

Wittgenstein Ruler

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Wittgenstein ruler: “Unless you have confidence in the ruler’s reliability, if you use a ruler to measure a table you may also be using the table to measure the ruler.” – Nassim Nicholas Taleb, *Fooled by Randomness*

The tools we use to understand our cities tell more about us than they tell about the cities. Modernism created opportunities for generations that couldn’t get access to housing, education, culture, and health care. It shaped our lives and our cities more than any other period in the history of humankind. But at the same time created in the architects and planners the illusion that the more quantitative data we have the more we can determine the future through the project. An axonometric view of the built environment is the most scientifically accurate tool to represent a building, yet it misses to acknowledge complex phenomena happening in everyday life. This drawing represents the difficulties of understanding contemporary cities and the challenges of designing the future.

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