LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOODS IN HO CHI MINH CITY,
Between «spaces of control» and «spaces of negotiation»

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ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD IN HO CHI MINH CITY

HCMC in 2011

2 095 km²
7.5 millions of “registered inhabitants”

-19 urban districts
-5 rural districts
Wards, blocks and “neighbourhood units”: a matter of scale

The district of Phú Nhuận and its 17 wards

The morphology of a ward
The exceptional density of the Vietnamese neighbourhoods
THE VIETNAMESE BACKGROUND:
A FEW KEYS FOR UNDERSTANDING

Between a chaotic urban history and new development ambitions: informal development versus formal management

A specific political context: “socialism within an oriented market economy” and the Party’s governance

The traditional mixed uses of Vietnamese neighbourhoods: residential areas and vibrant commercial activities

The contemporary economic context and the “imperative of development”

What is generating the dynamics of neighbourhood today?
The Party’s local structures

**Figure: Administrative system**

- Central Government
  - 5 cities under central government
  - Provincial / Municipal
  - District / Precincts / Cities under authority
  - Ward / Communes
  - Ward / Communes / Townships

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The Neighborhood as a Key Level in the City’s Social Control
Mobility control and neighbourhood registration
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AS A KEY LEVEL IN THE CITY’S SOCIAL CONTROL

The government programme of “cultural neighbourhoods”
LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD AS SPACE OF NEGOCIATION

Social resources and local agreements

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NEW URBAN PRACTICES AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD

An increasing tendency for daily commuting and intra-urban migrations

The resulting diversification of urban social networks

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The gentrification of many inner city neighbourhoods: towards a new relationship between the residents and their street

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