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classification Studying boundaries Boundaries in the inhabited built environment Boundary compositions in built environment configurations Fiat and bona fide boundaries Conceptual series towards spatial data 5. An ontology of boundary line types Introduction Requirements for the ontology Formulating a BLT ontology BIT definitions Negative definitions Levels of socio-spatial significance of BLTs Towards practice 6. A constructive evaluation of methods on urban form Introduction Considering methods for studying urban built form Urban historical GIS Urban morphology Space syntax 7. The empirical process of mapping BLTs: Two contrasting cases Introduction Legacy data as a starting point Selecting test cases Note continued: Preparing the datasets of Winchester and Chunchucmil (1) Making outline base plans and resolving data gaps (2, 3) Topology checks for outline base plan and BLT identifications (3, 4) Identifying BLTs (4) Virtual boundaries Mapping practice and the research process Rules of thumb Taking BLT mapping forward 8. Identifying spatial analytical measures that exploit BLT data Introduction Understanding the BLT data structure Visualising BLT data Diachronic data structure and comparisons Understanding proposed analytical measures Analytical information in the ontology intrinsic to the city Proposing analytical measures: dimensional context Proposing analytical measures: locational context Proposing analytical measures: aggregative context Final remarks on BLT analyses 9. Exploring socio-spatial significance with BLT mapping: Two test cases Introduction Note continued: Geocomputational statistics on the ontology intrinsic to the city Exploring Chunchucmil's BLT data Exploring Winchester through time Taking a radical comparative perspective Contemplating the future of BLT mapping Current results Future research References Supplement - Abridged BLT Definitions Index.

Sommario/riassunto

"Cities Made of Boundaries presents the theoretical foundation and concepts for a new social scientific urban morphological mapping method, Boundary Line Type (BLT) Mapping. Its vantage is a plea to establish a frame of reference for radically comparative urban studies positioned between geography and archaeology. Based in multidisciplinary social and spatial theory, a critical realist understanding of the boundaries that compose built space is operationalised by a mapping practice utilising Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Benjamin N. Vis gives a precise account of how BLT Mapping can be applied to detailed historical, reconstructed, contemporary, and archaeological urban plans, exemplified by sixteenth to twenty-first century Winchester (UK) and Classic Maya Chunchucmil (Mexico). This account demonstrates how the functional and experiential difference between compact western and tropical dispersed cities can be explored. The methodological development of Cities Made of Boundaries will appeal to readers interested in the comparative social analysis of built environments, and those seeking to expand the evidence-base of design options to structure urban life and development."

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