Amsterdam

**Infrastructures as Cultural Systems**

Amsterdam’s beauty transforms the infrastructures that created it and that have influenced its culture. Its sharp edges geometrically align, retain, and guide its fluidity into areas of utility. Many cities hide their infrastructures below the visible surface often only brought into the consciousness of resident life when it fails to work. In Amsterdam these arterial veins, temporal markers, energy generators, and transportation apparatuses have been imbricated into the city’s identity and culturally influence its subsequent artistic production. For example, the elephant installation embodies the fluidity of its water ways seen more saliently without the vibrant colors that otherwise distract through beauty from this point.

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How much does infrastructure propagate cultural practices? Infrastructure is a response to practice, but also generative of it. Infrastructures as cultural systems generate culture