

What is planned for the next year

- > Continuation of the analysis.
- > Organization of a symposium in June 2020, bringing together young people and community partners who participated in the project.
- > The publication of a collective book with texts written by young people and elements of analysis written by researchers.
- > The distribution of digital capsules on an Internet platform.



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Type of products envisaged in the coming year

- > Event;
- > Scientific publication;
- > Presentation at a conference.



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Highlights

- > The transformation of working-class neighbourhoods, known for their impoverishment or exclusion, remains a fundamental challenge in the development and management of metropolitan areas. This has forcefully re-emerged in recent times in a series of social revolts, pointing to issues of discrimination, inequality and spatial segregation, and the lack of prospects that push many young and older residents to illegal acts. Through the prism of youth, based on an original empirical approach conducted in Parisian districts, this project seeks to capture the recompositions underway in these territories by trying to overcome the homogenizing, stigmatizing or on the contrary naïve analyses, which are most often given. To do this, the study is based on a threefold approach: **1)** starting from the experience of young people to apprehend social and territorial relations in an intersectional approach; **2)** apprehending metropolitan space from the point of view of working-class neighbourhoods instead of considering it only from the point of view of the centre, and seeing these neighbourhoods only as territories of exclusion; and **3)** developing a participatory research method using digital tools. Based on original data and an analytical process, this work aims to shed light on the drivers of social change in these territories.

THIS YEAR WAS DEDICATED TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA COLLECTED AND TO MAINTAINING MOBILIZATION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT IN ORDER TO WRITE A COLLECTIVE BOOK AND ORGANIZE A SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN 2020. ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS WERE ORGANIZED WITH A GROUP OF YOUNG GIRLS ON THE ISSUES OF THEIR PLACE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

What was done this year

① Metropolitan workshops

> Metropolitan workshops were held on 10 and 11 November 2018. They allowed young people from the neighbourhoods participating in the project to meet and learn about different representations and experiences of the working-class neighbourhoods in the Paris region. A selection of the video clips produced was screened. Thematic workshops with young people from different neighbourhoods provided a participatory introduction to the analysis process. The themes addressed, affecting the different districts in a transversal way, concerned: girls/boys relations, sport, forms of commitment, discrimination, violence...

② Data analysis

- > The research team met several times to initiate the analysis. Portraits of the young people were elaborated from the workshop material and the transcribed interviews.
- > Two of the three themes identified in the first year were further explored in the second year.
 - a. The sharing of public space between different groups based on the analysis of a public square: young people from working class backgrounds, gentrifiers, refugees. Based on observations of the square, the modalities of space sharing were analyzed.
 - b. The place of girls and boys in the public space, to be related to their place in the private space. This axis of analysis was further developed through the realization of five writing workshops (non-mixed) on private and domestic spaces, which made it possible to complete the first phase of data collection, focused more on spatial practices of urban public spaces. The analysis of this material is in progress.

③ Writing workshops with young people for the publication of a collective book.

- > The writing workshops made it possible to engage a small group of young people (five girls and one boy) in writing texts for the publication of a collective book. Two texts were produced, contributing to the "girls/boys" section. They deal with excision and forced marriage.

Preliminary results

- The portraits of young people show, for example, a strong presence of religion despite differentiated relationships to religious practice, representations and spatial practices between Paris and the suburbs (negative representations but regular urban practice due to family relationships and in suburban shopping centres).
- The sharing of public space between different groups based on the analysis of a public square: young people from working-class backgrounds, gentrifiers, refugees. Observations show modes of spatial control implemented by dominant groups, and the strategies developed by young people that take different forms (bypass, diversion, negotiation), giving way to socialization built in the relationship to the Other in urban space.



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