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Impact of Urban Waters on Health and their perception in city centers

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Summary

The impact on health and the perception of urban blue (urban waters like rivers) in cities will be obtained by the successive use of interdisciplinary methods. Beside the spatial analysis (geographic approach), the empirical urban promenade (psychological approach) and the participant observation (ethnographic approach), qualitative guided interviews with users of the promenades in Duesseldorf and Cologne, two examples for successful urban planning, should form the basis of the study to gain a multi-dimensional image of the research area.

In comparison local green space with no or marginal influence of surface waters will be surveyed. The objective is to highlight the potentials and their components of urban blue.



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Rhinepromenade Duesseldorf



space for social contact



aesthetically designed space



space for physical activities and leisure

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