

Image 1: the contextualized roadmap created by Özlemnur Ataol for the city of Istanbul towards rethinking process of the city from a child-focused perspective.

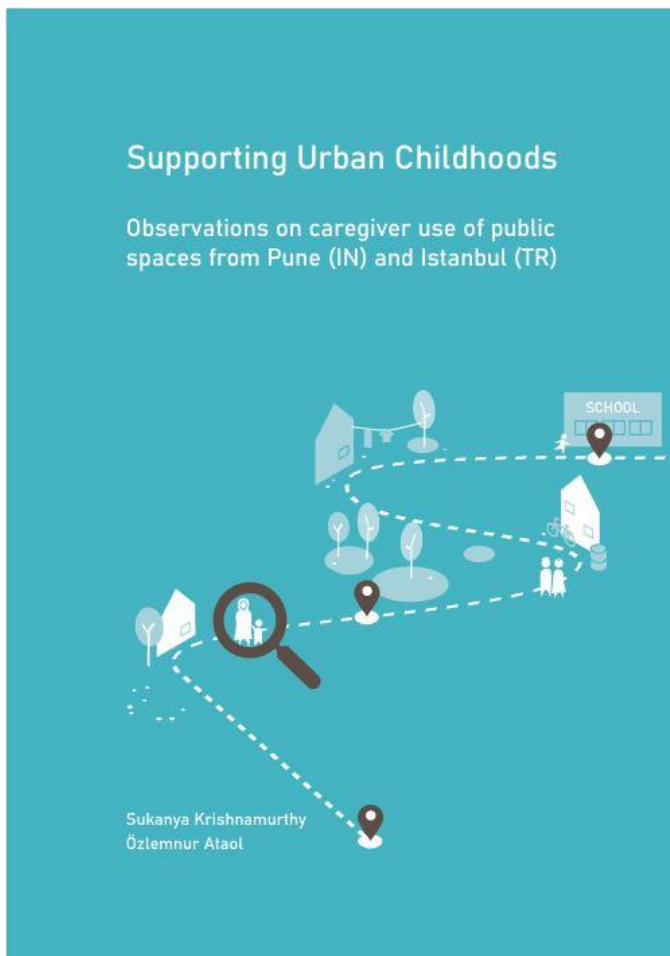


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The inability of Turkey and Istanbul in institutionalisation of children's participation in urban planning: A policy analysis study

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Abstract

Children's participation in the decision-making and design of urban public spaces is crucial for achieving inclusive cities. International covenants have recognized the importance of participation as a right. Having adhered to these agreements, Turkey is obliged to enable children's participation in all public matters that concern them, including shaping urban spaces. This paper analyses national and local legislation in Turkey and Istanbul to distil how children's right to participate is legislated and institutionalised. It shows that lack of integrated child-responsive legislation, accounting for children's individuality, and lack of collaboration between national and local governments are the root of the problem.

KEYWORDS

capability approach, children, participation, right to the city, urban planning

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Towards inclusive urban environments for infants and toddlers: Assessing four urban neighbourhoods in Istanbul with mothers

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Abstract

One of the under-represented groups in participatory urban research is very young children (0–3 years old). Very young children from disadvantaged neighbourhoods, particularly in global cities, such as Istanbul, often have to negotiate unfriendly urban spaces in their daily routines. These routines consist of intertwined events of caregivers and children, as care duties of caregivers frame their joint daily lives. Based on questionnaires and participatory mapping with full-time mothers from Istanbul, we argue that a compact design of neighbourhoods, which merges public spaces relevant to families with young children in combined destinations, is critical towards creating inclusive urban environments.

KEYWORDS

caregivers, children's geographies, inclusive urban environments, participation, young children

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Image 3: A published paper based on the Ph.D. thesis of Özlemnur Ataoğlu

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