



# The psychology of urban mobility – La psicología de movilidad urbana

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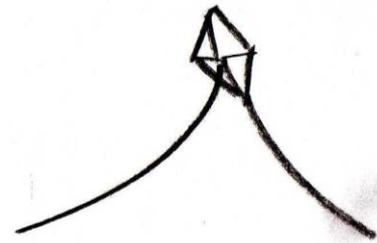
# What I'll talk about / De qué voy a hablar

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- Perception
  - Dreams
  - Love
  - Space (distance)
  - Speed
  - Proposals?
- Percepción
  - Sueños
  - Amor
  - Espacio (distancia)
  - Velocidad
  - Propuestas?

# PERCEPTION - PERCEPCIÓN

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# Which is more beautiful? ¿Cuál es más hermosa?

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(please don't answer "both" / Por favor no respondan "las dos")



Number 1



Number 2

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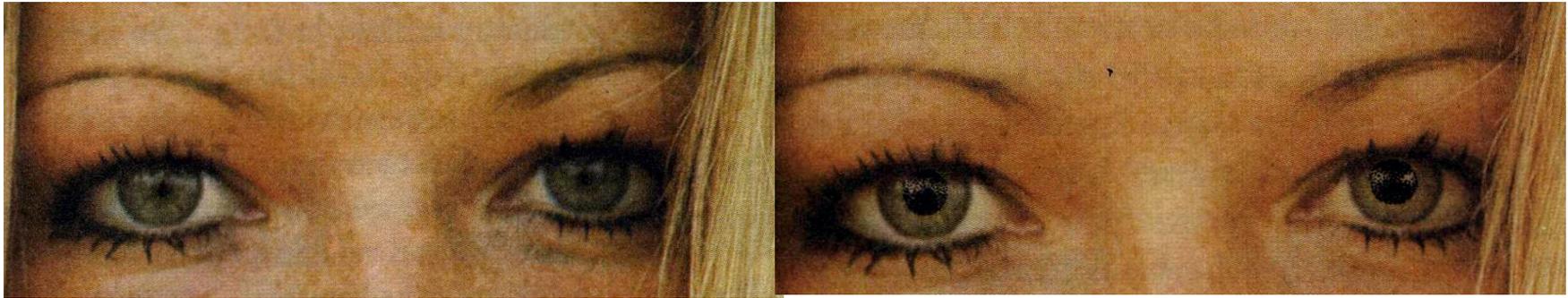
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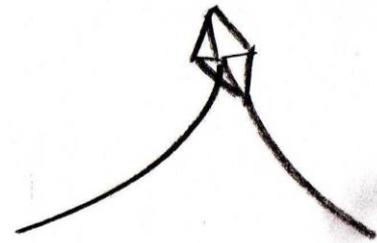
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It's all about how you perceive things.

