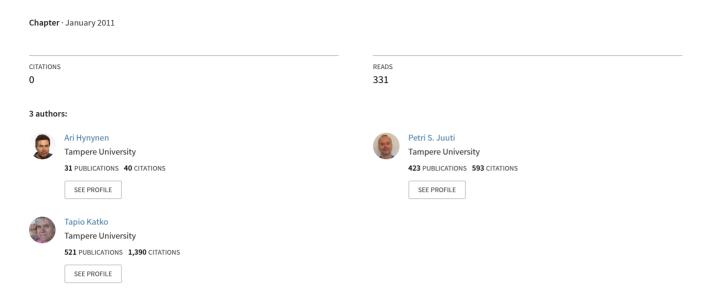
The Powers That Be



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The powers that be have promoted fountains in many cities. For example, in Paris, France, and Peterhof, Russia, this is easy to recognize. Today, the monumental fountains in Paris are mainly ornamental, but many have also served as drinking water distribution points in the past. On many occasions, the establishment of fountains was linked to reforms of urban space. The fountains of Paris also dampen street noise. The elaborate fountain system in Peterhof was intended to show visitors that Russia was as powerful as any other European country and could challenge Versailles in France. The hydraulic structures were to underline the immense wealth of the tsar who could afford to spend fortunes just on amusement. Water also was used at Peterhof as a symbol of the tsar's conquest over his enemies.



Grand Cascade in $\mathcal{S}t.$ Peterhof, Russia, modelled after one constructed for the French King Louis XIV (Photo: E. Vinnari).