

# Place attachment



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rootedness

Giuliani & Feldman (1993): The most important challenge for researchers in this area of inquiry is to integrate different viewpoints and approaches.

place dependence

# place attachment

urban identity

topophilia

place identity

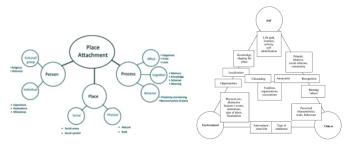
sense of place

Hernandez et al. (2014): Since the first works in the field, the number of different conceptual frameworks is indeed colossal. Still today... insuccicient progress [has been] achieved.

### Place attachment:

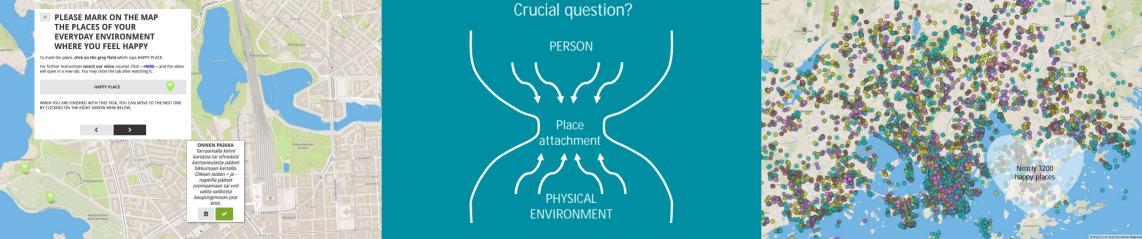
- focal concept in the people-place research
- emotional bond between a person and a particular geographical location

#### Two conceptualizations of place attachment



Scannel, L. & Gifford, R. (2010) Defining place attachment: A tripartite organizing framework. *Journal of Environmental Psychology* 30 (2010) 1–10.

Gustafson, P.E.R. (2001)
Meanings of place: Everyday experience and theoretical conceptualisations. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 21(1), 5–16,



Happy stories (~2300)

" Willa Elfvik and the surrounding nature, nearby areas and trails - There we have walked around for years, enjoyed with kids and animals, grieved my fathers death, taken the therapy children to

"Our dog Winston is happy here where we walk"

"Such a nice area that should be kept as it is. Nice place for jogging" "Beer and

"This location means the whole

Paloheinä forests and fields

altogether. I excercise here

arounf the year (cross-country

ski, nordic walking, practise

orienteering) and I always go home glad."

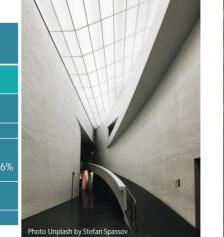
- And -	ENVIRONMENT		
"Peaceful oasis"	Social life	268	8 %
	Appearance	722	22 %
genter. People, ofes, urban osphere, old	of the		
	environment		-
	Functional	1198	37 %
dings, parks."	nossihilities		

How many times a theme was

mentioned in the stories of happy

23 %

9 %





Happy places around Esplanad in the centre of Helsinki



#### Physical environment in older adults' happy places

The average amount (%) of land uses in the 50 m buffer around the happy places of older adults





#### SYSTEM 1 Intuition & instinct

SYSTEM 2 Rational thinking



Unconscious Fast Associative Automatic pilot





5%

Takes effort Slow Logical Lazy Indecisive



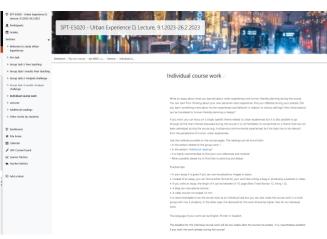
## Finally

### Key blind spots in place attachment scholarship:

- (1) Sensory or immediately perceived meanings are not taken into account
- (2) Little attention is paid to how place meanings are the joint product of attributes of environmental features and the attributes of the individual
- (3) The assumption that the relationship between place attachment and behavior is linear and not constituted in dynamic relations among mind, culture, and environment.



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When?	What happens?	Start of the course	Lectures & group work presentations	Lectures & group work presentations			Lectures	Final session
		Introduction	Perceived safety	Restorative Environments	Knowledge from people in planning	Socially sustainable and health promoting environment	Various urban user groups	Final presentations
		Student's presentations about the pre-task	Functional Environments	Sense of Community	The preparation of PPGIS data for analysis (Tiina Rinne)		Age-friendly environments (Tlina Rinne)	
		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH
		Student's	resentations Aesthetic about Experiences	Place Attachment	Various levels of PPGIS data analysis (Tiina Rinne)	Activity space modelling (Kamyar Hasanzadeh)	Child-friendly environments	Final discussion
					Online and onsite PPGIS data analysis	Group work	From city streets to playgrounds and suburban woodlands (Veera Moll)	
Group work		Group work 1 starts	Group work 1 presentations	Group work 1 presentations	Group work 2 starts	Group work 2	Group work 2	Group work 2 presentations
Individual work								

