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From Sharing Cities to Sharing Neighbourhoods: Evidences on Local Dynamics of Non-Commercial Sharing

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After the economic crisis of 2007/8 many expectations and hopes have been formulated that the rising Sharing Economy will contribute to sustainable urban development and empower civil society. Meanwhile, the concept is discussed more critically. At least parts of the Sharing Economy are referred to as “platform capitalism”, with Airbnb and Uber among its most prominent examples. The notion of the Sharing City, which emerged at the beginning of the 2010s, is already critically formulated against the commercial Sharing Economy. The potential of sustainable and just urban development is attributed primarily to non-commercial or “commoning” practices. Most existing studies on sharing, however, focus on commercial sharing and do not take their local settings into account. In our proposed contribution, we ask for the differences between commercial and non commercial forms of sharing and the role of the local context like the neighbourhood. On the basis of qualitative expert interviews and a quantitative survey among residents of neighbourhoods in seven European cities we point out systematic differences between commercial and non-commercial sharing practices in terms of content, motives, organisation and actors. In addition, the neighbourhood emerges as a key entity of non-commercial sharing. We point out differences in terms of actors and organisation of sharing between two types of neighbourhoods and conclude that the potential of sharing for just and sustainable urban development lies particularly on the neighbourhood level.

The empiric research was carried out in the frame of two research projects: „StadtTeilen“ and „ProShare“, see <https://stadtteilen.org/en/> and <https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/project/proshare/>.

RN37 | T02_03: Urban Tourism: Actors, Activities, Impacts A

Night Taxi Drivers as ‘Culture Brokers’: Implications for the Nocturnal Tourism

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This study deepens into the pivotal role of night taxi drivers in shaping Lisbon’s nocturnal economy and night experience. Serving as the primary point of contact for tourists and visitors, these drivers emerge as influential “culture brokers” as they facilitate, mediate, and physically transport people through the nocturnal urban tissue. Our research, grounded in an ethnographic approach conducted since 2022, employs in-depth interviews, participant observations with drivers, and a detailed mapping of nighttime activities to unravel this dynamic.

We explore the reasons behind the night taxi drivers’ mediation on the tourists’ nocturnal experiences, selectively granting access to various locales for dining, entertainment, and nightlife and influencing and shaping their image of the city. Our findings highlight the drivers’ intricate relationship with the nocturnal city, often prioritizing personal gains through pre-established connections with nightlife establishments.

The study contributes to a deeper understanding of the night taxi drivers’ dual role: as facilitators of urban night experiences and as agents influencing the economic and cultural fabric of nighttime Lisbon. We argue that these drivers play a crucial yet understudied role in shaping urban nightscapes, impacting tourist consumption patterns and the broader nocturnal economy and cultural ecosystem.

Any Chance For a Balance: Between Tourism-Driven Dynamic and Living in Heritage Space?

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The presentation aims to provide an insight into the socio-spatial impacts of tourism in Tallinn Old Town, where the post-socialist neoliberal context has enabled unrestricted tourism growth and increasing vulnerability of the local community. Our study conducted in 2020-2021 reveals that the pre-COVID high season tourist flows into Tallinn Old Town exceeded in relative terms even the numbers of tourists visiting Venice – a destination well documented as

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