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The problématique of social infrastructure, community planning and the “10 minutes city” in Brussels

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【概要 / Summary】

This talk examines the place of social infrastructure and community planning in the making of the contemporary city, both conceptually and operationally. This topic seems essential today, given the political ambitions, affirmed in Brussels as in various European and North American metropolises, to deploy a "city in X minutes". This presentation argues that the perspective of a “city in X minutes” renew the debate on community planning and social infrastructure: the organization of public facilities and services, and the issue of the spatial proximity of these facilities, designed from a minimum travel time for their users. This organization of public facilities has become essential following the health crisis which has disturbed our existence, constrained our movements, reduced our daily living spaces, and reaffirmed the importance of the local scale.

If the notion of the “city in X minutes” appeared recently, and is essential today, in Europe and elsewhere, as a contemporary model of urban planning to meet various challenges (ecological, economic, social), this presentation will show that it can be understood as a specific approach of community planning and social infrastructure. The presentation will therefore replace the debate on the “city in 10 minutes” in Brussels within the larger question of community planning and the organization of social infrastructure in Brussels.

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