THE URBAN DORMITORY

Reducing the negative consequences of studentification in small-sized university cities

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WHAT IS STUDENTIFICATION?

"Social, cultural, economic, and physical transformations of urban spaces resulting from increases in and concentrations of student populations" -Jolivet et al., 2022

PRIVATE MARKET SHIFT & HIGH RENT

Delft is ranked number 1 in investment opportunities for housing

City	Ranking 2021	Ranking 2020
Delft	1	2
Amsterdam	2	11
Tilburg	3	5
Rotterdam	4	9
Enschede	5	7

https://insight.savills.nl/spotlight-student-housing-2022/student-housing-ranking/

Percentage increase in private rented homes:



https://www.delta.tudelft.nl/article/hoe-delft-de-ban-raakte-van-woningsplitsing-en-wat-daarop-volgde

PUBLIC SPACES TAKEN OVER BY BIKES & LITTER



https://www.delta.tudelft.nl/article/being-good-neighbour-not-request-it-order

NOISE NUISANCE & SLEEP DEPRIVATION



https://www.delta.tudelft.nl/article/owee-pictures-trip-around-student-associations

CONFLICT, TENSION, & LACK OF SOCIAL COHESION



https://www.delta.tudelft.nl/article/we-feel-outsiders-all-those-students-surrounding-us

'We feel like outsiders with all those students surrounding us'

https://www.delta.tudelft.nl/article/we-feel-outsiders-all-those-students-surrounding-us

NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES: LOCAL VS. INTERNATIONAL



→ Delft is past its tipping point

Kralingen residents: student nuisance is only getting worse

https://dagblad010.nl/Rotterdam%20&%20Regio/bewoners-kralingen-studentenoverlast-wordt-alleen-maar-erge

Brawling students in Leiden drive neighbors crazy: 'we are going to court'

Loud music and garbage: students are fed up with the nuisance of partying students in Leiden

https://www.omroepwest.nl/nieuws/4458871/harde-muziek-en-afval-studenten-zijn-overlast-van-feestende-studenten-in-leiden-zat

Even more students crammed together in Kralingen: hopes for less nuisance among residents are gone

https://www.ad.nl/rotterdam/nog-meer-studenten-op-elkaar-gepropt-in-kralingen-hoop-op-minder-overlast-bij-bewoners-vervlogen~a12fd75c/

RESEARCH AIMS







Understand and mitigate the process

Stimulate better co-existence

Promote good governance

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Main question:	What are the fundamental conditions of studentification that need to be tackled in order to stimulate better co-existence in Delft?			
Sub-question 1:	Sub-question 2:	Sub-question 3:	Sub-question 4:	
What are the negative effects of high student numbers in a neighbourhood?	What are key conflicts resulting from stake- holder perspectives that harm co-existence?	How can stakeholders be aligned and empowered to mitigate the negative consequences of studentification?	How can behaviour and perception be changed to achieve co-existence?	

RESEARCH FRAMEWORK



INITIAL RESEARCH FRAMEWORK



"We are not in favor of helping Master's students with theses. We are not there to see all kinds of fun initiatives from students... no matter how nice it is meant to be."

"(TU Delft) has so far proven to be an almost impenetrable organisation when it comes to discuss these – for them not-so-positive- topics... In fact we doubt in retrospect, whether the severity of the issues are being recognised at all"

"We hope that in the future the TU will take our input seriously and work with us on more thoughtful solutions to counter the growing nuisance we are experiencing in our neighbourhoods for which they do carry responsibility."

STUDENT NUMBERS AND RESIDENTIAL NUISANCE





TU Delft

Greenery

Buildings

Water

FOCUS AREAS

Krakeelpolder





SPATIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC DENSITY



Krakeelpolder

- Dominated by social housing apartments with a segregated student complex
- Students and local residents are separated by streets and water
- Density and construction of student complex leads to concentrated nuisance

- Dominated by privately owned single-family homes
- Students and local residents are separated by upper or lower floors
- Density and construction of converted houses lead to dispersed nuisance

REDUCED QUALITY OF PUBLIC SPACE



Krakeelpolder

 Lack of human-scale leads to desolate open public spaces

- Public spaces mainly cater children and families
- Streets are dominated by cars

- Open public spaces are characterized by residential streets or mainly cater children and families
- Pedestrian paths are littered with bikes
- Streets are dominated by cars

LACK OF CULTURAL AND MEETING SPACES



Krakeelpolder

- Neighbourhood is dominated by monofunctional residential spaces
- Community building is only accessible to students

- Small shops and restaurants are scattered in the neighbourhood
- No community buildings

HOUSING AS A CATALYST



POLICIES WITH LITTLE IMPACT

Conversion permit

A ban on dividing up houses valued at over EUR 265,000 by the municipality rates system

