

PARKING A BICYCLE

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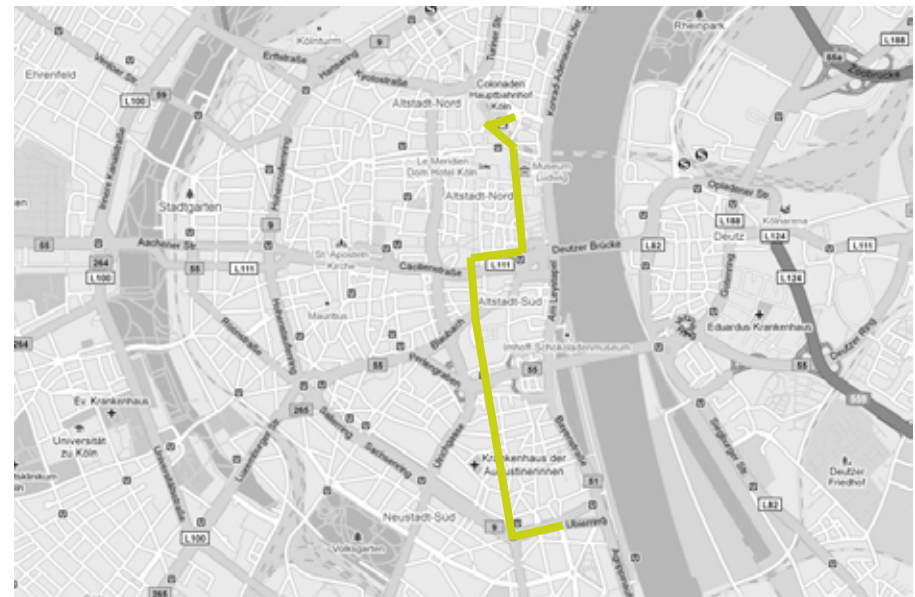
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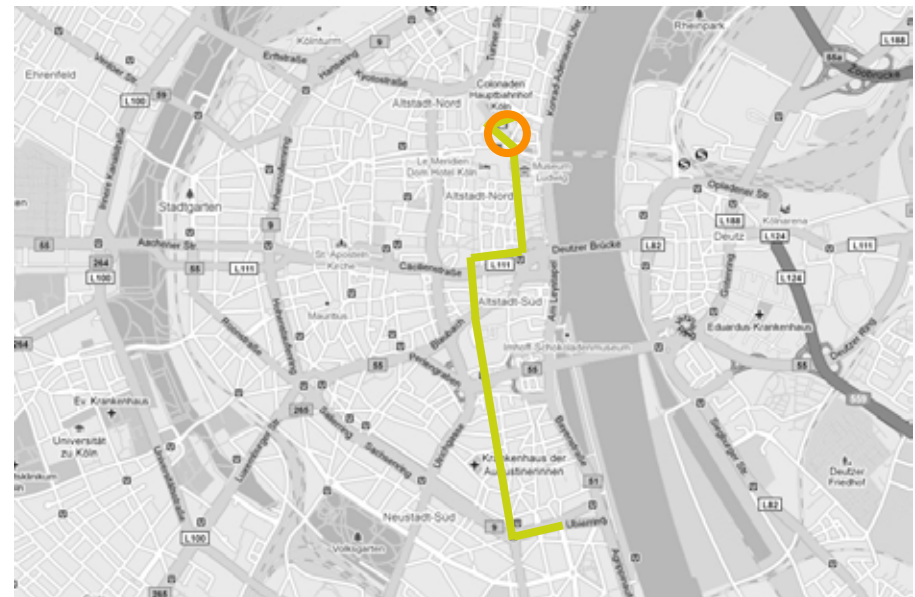
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118 - BICYCLES ARE
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2 - OBSERVATION



139 - NO BICYCLE
PARKING ALLOWED

3 - OBSERVATION



140 - BICYCLE
PATTERNS

4 - OBSERVATION



142 - UNUSUAL
SOLUTIONS

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Why do people park their bicycles in groups, and how many bicycles are needed to actually start a group parking?

Do people create bicycle groups on purpose, or are groups created on their own as a result of the parking situation?