Todo se trata de cómo percibimos las cosas

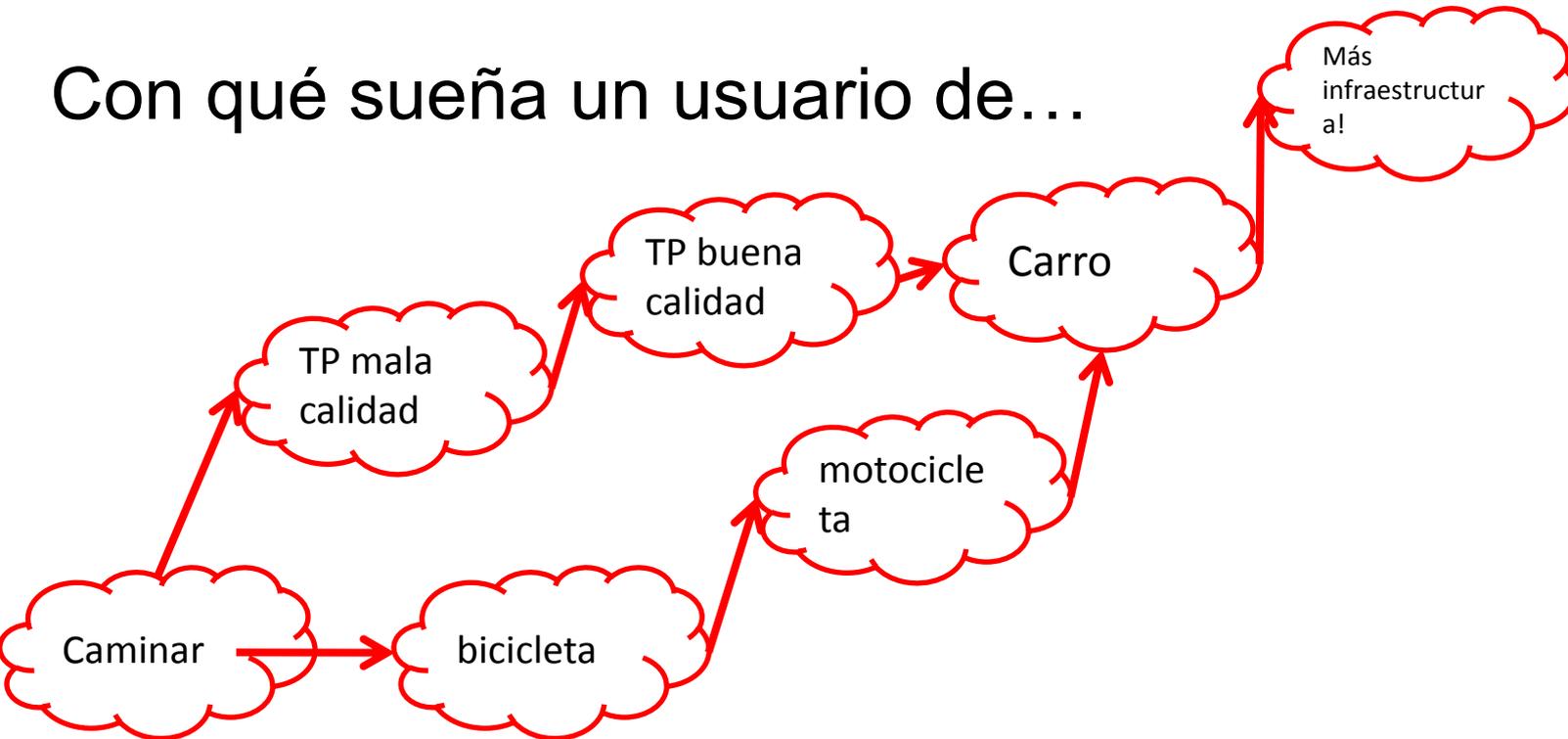
# DREAMS - SUEÑOS

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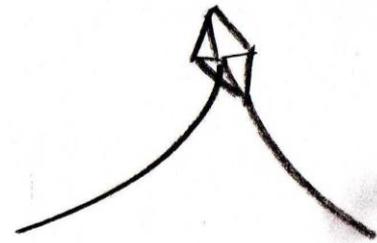
# Los “sueños” de cambio modal / dreams of modal shift

## Con qué sueña un usuario de...



# LOVE - AMOR

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# Why do people love their car? ¿Por qué ama la gente su carro?



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## Car Got Attitude?

Do you ever think of your car as having a personality of its own, or don't you think about your car this way?



2006



(Piensa ud que su carro tiene una personalidad propia?)

Source of all data above: Pew Research Center study: Americans and their Cars. 2006



This is what you think you'll get...  
Esto es lo que piensa que va a tener...



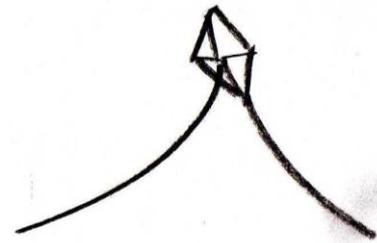
# THIS IS WHAT YOU GET – ESTO ES LO QUE CONSIGUE

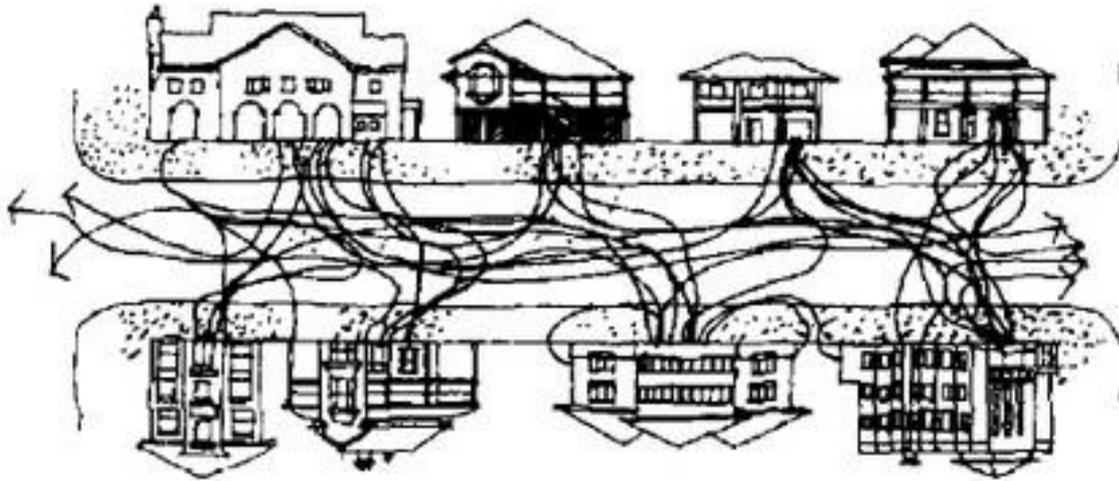


(In a setting that is unmanaged, improperly priced, with no adequate urban transport policy)

# SPACE (AND DISTANCE) ESPACIO (Y DISTANCIA)

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*Light Traffic*  
2000 vehicles per day  
3.0 friends per person  
6.3 acquaintances

Tráfico bajo  
2.000 vehículos por día  
3 amigos por persona  
6,3 conocidos



*Heavy Traffic*  
16,000 vehicles per day  
.9 friends per person  
3.1 acquaintances

Tráfico pesado  
16.000 vehículos por día  
0,9 amigos por persona  
3,1 conocidos



