

### Initial research proposal

- A socio-spatial survey of the Steenweg's expanded public realm



### Towards an inclusive axis

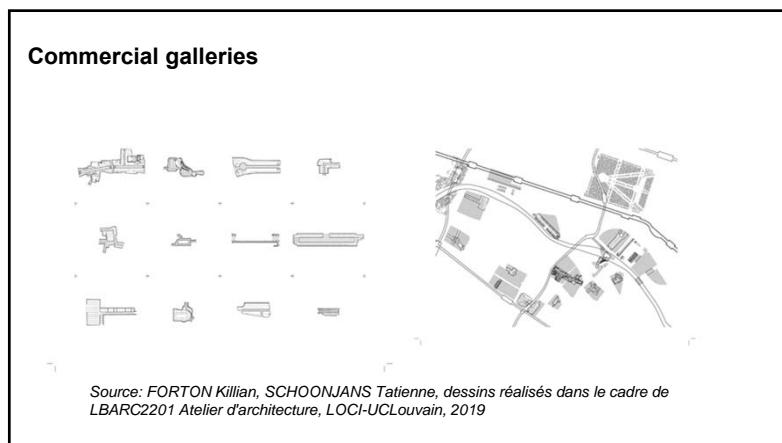
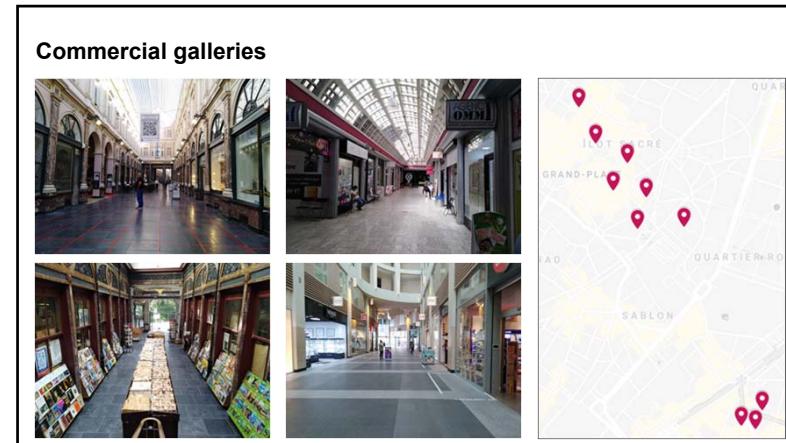
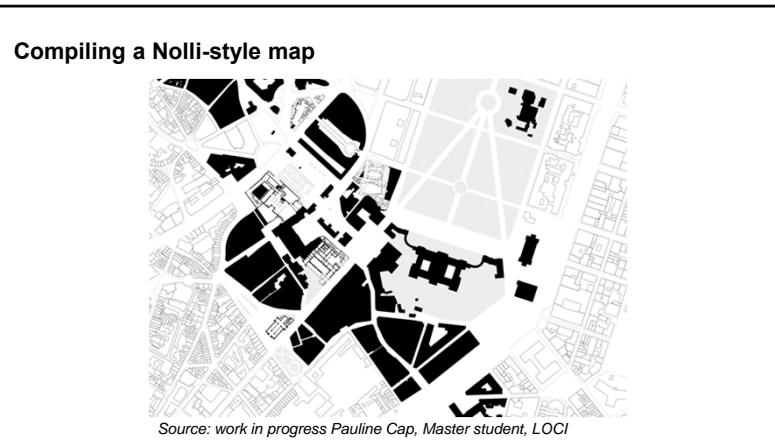


Source: Brussels Studies Institute, 2020

### What we've done so far

- A survey of the expanded public realm, including undergrounds, galleries, courts, patios, thresholds and leftover spaces
- A Nolli-style map compiling building plans (in progress)
- Focus on commercial galleries





### Galerie Matonge



### Interactions in galleries

*"Il y a des passants qui viennent pour visiter, il y en a qui traversent juste pour sortir sur la Chaussée d'Ixelles. Ils viennent par curiosité. Je n'aime pas l'aspect visite, car ça fait comme s'il y avait des singes enfermés... Il y en a qui font des photos, etc. Personnellement, je n'aime pas". Hairdresser in Matonge Gallery*

*"J'aime la galerie parce qu'elle rend curieux, par exemple avec les commerces Vietnamiens qui sont tous colorés. Il y a plein de choses à regarder. Les commerçants parlent français quand même et se demandent entre-eux 'Que fais-tu? Cava?' Ca fait une bonne ambiance". Nail esthetician in Galerie du Centre*

### Galerie du Centre



### Galleries and inclusion

Do galleries have the potential to be "inclusive enclaves" (Berger et al. 2017)?



Source: Mural by Gaël, Galerie Matonge

**Research questions**

Starting from social and spatial observations from within commercial galleries, we aim to draft a framework through which to analyze inclusion along the Steenweg.

In particular :

- how do anchorage and transit dynamics manifest in galleries?
- how are they spatially configured?
- What types of interactions and urbanities do these anchorage and transit dynamics foster?
- what can this analysis tell us about the Steenweg's overall inclusion dynamics?

**Thank you for your attention!****Next steps**

- Continue to collate building plans for Nolli-style map
- Contextualise qualitative data from galleries with literature
- Draft a framework from which to reflect more generally on inclusion along the Steenweg
- Write-up findings in the form of an exploratory article