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Salle des actes (first floor, left building)  
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## Utopia and transformative politics

Utopia technically is a literary concept, utilized by authors to express their social critique in an artistic and digestible way to the public. While there is an abundance of literary utopias, none of them in the past sparked direct materialization. However, there were, and currently are, projects that share some of the characteristics of literary utopias. Often, these are coined by descriptions of ideal worlds, intentional communities, or – historically – communes. The presentation aims to give a short overview over the literary and scientific concepts of utopia while at the same time casting a look on their temporality and relationship to real-life experiments.

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