Urban thresholds and modes of domestication

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In this lecture, I propose to explore urban space through the notion of threshold. The latter is not simply a spatial embodiment of a boundary. On the contrary, the occurrence of "thresholds" points towards the distinction between different registers of social interaction. Can domestication be imagined as one of such registers? Rather than defining domestication, I propose to review a series of cases where domesticating practices are seen in urban context, becoming visible and perhaps, legible. Finally, I suggest how at least some of the modes of domestication resonate with an "animistic" sensitivity in the interpretation of social phenomena.

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