PUBLIC SPACES,

THE BEST PLACE TO MAKE YOUR SPACE?

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Introduction

- « Come back » of public spaces

- Report for CIC :

“Importance of Public Space in the Integration Process and in Building Welcoming Communities

- Little Maghreb

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Importance of Public Space in the Integration Process and in Building Welcoming Communities

- Definition

  - Public spaces and Public Sphere

  - Come back of public spaces
  - Growing role of public sociality in our urban communities

  - Space that is accessible to everyone and that belongs to everyone
  - Public space is a central but complex feature of social life

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- Types of public spaces and activities
  - Public spaces where permanent activities are organized
    - activities take place in common spaces such as public markets
  - Public spaces where occasional activities are organized
    - festivals or cultural events
  - Public community facilities or institutions
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    - museums, libraries and recreational centres

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- Three dimensions of public spaces
  - Centrality
    - opportunities to associate with diverse people
    - particular attraction
  - Visibility
    - process of recognition
    - ethnic branding of the cities
  - Accessibility
    - lack of information
    - restrictions

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- Inclusive practises

  - Festivals
  - Museums
  - Local libraries
  - Cultural and sports activities to assist in integration
  - Commemorative squares, gardens and places
  - Mobility
  - Public transit and migrants

- Recommendations

  - Working about/around memory
  - From “microheritage” to heritage
  - Avoiding folklorization
  - One-time and long-term experiences

