the future “Ecological neighborhood”
A multifunction urban area

- #1 Emergency housing and social care
- #2 Use vacant spaces to temporarily host social entrepreneurs
#3
Create
Get together and sharing situations
Les Grands Voisins: *how does it work?*

- Initiated by three associations fighting for **solidarity** and **against exclusion**
  - Projects' time frame is limited
  - Convention for temporary use and activities organization
  - Project launch eased by property royalties exemption
Results and further developments

- An urban laboratory
- Citizen's participation
- A place for diversity
- Demonstrates how time lapse can be used for urban innovation

- The experiment should have stopped in 2018
- Lease for part of the place extended to 2019, to ease the transition between the project and the new constructions to come.
2. The concept of "Third-places" through the example of L'Arecyclerie

- Developed by Sinny & Ooko
- The idea is to galvanize a territory and its neighbourhood.
Introducing "L'Arecyclerie"

Giving a new life to the old Ornano Train Station
The philosophy behind the place

3Rs as a motto: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
An innovative business model

- Based on one income generating activity (restaurant and bar) and non-remunerative actions - the former finances the latter
  - 250 000 visitors a year

- **Economical value**: autonomous model with 60 jobs created and subcontracted work

- **Social value**: develop culture, cleanliness, environment, urbanism, neighbour inclusion, live together, …

- Numerous different actors contributing to the life of the place
THANK YOU!

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