AN URBAN BIOGRAPHY

Social-Spatial Inequality in The Hague

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Social-spatial inequality in The Hague
Social-spatial inequality

Exclusion

Segregation

Integration

Inclusion
Social-spatial inequality in Statenkwartier
Statenkwartier is known as...
But... Statenkwartier is also...

Eisenhowerlaan: no connection between institutional and residential part

Stadhouderslaan: no connection between institutional and residential part

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Willem de Zwijgerlaan: no connection between institutional and residential part and public space dominated by cars

Willem de Zwijgerlaan: public space dominated by cars

International institutes surrounded by fences and surveillance cameras
“How can public space design contribute to the reduction of social-spatial inequality whilst using the historical value of the place, in order to contribute to a just city?”
Universally applicable spatial vision

**Identity**

- Based on historical development
- Unique for every specific place

How can this be identified?
- New approach: Urban Biography

**Connection**

- Connection
- Continuity

How can this be identified?
- Connection principles
1. Focus on public space

2. Physical, social and mental component

3. Development approach

4. Different scale levels
Public space

Physical component of public space: Urbs

Social component of public space: Civitas

Mental component of public space: Topos

Public space formed by physical, social and mental component
Identity formed by development
Neighbourhood characteristics Statenkwartier - urbs, civitas & topos

**Urbs:**
- Main structure
- Connection between city and beach
- Difference in typology
- Public spaces

**Civitas:**
- Difference in function
- Difference in users
- Public life consists of transportation and trade
- Public space is dominated by cars

**Topos:**
- Memories, emotions, opinions about the neighbourhood

![Maps and icons](image-url)
Design vision
Connection principles

Macro - A
Macro - B
Macro - C
Meso - A
Meso - B
Meso - C
Connection principles
Connecting principles applied
Before & after | Statenkwartier
Before & after | Statenplein
Before | Statenplein
After | Statenplein daytime

Building typology and building colour
Japanese Cherry trees
Street lights
Clinker pavement
Asphalt and cycling lane
Elm trees
Tramlines embedded in grass
After | Statenplein nighttime
1915 | Willem de Zwijgerlaan
Before | Willem de Zwijgerlaan
After | Willem de Zwijgerlaan daytime

- Elm trees
- Grass clinker pavement
- Japanese Cherry trees
- Building typology and building colour
- Street lights
- Clinker pavement and cycling lane
After | Willem de Zwijgerlaan nighttime
Before | Willem de Zwijgerlaan
After | Willem de Zwijgerlaan
Alterations | Willem de Zwijgerlaan
1903 | Stadhouderslaan
After | Stadhouderslaan daytime

Elm trees
Tramlines embedded in grass
Benches
Clinker pavement

Street lights
Asphalt and cycling lane
Japanese Cherry trees
Prairie vegetation
After | Stadhouderslaan nighttime
Before | Stadhouderslaan
Alterations | Stadhouderslaan
Before | Eisenhowerlaan
After | Eisenhowerlaan daytime

- Lime trees
- Street lights
- Prairie vegetation
- Asphalt and cycling lane
- Building typology and colour
- Benches
- Clinker pavement
- Clinker parking strip and asphalt
After | Eisenhowerlaan nighttime
Before | Eisenhowerlaan
After | Eisenhowerlaan
Alterations | Eisenhowerlaan
1915 | Statenlaan
Before | Statenlaan
After | Statenlaan daytime

- Elm trees
- Japanese Cherry trees
- Tramlines embedded in grass
- Clinker parking strip and asphalt
- Building typology, colour, and materials
- Street lights
- Clinker pavement
- Asphalt and cycling lane
After | Statenlaan
Design Statenkwartier
Conclusion

Apply this deeper understanding in altering the physical public space.

Reducing levels of exclusion and exclusivity.

City that experiences social-spatial inequality.

Physical alterations have influence on social and mental component.

Apply Urban Biography approach.

Contribute to the reduction of social-spatial inequality.

Gain a deeper understanding of the situation.
Questions?