

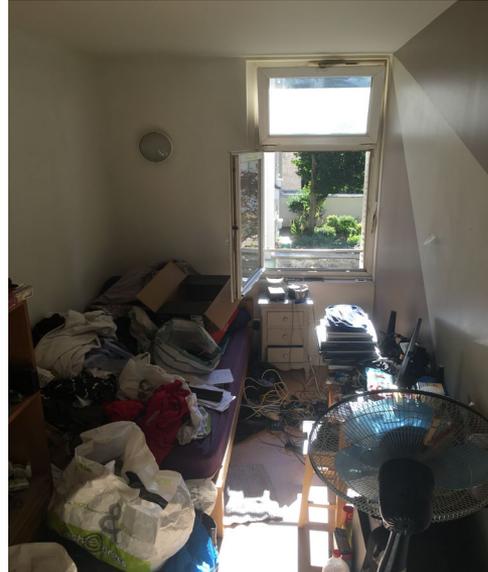
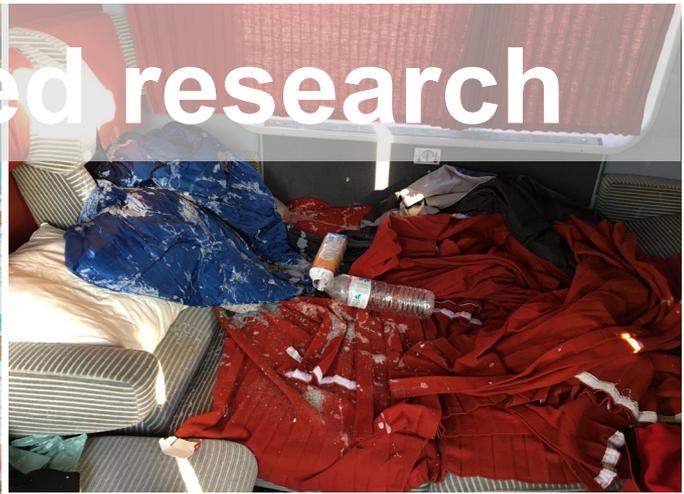
The economy of hot air vents –
Homeless people's struggle for surface-space at
Paris' Gare du Nord

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Two years of multi-sited research



On the streets

Volunteering

In a shelter

Research in different settings & contexts

- Homes on the street
 - Workplaces
 - Day centers
 - Hospitals
 - Rehab
- Harm reduction facilities
 - 'Public space'



Gare du Nord, Paris, Front view, August 2016



Ma, Gare du Nord, January 2015

habiter - “l’action de s’appropriier un ou des espaces et de les investir de sens en les rendant familiers avec des activités quotidiennes” (“the action of appropriating one or several spaces and of investing them with meaning by turning them into something familiar with everyday activities”)



Gare du Nord, vents, September 2015



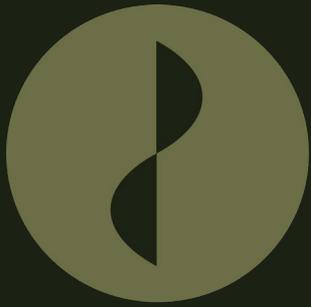
Monop' supermarket, tents, February 2016



Gare du Nord, anti-homeless architecture, various throughout 2016

the owners of non-places — the
SNCF, McDonalds — police
illegitimate users as soon as
they become (potentially) too
visible

while constantly moving around,
perpetually re-inhabiting new
spaces was an ongoing process
– shelter-making or *habiter* was
in itself a stabilising force



Questions and Discussion