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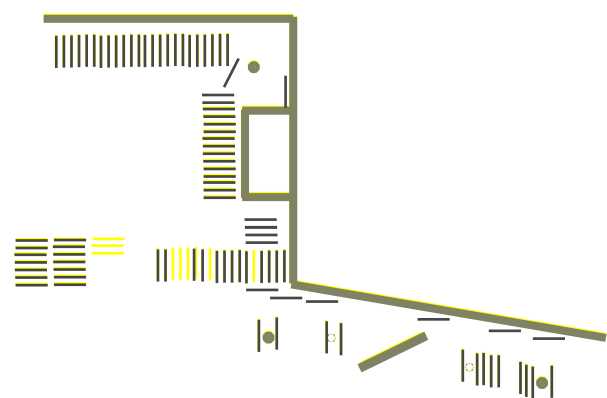
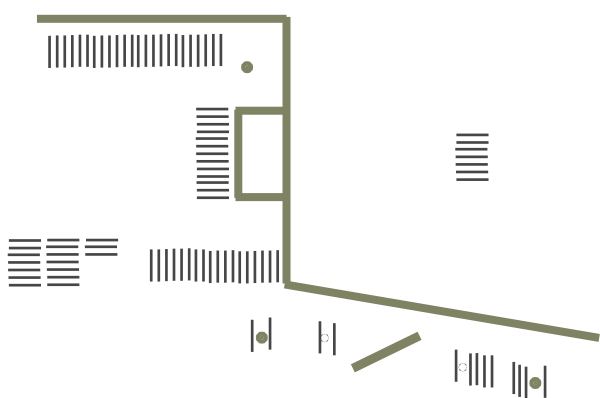
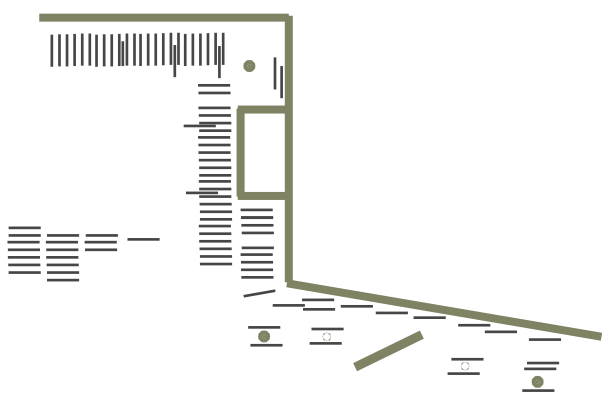
MORNING



NIGHT



MORNING AFTER



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000 - UNWRITTEN RULES

1. follow a pattern if it does not jeopardize the safety of your bicycle
2. park next to something your bike can lean against or be tied to
3. only park your bicycle if it will not be blocking flows of traffic
4. notice the hierarchy of existing groups of parked bicycles
5. follow micro (bicycle) and macro (architecture) patterns
6. if one bicycle is parked in a “no parking” area, copy it
7. no kick-stand : lean it against something solid
8. pick a spot and stick to it (day after day)
9. complete original patterns
10. park next to other bicycles
11. follow lines and borders
12. keep it neat

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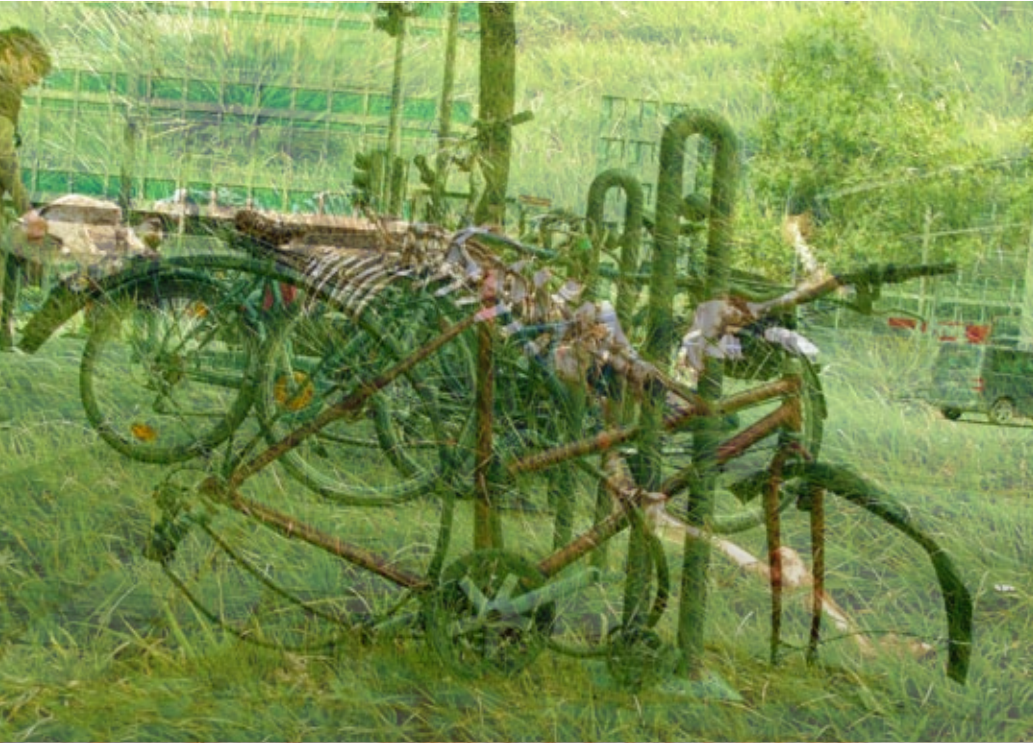
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000 - TRANSFORMATION - QUESTION

How can innate behavioral rules be used as a blueprint for other systems ?

To which extent are common-sense and negotiation useful tools for regulating public space ?

