

BOOK PRESENTATION

Urban Fragments

the small objects that narrate the city



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The elements of public furniture distinguish the spaces of our cities and determine their particularity and charm. Benches, manhole covers, traffic lights, drinking fountains, telephone booths, sidewalks, urinals, bollards, plaques: they are all details, often small and neglected, capable of telling surprising stories also about the culture and people of a place.

Through the elements of street furniture, described with a curious and attentive eye, in this seminar we will discover new angles on cities we thought we knew. "Typical" characters, which we often only notice when they are missing or radically changed, for example with the arrival of new technologies: what would Paris be without the art nouveau subway entrances? Why were the streets of London lined with wood? what technological achievements and what conflicts are hidden behind a cobblestone or a street lamp? Does a fountain or a manhole reveal more about the hygiene of a society?

