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## How does 'quick commerce' change (or not) urban freight and city policies?



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**'Quick commerce'** is a service providing ultra-fast deliveries of groceries bought online. The service has rapidly developed in 2020-2021 in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic. Quick commerce is now at a crossroad, following financial as well as political challenges. Quick commerce is based on the implementation of a network of small urban warehouses ('dark stores') from which deliveries by bikes and mopeds are made. These facilities have generated a lot of attention from urban planners and neighborhood groups, translating into various municipal strategies from Paris to Amsterdam to New York to regulate or ban them. Professor Laetitia Dablanc will present results of her research team's recent work on quick commerce deliveries in European cities, adding some US examples (NYC and LA) to the presentation. She will propose discussion points on economic, environmental, and planning issues in relation to quick commerce.

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