The covenant

Collaboration between the municipality and TU Delft:

- City as campus, campus as city
- Ecosystem knowledge and economy
- University community, city and inhabitants
- Joint public affairs agenda

BEHAVIOUR AS A CATALYST

Abusive language being used in gardens and on balconies Nuisance related to sleep deprivation from parties and outdoor meetings in and around student houses

Individuals protesting against nuisance are feeling increasingly unsafe in their homes because they are threatened by slumlords, students or sometimes even parents of students Abuse of alcohol and drugs that children also witness day-in and day-out

Public space is taken over by bicycles that inhibits people, especially those with physical disabilities, to pass through

STRATEGIES WITH LITTLE IMPACT



Domingo, R., Andeweg, A., Lockhorst, A. (n.d.). Introduction to student associations. TU Delft.

Letter of intent "Responsible use of alcohol by students" is a joke

coholgebruik-studenten-is-wasse

de Wit in Gemeente Delft . Students

Again dissatisfaction with organization lustrum DSC

March 4, 2023, 10:00 AM General

DELFT - Residents of the Otterlaan and other residents of the location where the Delftsch Studenten Corps (DSC) is organizing the lustrum party are once again expressing their dissatisfaction with how DSC is approaching the organization. "Every time this party takes place, it degenerates into a huge nuisance for the neighborhood," says a local resident. https://www.delftopzondag.nl/nieuws/algemeen/98334/opnieuw-onvrede-over-organisatie-lustrum-dsc

Neighborhood is fed up with 'pouring and drinking' after student nuisance

Loudly roaring, dressed in soaked shirts and soaking wet trousers, about six students run across the Oude Delft. The rowdy boys, all from the Delftsch Studentencorps (DSC), try to get away from the police in a pedantic way. "The umpteenth antisocial excess of the corps house at Oude Delft," explains a local resident.

https://www.ad.nl/delft/buurt-is-pappen-en-nathouden-na-studentenoverlast-zat~a7deaf84

https://www.delta.tudelft.nl/article/hoe-vind-je-een-kamer

UNIVERSITY AS A CATALYST



MISMATCH BETWEEN PROBLEM AND RESPONSE



- Many policies and strategies with little impact
- Occurring ad hoc and as one-offs
- Lacks involvement of inhabitants and landlords
- Minimal spatial impact

NATURE OF CONFRONTATIONS



- Behaviour and interaction
- University social responsibility
- Municipal power
- Good landlordship

CASE ANALYSES



OVERLAP OF CITY AND CAMPUS IN LUND





BEST PRACTICES

- Lund university overlaps with the city
- Student associations restrain activities within campus grounds or their property
- Around 75% of student houses are owned by housing corporations
- Commitment between municipality and university for large urban development

THRESHOLD APPROACH OF LOUGHBOROUGH





BEST PRACTICES

- Threshold approach
- Community-University working group
- Good behaviour campaign
- Off-campus security patrols
- National university guide

LACK OF REGULATIONS IN GOTTINGEN





BEST PRACTICES

- Minimum quota for affordable housing in new construction
- Municipal incentive subsidy program for social housing

PITFALLS

- Lack of landlord control
- Lack of displacement policies

PATHWAY OF CHANGE



ESSENTIAL PRECONDITIONS





SUPPORTING PATHWAYS





HOUSING PATHWAY





THRESHOLD APPROACH

Threshold approach to student housing


HOUSING PATHWAY





UNIVERSITY PATHWAY





UNIVERSITY SHARED SPACES

Create a residential environment on campus with recreational and non-academic functions



UNIVERSITY PATHWAY





PEOPLE PATHWAY





LEARNING FROM SHS ABTSWOUDE BLOEIT!

Establish and empower neighbourhood groups to take control of their space 12 15



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EMPOWERMENT



- Housing corporations/Real estate firms −2→ Spatial imaginations

Students/Local residents

EMPOWERMENT



DESIGN FRAMEWORK



INSPIRATION FOR SPATIAL PROJECTS









Playgrounds



Barbecue facilities



Flower beds







Picnic tables





Community building



Chess game facilities



Coffee kiosk











Student services & Knowledge sharing



Community garden

Flower stalls

Food trucks



Street parties/markets

Sports courts



Cultural events



Community library





Community kitchen



Pavilions









INTERESTING AREAS IN KRAKEELPOLDER



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INDOOR SCENARIO IN KRAKEELPOLDER



OUTDOOR SCENARIO IN KRAKEELPOLDER



INTERESTING AREAS IN WIPPOLDER



Appropriate Program change Pedestrian route

INTERSTING AREAS IN WIPPOLDER



INDOOR SCENARIO IN WIPPOLDER



https://www.cornelismusius.nl/onze-school/een-nieuw-gebouw/





OUTDOOR SCENARIO IN WIPPODLER













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