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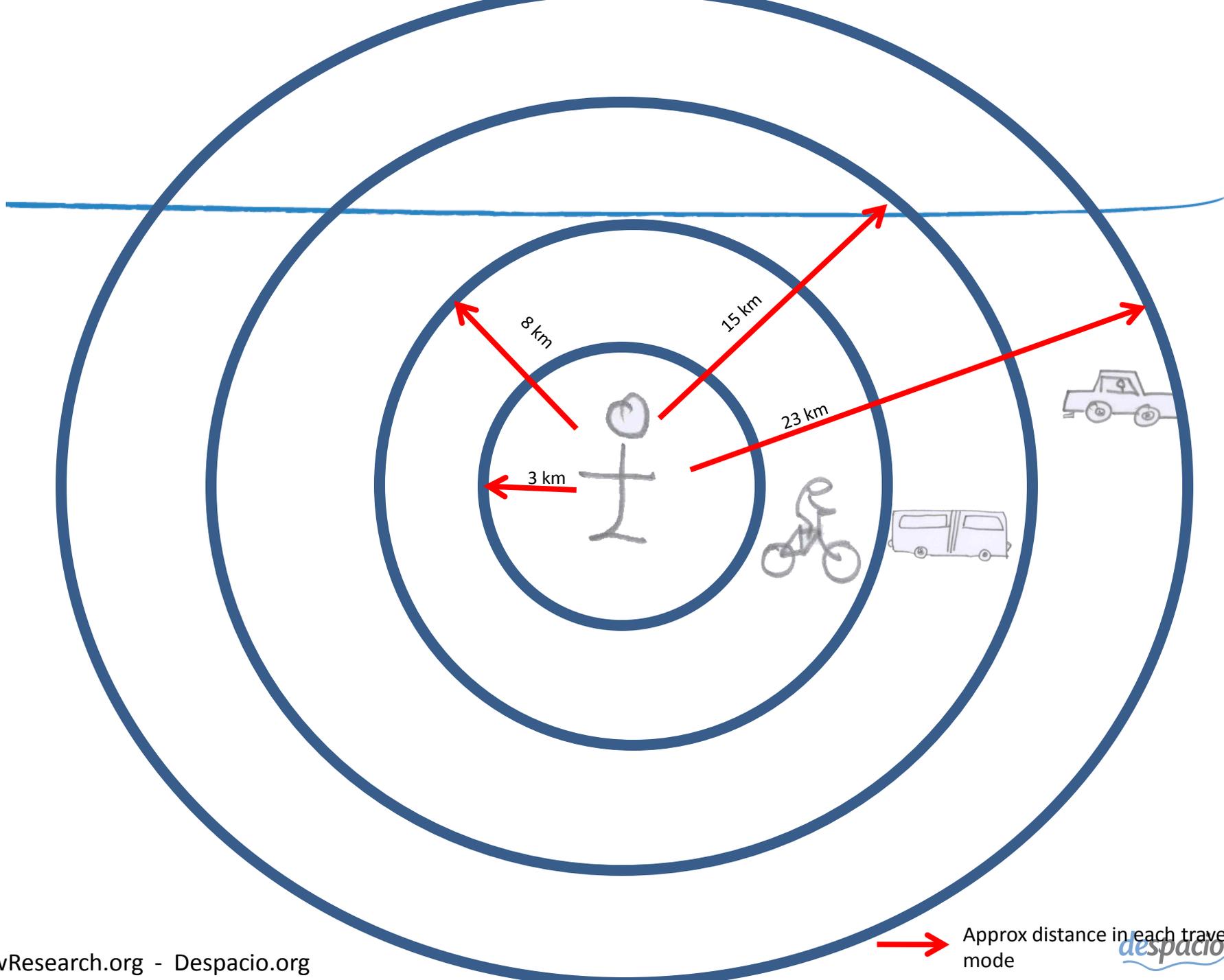


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# How we prefer / perceive space ¿Cómo preferimos / percibimos el espacio?

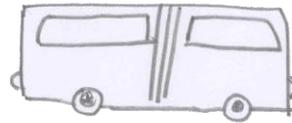
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- With people /faces / interactions  
(con personas/caras/interacciones)
- Shorter distances / travel times  
(distancias/tiempos de viaje más cortos)
- Eyes on the street  
(ojos en la calle)
- Diverse (land use)  
(diversidad – en usos del suelo)

# The new term: social spaces

## El nuevo término: espacios sociales

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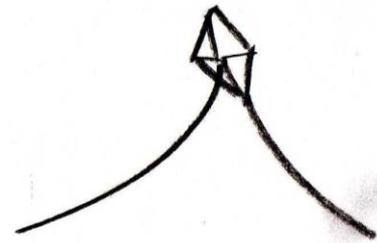
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Public / Público

Social

# SPEED - VELOCIDAD

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# How speed has been perceived

