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Louis Volont is a sociologist, active at the crossroads between urban and theoretical sociology. He studied sociology at the KU Leuven and at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milano. His doctoral research, performed at the University of Antwerp, concerned the production and (post-)politicization of urban common spaces in Antwerp, Rotterdam and London (*Shapeshifting: The Cultural Production of Common Space*, Antwerp University Press). Before arriving at the HCU, he was a Fulbright post-doctoral fellow at MIT's School of Architecture + Planning (Cambridge, USA).

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