
What is a protected space?

A study about perceived security in public spaces

Josephine Gustavsson and Elena Kokkalis

Questions at issue

How is security experienced and what factors affects the feeling of security?

What is a protected space and what does it look like?

Is it possible to create a protected space though urban planning?



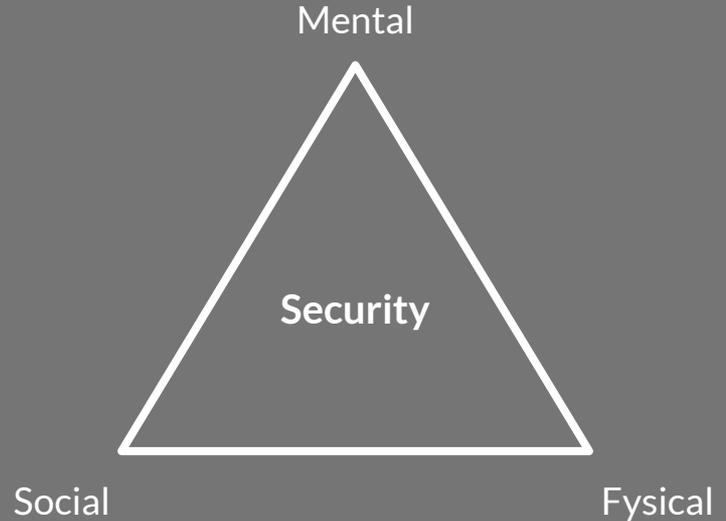
Method

- Survey with 106 women
- 3 interviews
- Literature study



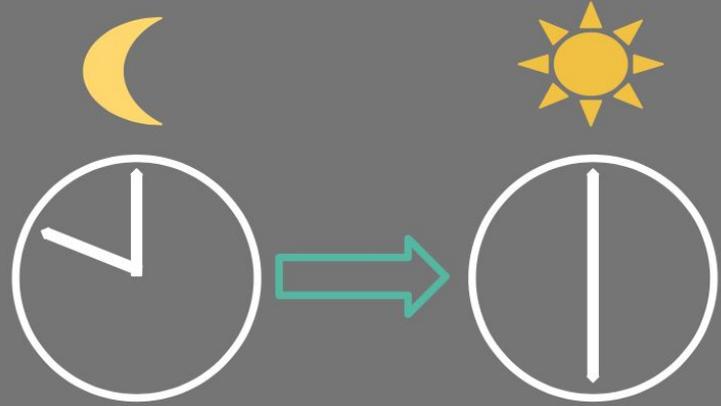
Security

- **Cared for environments.**
- **Populated places and streets.**
- Visibility of the surroundings.
- **Properly designed lightning.**
- Solidarity.
- Spatial identity.



Insecurity

- Poor lighting
- Poor care
- Poorly designed vegetation
- Poor visibility of places
- Poor visibility of other people



Protected space

Activities and meeting points

- Businesses and housing on the ground floors and adjacent to squares and parks.
- Outside furniture.

Identity

- Properly designed lighting.
- Identity-creating roof designs.

Social control

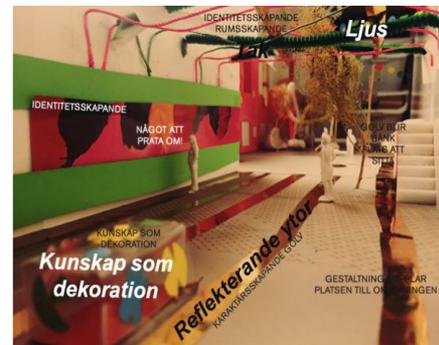
- Mix different types of traffic
- Clear division between ground surfaces.

Good care

- Organized administrative responsibility.
- Least possible shrubbery.

Good orientability and visibility.

- Clear division of lanes
- Alternative routes.
- Edge effect.
- No sharp corners.
- The right size of squares and parks.
- Good visibility.



Conclusions

How is security experienced and what factors affects the feeling of security?

What is a protected space and what does it look like?

Is it possible to create a protected space though urban planning?



Is a protected room possible to create?



Thank you for listening!