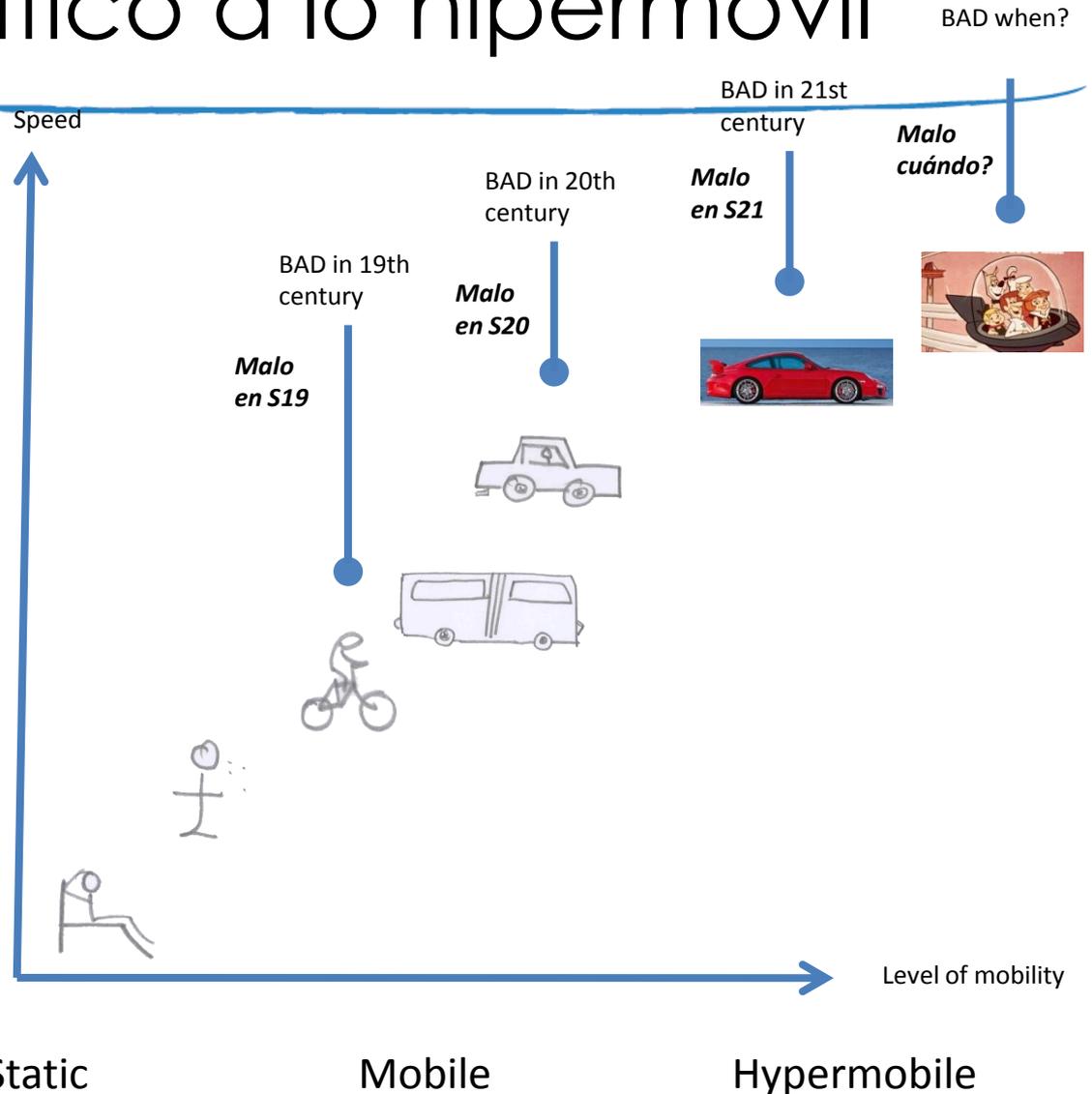
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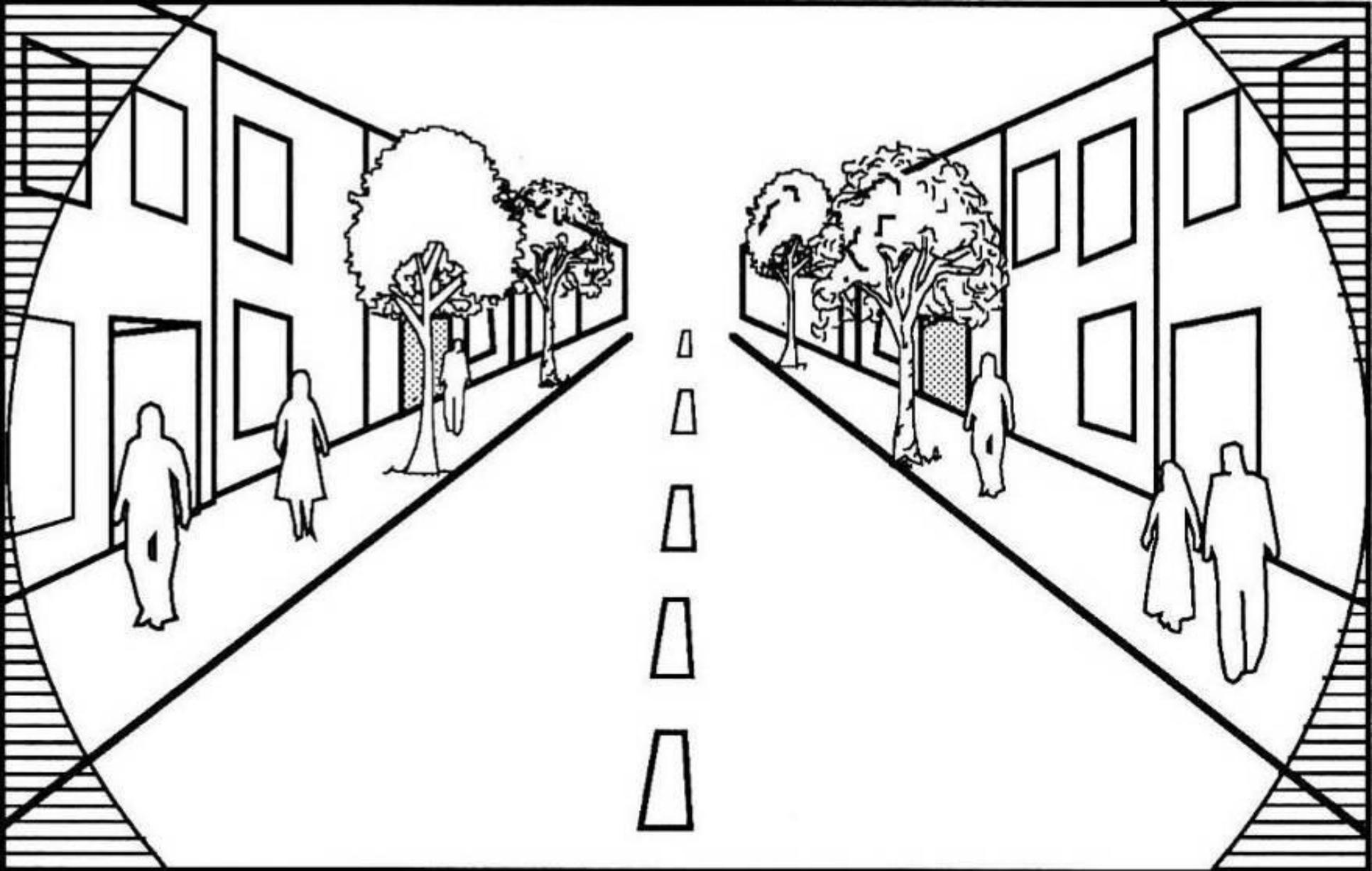
- “The **bicycle** was about four times faster than walking and warnings were issued about getting ‘**bicycle face**’ by moving against the wind at such high speeds” (Kern, 1983)
- “**railroad** carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of fifteen miles per hour by “engines” ... The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.” Attributed to Martin Van Buren (Government of New York) in letter to Andrew Jackson.
- “in traveling on most of the **railways**... the face of nature (is) lost or changed or changed to...the **screaming engine**” (London, 1844)
- “The **train** was experienced as a **projectile**, and traveling on it, as being shot through the landscape” Schivelbusch, 1983.
- “We declare that the splendor of the world has been enriched by a new beauty: the **beauty of speed**. A racing **automobile** with its bonnet adorned with great tubes like serpents with explosive breath ... a roaring motor car which seems to run on machine-gun fire, is more beautiful than the Victory of Samothrace.” (Marinetti, Futurist Manifesto, 1909)

