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on that heritage and critically analyzes a hermeneutic approach to place This book fills that void by offering a sustained analysis of the central elements major figures and disciplinary applications of hermeneutics and place The Urban Improvise Kristian Kloeckl, 2020-01-07 A book for architects designers planners and urbanites that explores how cities can embrace improvisation to improve urban life The built environment in today s hybrid cities is changing radically The pervasiveness of networked mobile and embedded devices has transformed a predominantly stable background for human activity into spaces that have a more fluid behavior Based on their capability to sense compute and act in real time urban spaces have the potential to go beyond planned behaviors and instead change and adapt dynamically These interactions resemble improvisation in the performing arts and this book offers a new improvisation based framework for thinking about future cities Kristian Kloeckl moves beyond the smart city concept by unlocking performativity and specifically improvisation as a new design approach and explores how city lights buses plazas and other urban environments are capable of behavior beyond scripts Drawing on research of digital cities and design theory he makes improvisation useful and applicable to the condition of today s technology imbued cities and proposes a new future for responsive urban design Cartographic **Strategies of Postmodernity** Peta Mitchell, 2013-01-11 The last fifty years have witnessed the growing pervasiveness of the figure of the map in critical theoretical and fictional discourse References to mapping and cartography are endemic in poststructuralist theory and similarly geographically and culturally diverse authors of twentieth century fiction seem fixated upon mapping While the map metaphor has been employed for centuries to highlight issues of textual representation and epistemology the map metaphor itself has undergone a transformation in the postmodern era This metamorphosis draws together poststructuralist conceptualizations of epistemology textuality cartography and metaphor and signals a shift away from modernist preoccupations with temporality and objectivity to a postmodern pragmatics of spatiality and subjectivity Cartographic Strategies of Postmodernity charts this metamorphosis of cartographic metaphor and argues that the ongoing reworking of the map metaphor renders it a formative and performative metaphor of postmodernity Contextualizing **Urban Narratives through the Socio-Spatial Dialectic** Ankur Konar, 2024-03-26 This book examines how urban narratives explore the complexities of city life including the diversity of its inhabitants the challenges of urbanization and the impact of social and economic disparities They may delve into such topics as crime poverty gentrification and the struggle for identity and belonging in different bustling metropolis settings like Delhi Mumbai Kolkata Benaras Edinburgh and Glasgow This monograph provides a lens through which authors and storytellers examine and reflect upon the complexities challenges and opportunities of urban life It seeks to reiterate how the discourse of urban narratives refers to the specific language themes and ideas that are commonly found in stories set in urban environments and encompasses the ways in which urban spaces are portrayed the issues and conflicts that arise within these settings and the social cultural and political commentary that is often embedded in these narratives The Intelligible Metropolis Nora Pleßke, 2014-08-15 Writings on the metropolis generally foreground illimitability stressing thereby that the urban ultimately remains both illegible and unintelligible Instead the purpose of this interdisciplinary study is to demonstrate that mentality as a tool offers orientation in the urban realm Nora Ple ke develops a model of urban mentality to be employed for cities worldwide Against the background of the Spatial Turn she identifies dominant urban specific structures of London mentality in contemporary London novels such as Monica Ali s Brick Lane J G Ballard s Millennium People Nick Hornby s A Long Way Down and Ian McEwan s Saturday

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linguistic poetics cultural semiotics and new materiality The last two sections are devoted to the visual perceptions of the cityscape and their ideological interpretations as exemplified by Ukrainian Estonian Korean Chinese and North American illustrations
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