

Metaphor and metamorphose of territoriality

This work is an introduction to the spatial relegation of the poorest.

It is obvious that we need a car in today's life but just the same it is quite evident that car is a heavy cost for the lowest budget. For those among us who are the less fortunate, having a car and keeping it is far from being easy. Being unemployed and living from social aids in the French west seaside "Pays Royannais" means very often avoiding the use of car. Even if to maintain a social life because of a lack of buses moving in the countryside require's quite strongly a car. The simple explanation of this situation by the cost of a car is not relevant. Must of the time the relegation is operating before that, because very often the poorest have no driving licence.

Cultural studies in the countryside have very often made a link between proximity and sociality further more that link has been showed in a lot of forms of the popular culture. Therefore one can ask is there a difference between middle and working class perception of space? On one side you would have a strong feeling of belonging to a place that feeling would mix a cultural perception of space to a social form of relationship base on proximity. On another you would have a relationship with territories more chosen. In this case identity and relationship with space seem disconnected and the possibilities given by the territory is always compared to those given by others. One can imagine that since the sixties the massive introduction of car as changed the territoriality and sociality of country man. Further more since than society is strongly defined by circulation of money, goods and people. What does it mean today in a society described as post modern and strongly reshaped by individuality therefore where anyone is in the obligation of a constant demonstration of who he is to be with no car?