# From static to hypermobile

## De lo estático a lo hipermóvil

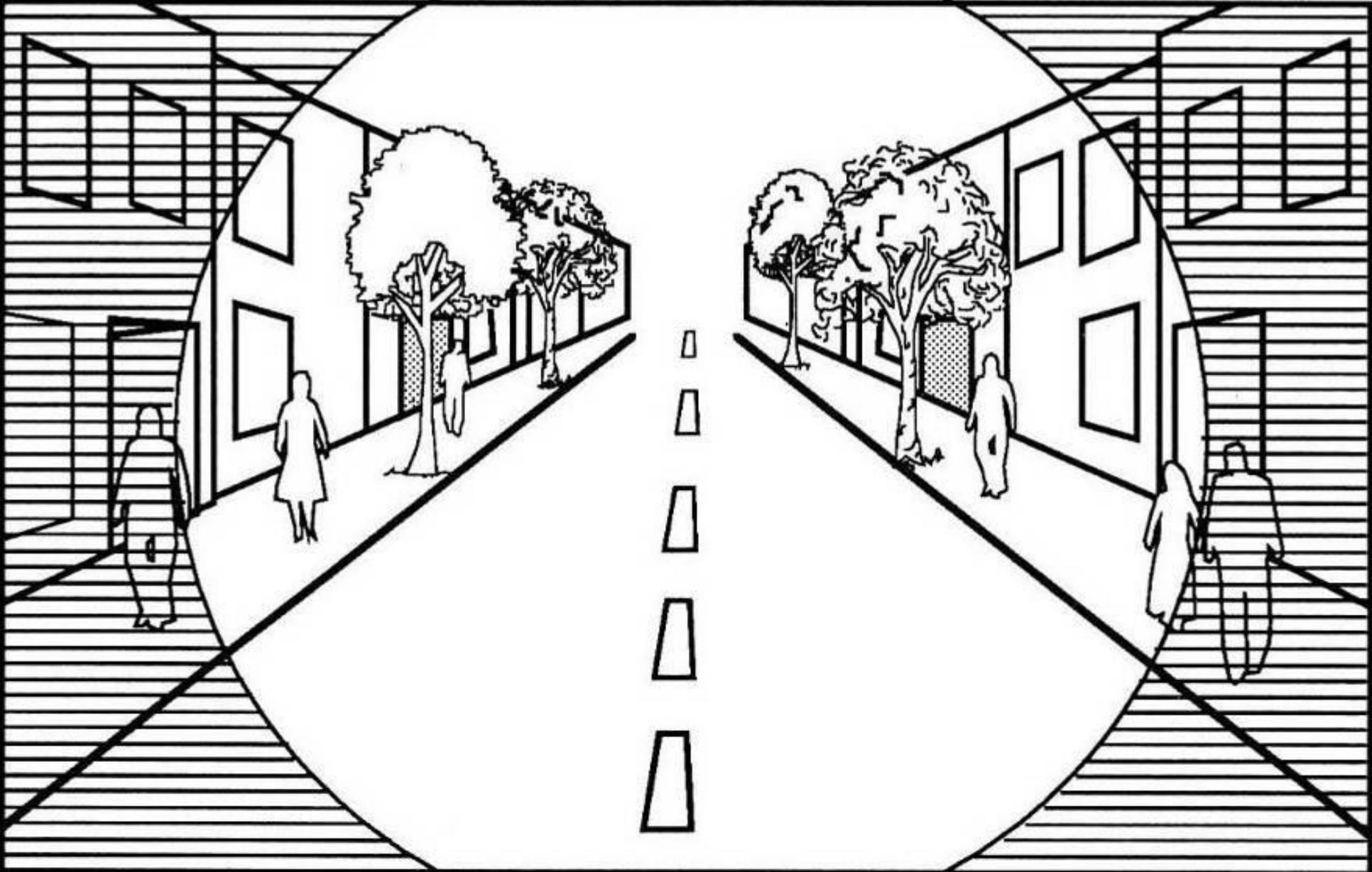
- What does it mean to be “mobile” today?  
(¿ qué significa ser “móvil” hoy en día?)
- What does it mean to be “hypermobile”?  
(¿Qué significa ser “hipermóvil”?)
- When does speed become bad?  
(¿Cuándo se vuelve mala la velocidad?)