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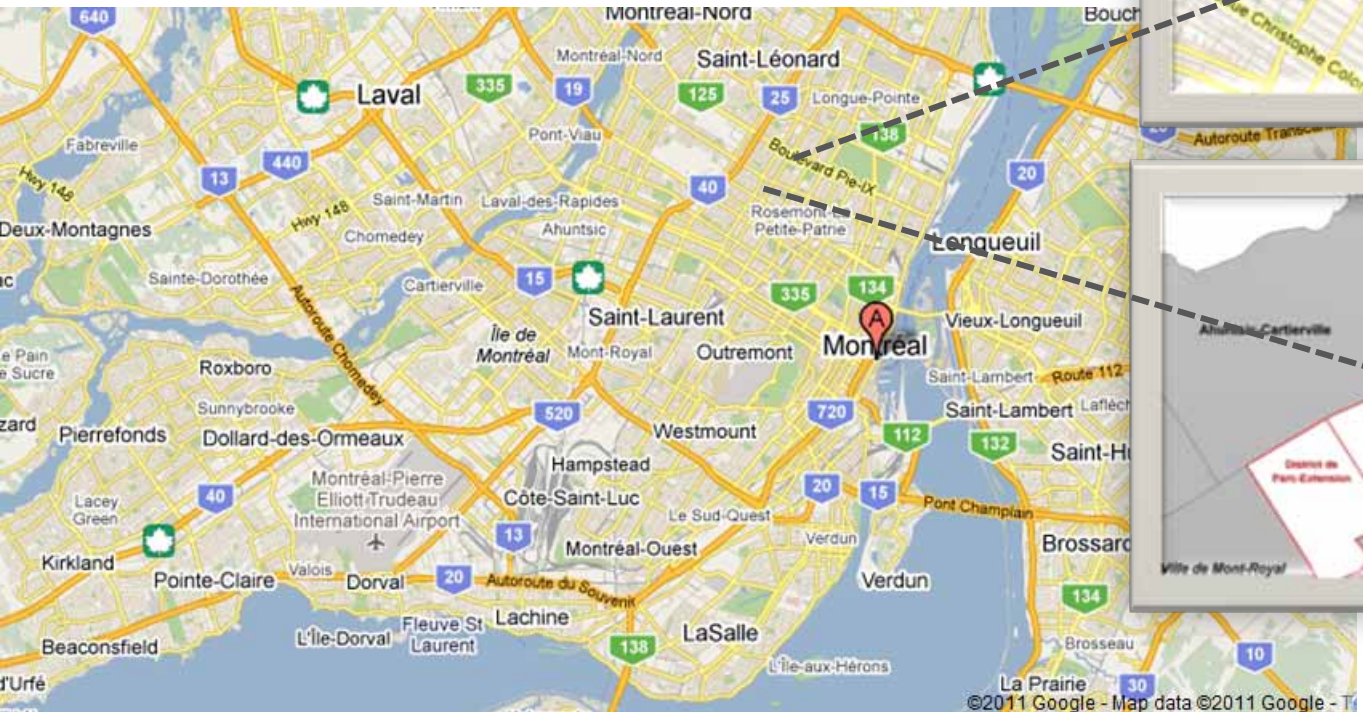
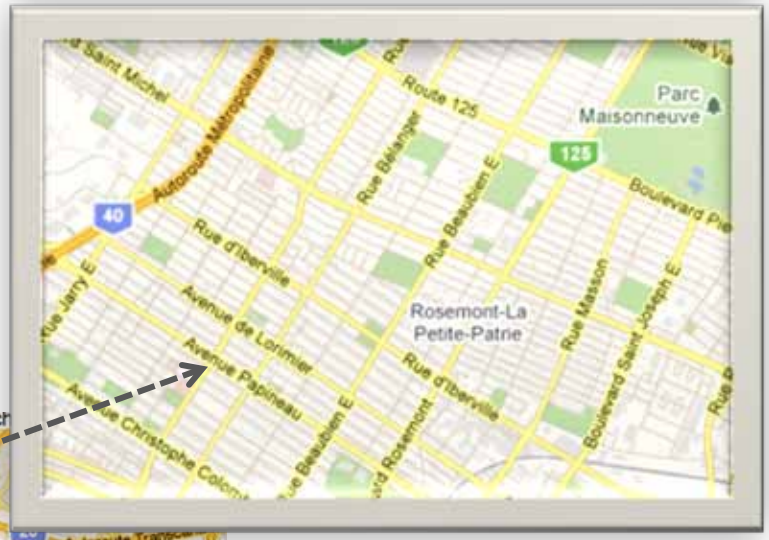
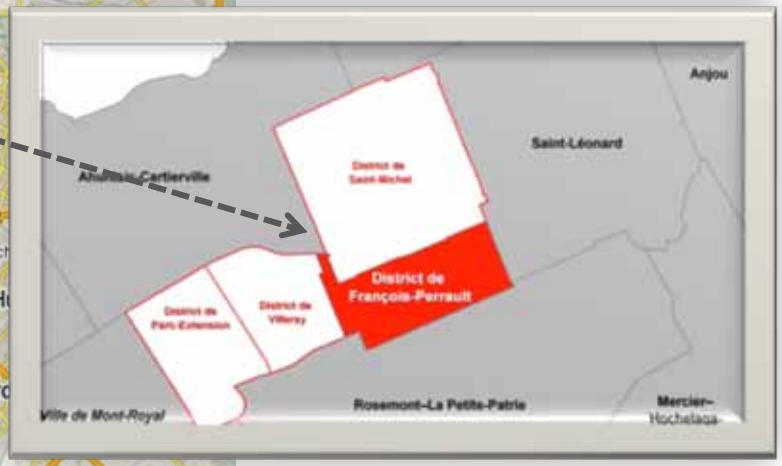
- “Little Maghreb”
  - Villeray-Saint Michel Parc Extension
  - Electoral area : François Perrault







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§ “Little Maghreb”

	District électoral		Arrondissement		Ville de Montréal	
	Nombre	%	Nombre	%	Nombre	%
Population immigrante	13 525	40,8%	61 095	43,0%	488 090	30,8%
Immigrants récents	3 340	24,7%	15 035	24,6%	125 340	25,7%
Pays de naissance des immigrants	13 525					
Italie	2 315	17,1%	6 095	10,0%	49 240	10,1%
Haïti	1 590	11,8%	8 470	13,9%	39 280	8,0%
Pays de naissance des immigrants récents	3340		15 035		125 340	
Algérie	830	**24,9%**	2 235	14,9%	12 960	10,3%
Maroc	530	**15,9%**	1 305	8,7%	10 700	8,5%

