



Masters Dissertation Showcase Year 2023

Department: Architecture and Planning Programme: Masters of City & Regional Planning Specialization: Urban and Regional Planning	
1	Title of the Thesis Exploring Socio-Spatial Use of Public spaces by Women: Case of Public parks in Karachi
2	Abstract <p>This master's thesis focuses on women's access to public spaces in Karachi, highlighting the critical role these spaces play in the city's social, economic, and cultural life. The study aims to understand the factors influencing women's choices and use of public spaces and offers key policy recommendations for creating gender-responsive and inclusive public spaces. The research explores spatial practices, such as movement and expression, and factors influencing women's access, including individual, interpersonal, and environmental aspects. Ultimately, the study contributes to urban planning and design initiatives that foster diversity and gender equality in public life.</p>
3	Impact on Sustainability of Urban Regions or SDG-11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities" <p>This master's thesis, which delves into the socio-spatial use of public spaces by women in Karachi, holds substantial implications for the sustainability of urban regions and closely aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 11: "Sustainable Cities and Communities." Here's how my thesis connects to various aspects of SDG-11:</p> <p>Improved Access to Adequate Housing and Services (Target 11.1): My research provides valuable insights into the factors influencing women's choices in utilizing public spaces. By creating more inclusive public spaces, my work contributes to the enhancement of urban living conditions.</p> <p>Enhanced Safe and Sustainable Transport (Target 11.2): By exploring how women access public spaces, my research can inform the development of safer and more inclusive public transport systems. This aligns with the goal of providing accessible and sustainable transportation for urban populations.</p> <p>Promotion of Inclusive and Sustainable Urbanization (Target 11.3): My research focus on gender-responsive and inclusive public spaces contributes to the objectives of sustainable urban planning and human settlement management, fostering more integrated and participatory urban development.</p> <p>Reduction of Environmental Impact (Target 11.6): My emphasis on inclusive, green, and public spaces promotes environmental sustainability in urban regions, particularly by contributing to better air quality and improved waste management practices.</p> <p>Universal Access to Safe and Inclusive Public Spaces (Target 11.7): My research directly addresses the need for universal access to public spaces, especially for women and persons with disabilities, aligning closely with the goal of creating safe and inclusive urban environments.</p> <p>In conclusion, my master's thesis offers valuable insights for urban planners, policymakers, and authorities striving to create more sustainable and inclusive cities. It aligns closely with the objectives of SDG-11, contributing to the development of urban regions that are safer, more inclusive, and environmentally sustainable.</p>
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