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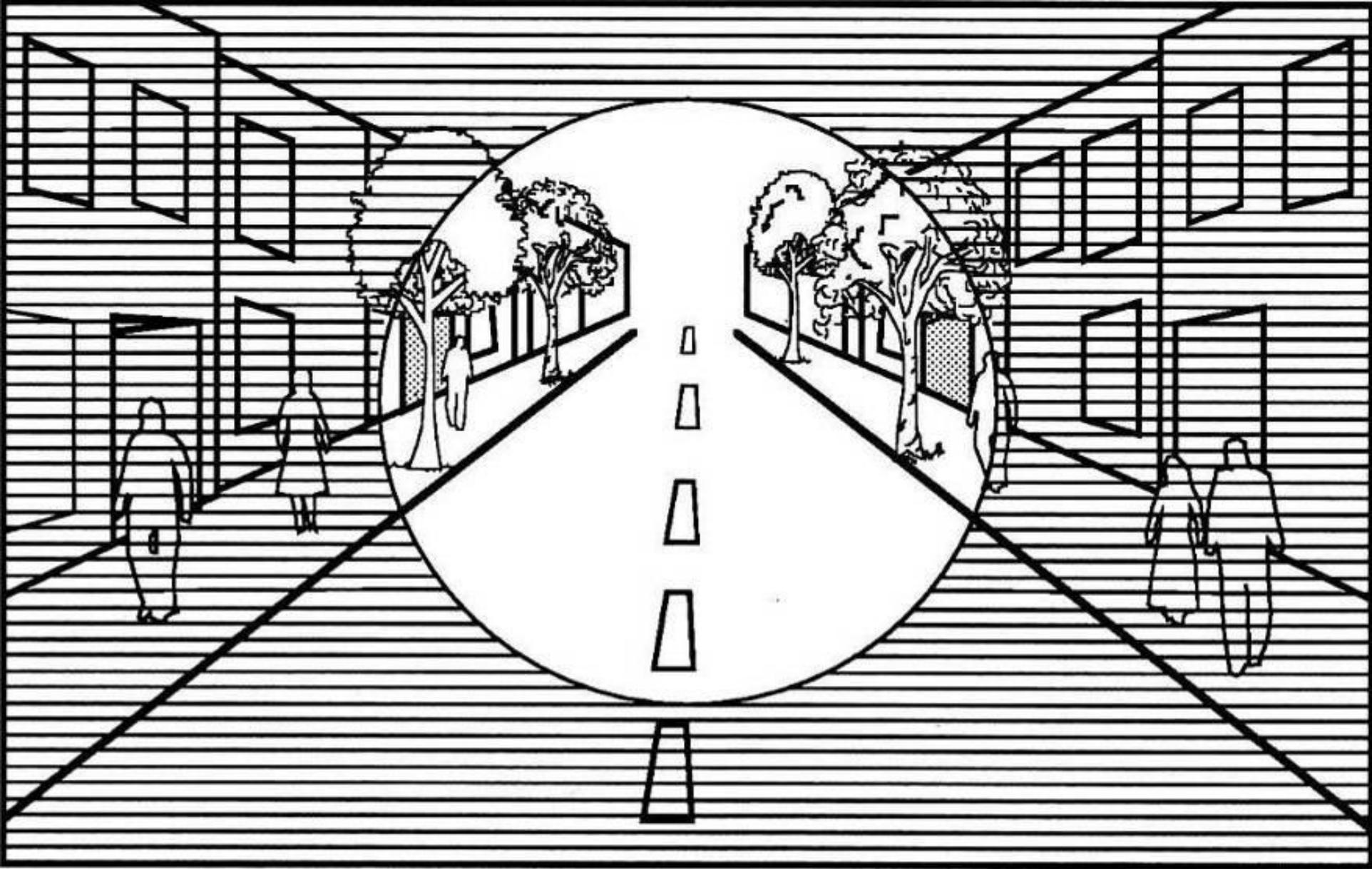
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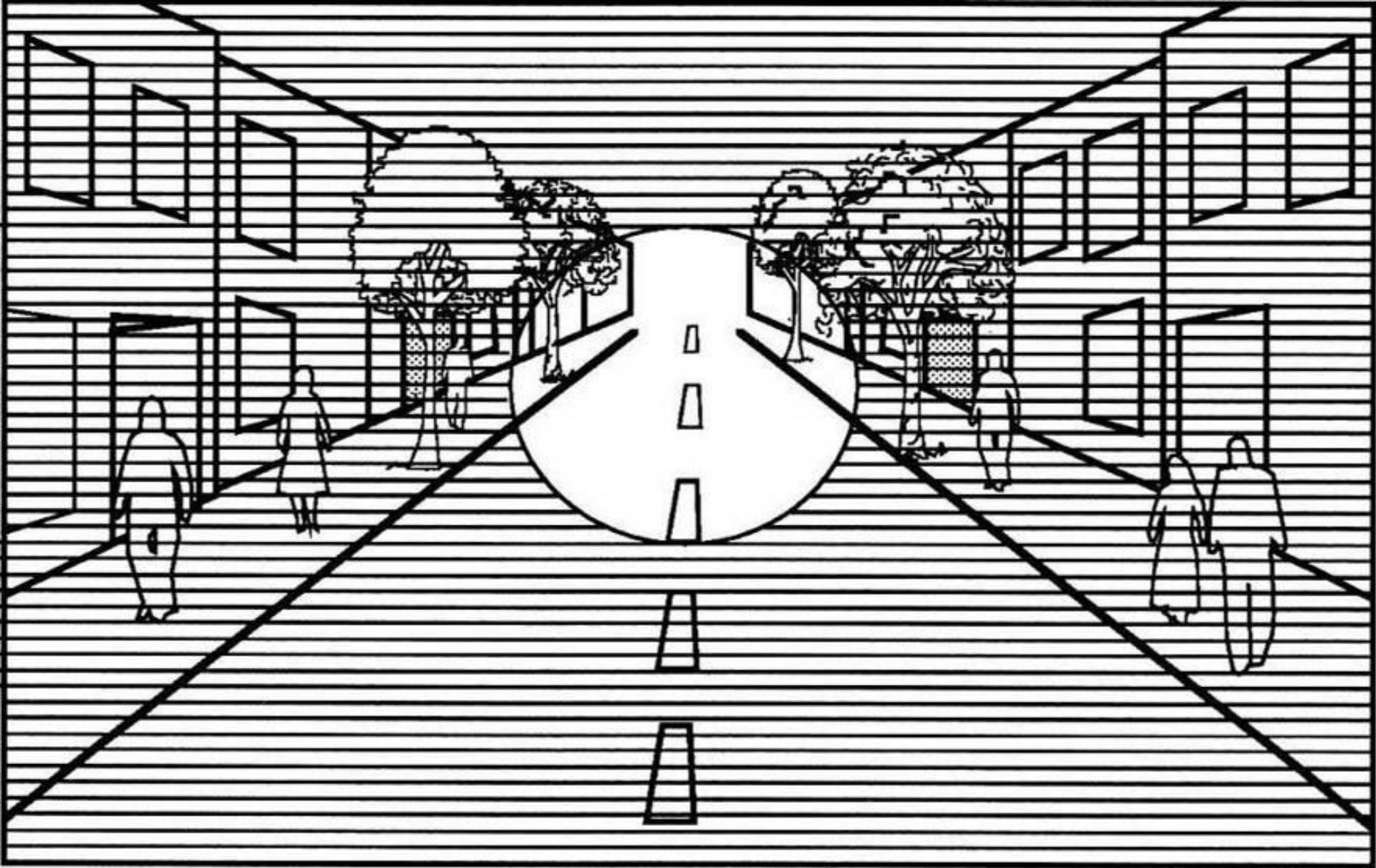




