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Form follows Function, Act follows Form

How the form and shape of objects influences our acts

The objects we design and form also form our lives. The smallest objects as a city map or the largest human built ones, the metropolises influence our lives as well, they have a great impact on our well-being, physical and mental health. In this study we approach the question through different examples focusing on the shape and the form of the objects. Studying the ways of use of our everyday objects show us that the different design methods and requirements cause significant distinctions on our habits. Knowing the forms of these habits, our usage of the environment effected by the use of the specific objects, we can see clearly how the design methods affect our lives, how they serve our society or generate unexpected side-effects. Harry Beck's Tube map from 1933 and the Legible London way-finding system are expressive examples to recognize the correspondences between the forms of the objects, their use and their influence to our reactions. The analysis shows the importance of the disciplines' cooperation and the inter-disciplinary methods in the education of architecture.