

## 1. Forum Meetings



# Virtuous mobility: the advantages of the dense city challenged?

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Les Rencontres du Forum Vies Mobiles

The dense city is often lauded as a sustainable and desirable model, particularly given its limiting effect on travel and CO2 emissions and its positive impact on social ties. At the same time, as “barbecue effect” theorists have shown, when we consider the number of kilometers travelled within the framework of long-distance mobility, the mobility of people living outside of cities is, in fact, equal to that of inhabitants of city centers. **\*\*Is one city model really more virtuous than another? What model do people want? What living environments for tomorrow’s lifestyles?\*\***

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The Mobile Lives Forum presented and discussed the results of the latest research on the topic with **Vincent Kaufmann**, scientific director of the Mobile Lives Forum and director of the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne’s Urban Sociology Laboratory, and **Jean-Pierre Orfeuil**, mining engineering, doctor of statistics and professor emeritus at the École d’urbanisme de Paris.

**1) Introduction, by Sylvie Landrière Co-Director of the Mobile Lives Forum**

**2) High and low density cities: origins of a controversy by Jean-Pierre Orfeuil, Professor Emeritus at the Paris School of Urban Planning**

**3) Presentation of Sébastien Munafò, by Vincent Kaufmann, Science Director of the Mobile Lives Forum and director of LaSUR (Laboratory of Urban Sociology) at EPFL (Lausanne Polytechnic)**

Discover the results of Sébastien Munafò's thesis.

**4) Discussion: is it possible to really define a living environment that is more virtuous than another ?**

- Discover the controversy « Living environments and leisure mobility: challenging the compact city ».
- Discover the results of Sébastien Munafò's thesis

**5) Conclusion: mobility and CO2, a question of life styles before a question of living environment, by Christophe Gay, Co-Director of the Mobile Lives Forum.**

## **6) Discussion with the audience**

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### **Mobility**

For the Mobile Lives Forum, mobility is understood as the process of how individuals travel across distances in order to deploy through time and space the activities that make up their lifestyles. These travel practices are embedded in socio-technical systems, produced by transport and communication industries and techniques, and by normative discourses on these practices, with considerable social, environmental and spatial impacts.

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#### **Associated Thematics :**

##### **Lifestyles**

- Living environments
- Diversity of lifestyles
- Proximity

##### **Policies**

- Cities & Territories



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