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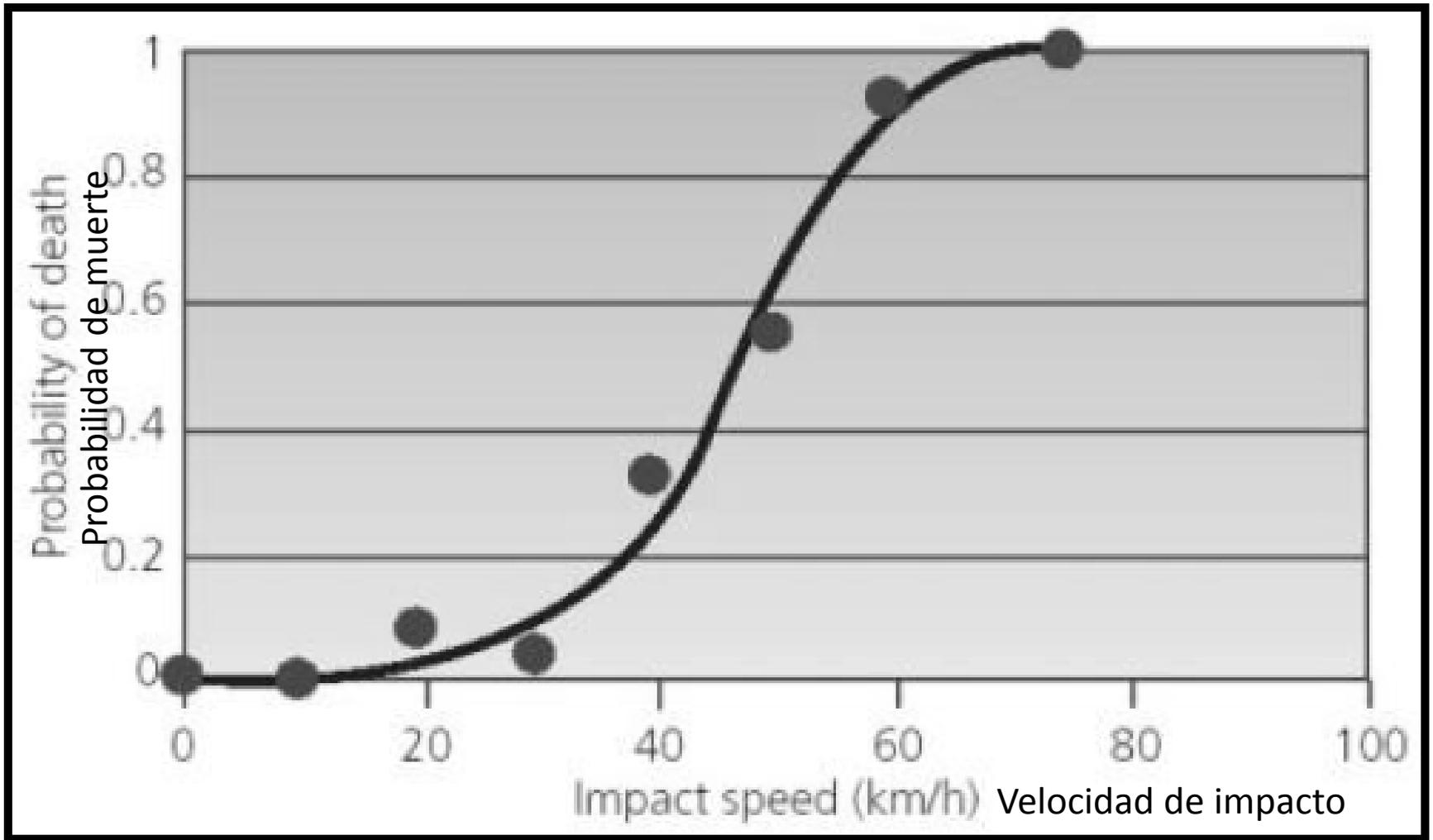
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**50 KPH**

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Do you see a conflict?  
¿Ve ud un conflicto?



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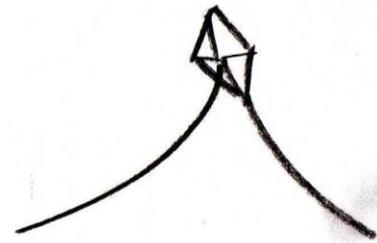


**WHY DID YOU SEE THAT CONFLICT?**

**¿POR QUÉ VIO ESE CONFLICTO?**

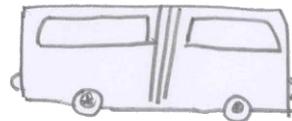
NOW WHAT?  
¿Y AHORA QUÉ?

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# How to arrive at social spaces? ¿Cómo llegar a espacios sociales?

- **Love what? Cars, bicycles, buses, pedestrians... your wife?**
- ¿Amar qué? Automóviles, bicicletas, buses, peatones... su esposa?
- **What widths/spaces?**
- ¿Qué anchos/espacios?
- **With or without people?**
- ¿Con o sin gente?
- **Fast or slow?**
- ¿Rápido o lento?
- **What differences in speeds?**
- ¿Qué diferencias en velocidades?
- **Division/segregation (windows)?**
- ¿División/segregación (ventanas)?



Private/privado

Public / Público

Social

(“Vaya **despacio** y vea nuestra hermosa ciudad, vaya rápido y vea nuestra **cárcel**”)



**GO SLOW**  
AND SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL  
**CITY**  
GO FAST AND SEE OUR  
**JAIL**  
STATE LAW ENFORCED.