Designing the Eloquent City

The advanced cities of the 21st Century are literally communication hubs. Within our contemporary knowledge economy all work is communication work and the role of architecture and urban design is therefore to facilitate cooperative communicative interaction on a newlevel of density, dynamism and complexity. For the city to fulfill this social function users must be empowered to succesfully navigate the rich diversity of events so that relevant participants can find each other and productive encounter and collaboration potentials are being maximized. To do this effectively the city itself must communicate its contents, i.e. the city must become eloquent.