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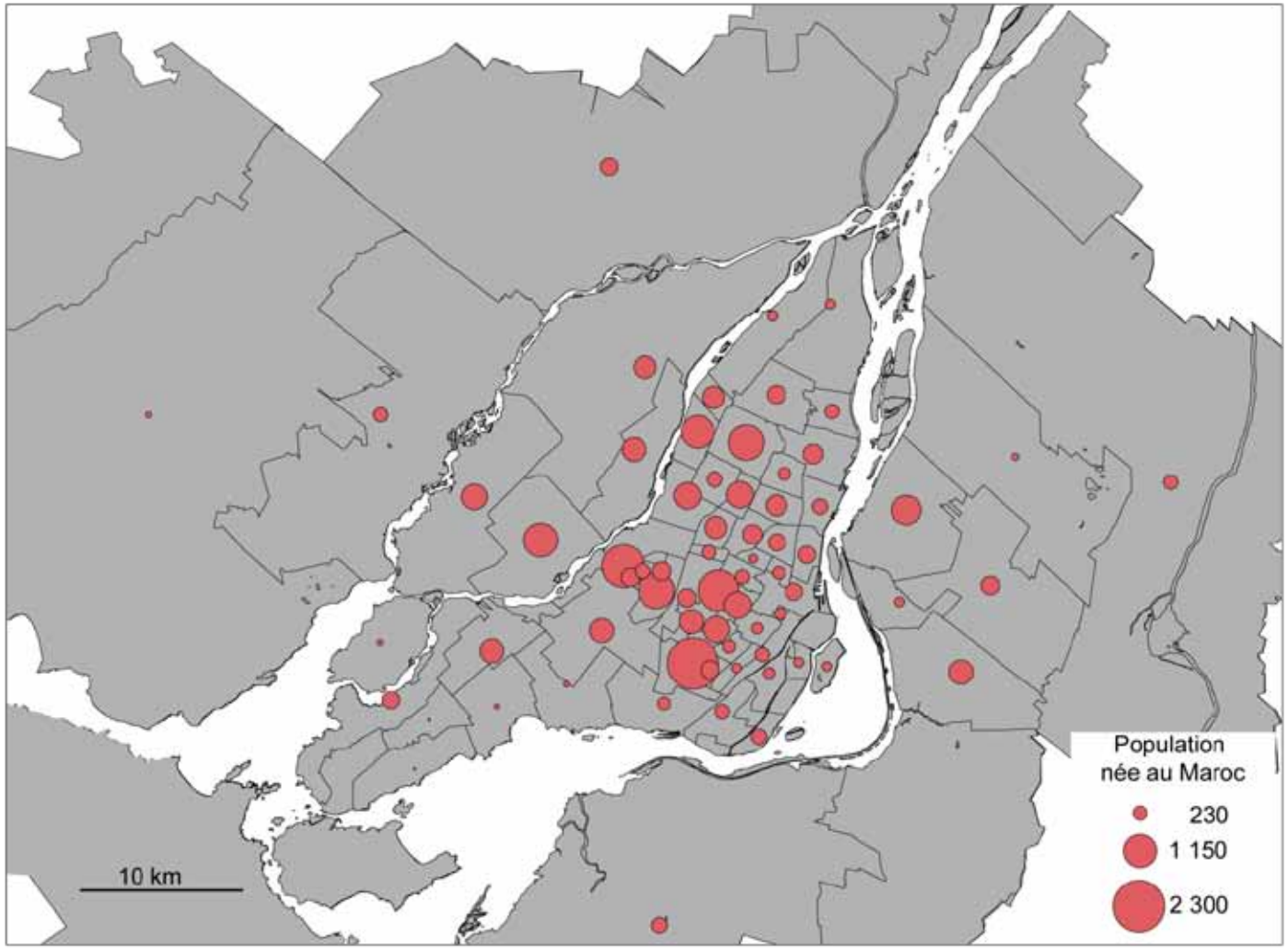
- Distribution of Moroccan immigrants in the Montreal CMA, 2006



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- What is Little Maghreb?
  - Little Maghreb is a commercial street of Montreal
  - Interrogate the new territorialisation of the North-African people
  - Significations of the place
  - Illustrate : «*right to the city*» in « *taking space* » and « *making space* »

Ethnic

- *Founding* Neighborhood
- Integration Neighborhood
- Ethnic commercial street

- --» Impacts on Interethnic cohabitation

Commercial

- Local economic developement
- Touristic developement
- Ethnic enclave economy
- Ethnic Branding
- Commercial street

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- Festive“Little Maghreb” and Interethnic Cohabitation in the commercial street.
  - Interethnic interactions in public spaces
  - “Le Souk” and the events FIFA WorldCup
  - Street was used as a stage
  - « *Perfomative belongings* »
  - integrate a specific ethnic memory in a larger one
  - perform its identity

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