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Zurich Primer

A Propositional Planning Vision for the City

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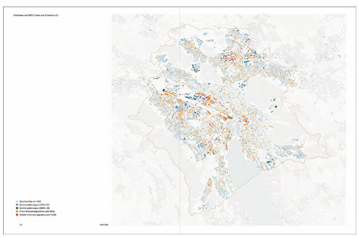
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The Zurich Primer is structured around the five thematic areas of – "Housing", "Mobility and Public Space", "Existing Fabric and Continued Construction", "Public Buildings and Spaces", and "Work". It addresses urban growth and transformation in relation to urban codes and proposes densification scenarios for the city of Zurich in the context of the projected population increase. In addition, through five visual essays, it offers a photographic survey of Zurich and highlights in short guest contributions how other cities in Switzerland (Basel, Geneva) and Europe (Brussels, London, Berlin) handle similar issues.

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