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In August 2013, several hundred Muslims gathered at the *plaza major* in the center of the small town Mollét del Valles, located about 20 minutes by train ...

Walls and Other Unremarkable Boundaries in South London: Impenetrable Infrastructure or Portals of Time, Space and Cultural Difference?

by KIM KNOTT (Lancaster University)

Seemingly impenetrable, urban walls, fences and other hard surfaces of the city do not seem likely contenders for social and cultural innovation and interaction. ...

Infrastructures of Partition, Infrastructures of Juncture: Separation Barriers and Intercommunal Contact in Belfast and Nicosia

by EMILY BERESKIN (Technische Universität Berlin)

Through an analysis of Belfast, Northern Ireland and Nicosia, Cyprus, this article considers how separation barriers catalyze social mixing and cooperation in ethnationally divided cities. ...

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by SUZANNE M. HALL, JULIA KING, and ROBIN FINLAY (London School of Economics and Political Science)

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by ANDERSON BLANTON (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)

This paper describes the development of a vernacular form of religious art upon the surface of the Jeepney, one of the most popular modes of public transport in the Southeast Asian megacity of Metro Manila. ...

Architectures of Interreligious Tolerance: The Infrastructural Politics of Place and Space in Croatia and Turkey

by JEREMY F. WALTON (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)

Drawing on research conducted at a mosque in the Croatian port city of Rijeka and an integrated space of worship (a "mosque-*cem* house") for Sunni and Alevi Muslims in the Turkish capital of Ankara, this essay traces the divergences between discursive practices ...

Large-scale Urbanization and the Infrastructure of Religious Diversity in the Favelas of Rio de Janeiro

by STEPHAN LANZ (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)

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Urban Diversity: Disentangling the Cultural from the Economic Case

by BORIS VORMANN (John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Berlin)

For many planners and city branders a pluralistic urban society, variation in architectural styles and mixed-uses render cities creative, competitive and more livable. Diversity, as the new orthodoxy ...

Cities as Infrastructures of Diversification and Homogenisation: Constructing Multiformal Spaces in Paris and Shenzhen

by STEPHEN READ (Delft University of Technology)

Cities have made urban people. Cities are the material condition of complex urban societies and people have been actively formed in them as products of and complements to the politics and economies ...

Passing Things Along: (In)completing Infrastructure

by ABDOUMALIQ SIMONE (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)

Infrastructure not only concerns the movement of things, but also is itself a movement. It is a movement that gathers up remnants, the disparate, and that which has been cut loose from discernible modes of ...

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Attitudes Towards State Languages versus Minority Languages in the Contemporary World: The Case of Catalan in Sardinia

by JOSÉ MARÍA SANTOS ROVIRA (University of Lisbon)

The dichotomy of state language versus minority languages is a well-known subject among linguists. However, there are several competing perceptions of the role that minority languages play in society. In Italy, Catalan is a minority language ...