

Vincent Feltesse

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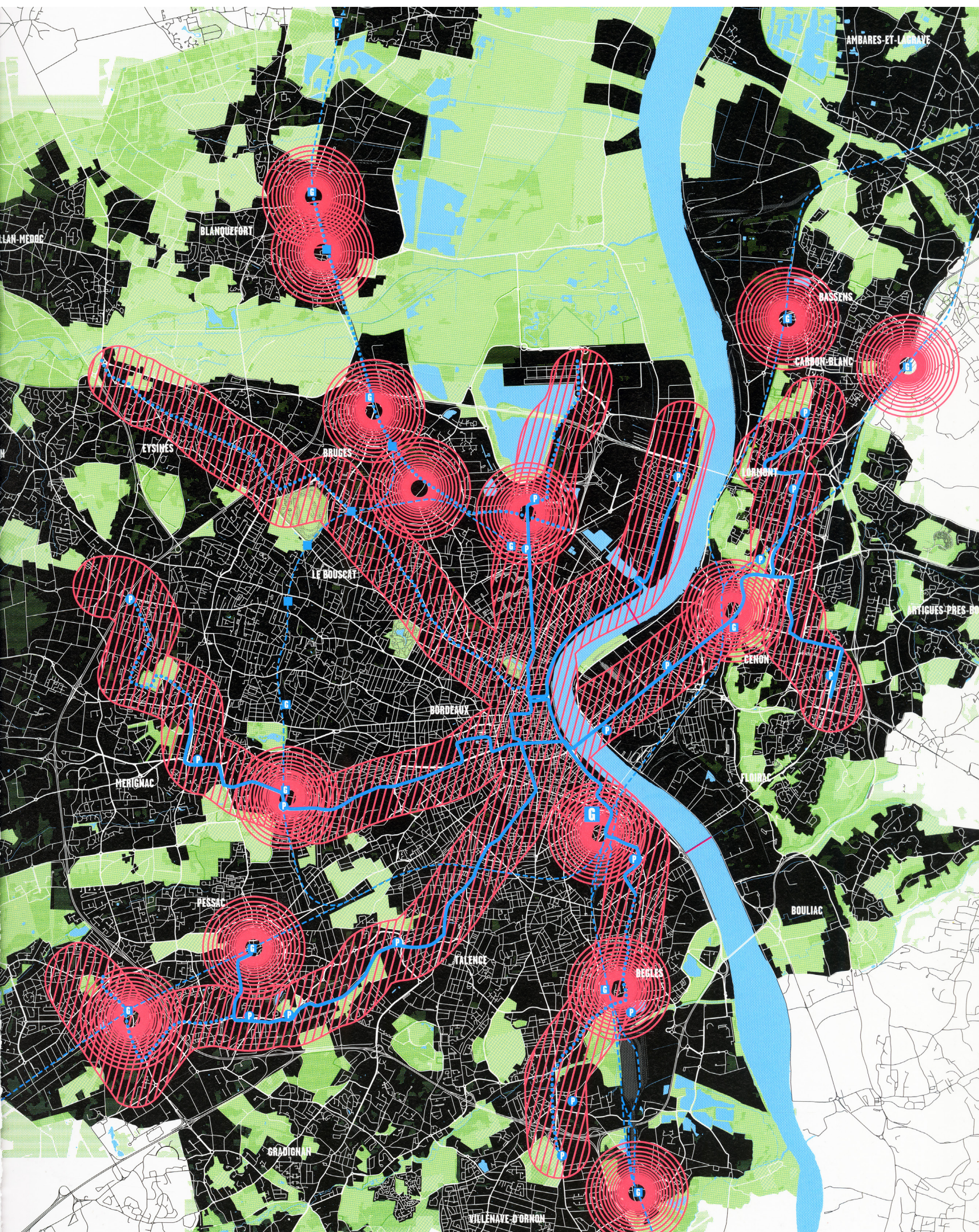


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In France like elsewhere, globalization in weakening the State has put territories on the frontline. This is especially true for the metropolis, the territory most open, most connected, and plugged in to the real world. Metropolises are the venue where innovation unfolds, and are engines for economic growth. Metropolises focus essential strategic inputs, such as creative economy, institutional headquarters, higher education, R&D, but also social struggles. Metropolis governance is thus a crucial issue. The “generalized urban setting,” and the undefined delineation between city and countryside, have brought about the obsolescence of traditional political institutions, which are no longer able to respond to the challenges of governing metropolitan territories. New practices and new tools must therefore be reinvented. New paths must be found to an effective urban public action.

Vincent Feltesse, as a French Congressman and President of the Bordeaux Agglomeration, is one of the leading French politicians to think and innovate around metropolitan issues. He is the founder of “Les Métropolitaines,” a think-tank that focuses on metropolisation processes. In 2012, he directed the web campaign for French President François Hollande.

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