



The Quality of Public Space—Analysis and Prediction of Individuals' Perception and Wellbeing

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Urbanization puts pressure on public spaces and poses challenges for health and livability. Design features of the built environment, such as the presence of green, walkability, and presence of meeting places, have significant impacts on how people experience public space (stress, safety, pleasantness, etc.). In turn, the way people experience public space affects their use of public space as well as their health and wellbeing. Prediction of how people emotionally experience environments is a blind spot in current research. Additionally, urban planners and designers could benefit from insights in the relationships between public space design and citizens' experiences. Therefore, we invite contributions of research into analysis and prediction of individuals' perception of the quality of public space. We invite both research using qualitative methods (e.g., walk-along interviews or photo voice), as well as research using quantitative research methods (e.g., geotagging and experience sampling). We welcome articles presenting new empirical findings, novel methods (e.g., virtual reality (VR) experiments) or systemic reviews.





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