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A reflection on the city and urban trends.

Public spaces, spaces for personal expression, commercial spaces, spaces for celebrating and socializing, but also spaces of rejection and violence: urban spaces are all these at once.

To analyze these multiple facets, five authors from very different research domains (art history, geography, sociology, economics, etc.) discuss subjects as diverse as street art, the hollowing-out of downtowns, advertising, the design of urban amenities, the redefinition of public space, shopping malls, etc.

Teeming with examples taken from France as well as the world over, this reflection on what cities are will make you see them as you never have before, in all their richness and variety.