



FROM PARKING LOT TO PUBLIC SPACE



THE SPACE

Our collective consists of a diverse team of landscape architects, architects, sociologists, urban planners, gender equality specialists, social inclusion practices...

The «Place du Panthéon», is located in the very heart of the historic parisian Latin Quarter, surrounded by renowned universities. From the late 18th century, the plaza was designed around the monument celebrating the «Great Men of the Nation». The Panthéon is in the top 10 of the most visited monuments in Paris.

Our cross-disciplinary approach is historic, economic, cultural, ecologic and social-based.

CONTEXT

The mayor of Paris launched in 2015 a big consultation aiming to redesign the main plazas of the city into more pedestrian-friendly and green spaces. The projects were to be co-concieved and co-constructed with the users and inhabitants so the urban design is seen as the results of a fundamentally collective work.

The side spaces were used as parking spaces, and the daily uses (student lunch breaks, tours) were strictly contained in the front space.

IN-SITU RESIDENCY

Two members of the collective spent 10 months working on site from a temporary working space. Observations, identifications of the users's needs and meeting with the local cultural actors allowed us to develop a holistic and sensitive approach of the space.



North parking lot, facing the Sainte-Geneviève Library (2015)



West parking lot, facing the 5th district City Hall (aerial view, January 2017)