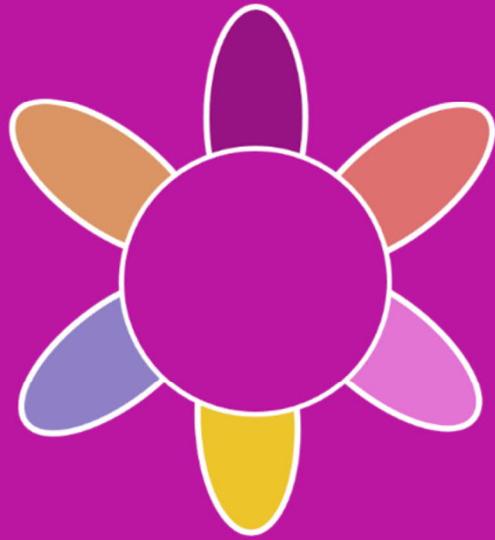


# Welcome to study urban experiences!



Dear student  
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I hope you had a very relaxing Christmas holiday!

I am Marketta Kyttä, a professor of land use planning in the department of Built Environment in Aalto. Because my background is in environmental psychology I am very happy to teach this course which is all about human experiences in urban environments.

We will start the contact sessions during the second week of January. Before that you will have a pre-task. Here I will give you the instructions for that.

**Before the  
course starts,  
you should...**

# Identify a place that is personally meaningful for you

- Positive or negative urban place experience



Identify a place that is personally meaningful for you

It can be a positive or negative urban place experience, that is meaningful for you for a variety of reasons

- It can be a smaller scale place or a larger area
- The place can be in Finland or elsewhere
- It can be related to whatever part of your life

# Your first task:

## Describe the place that you choose

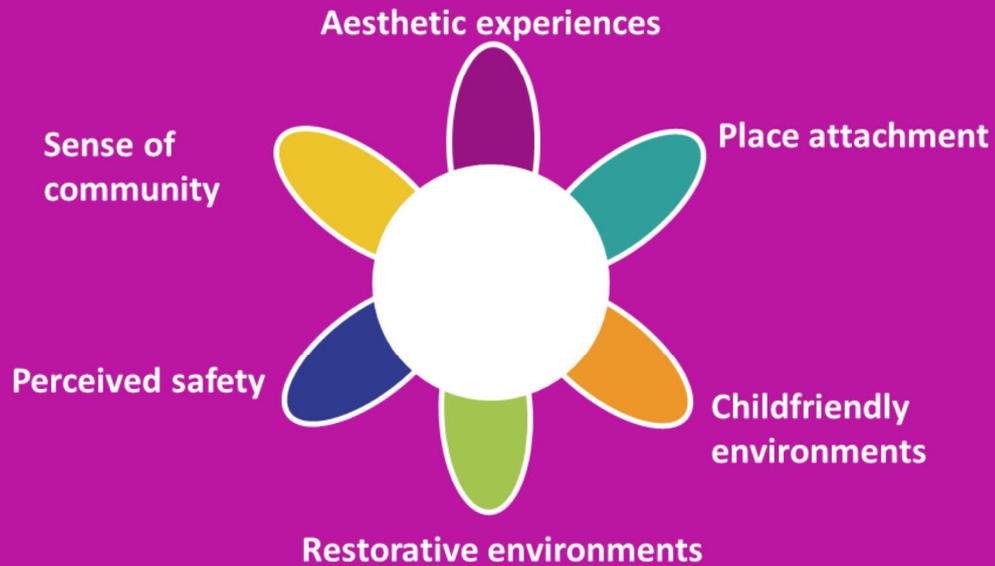
- Use maps, photographs, drawings and text
- Tell about your place experience
- Make a Power Point presentation (slides 1 and 2) or a short video



Your first task will be to describe the place that you choose:

- Use maps, photographs, drawings, video or text to describe the place itself. What is the place like physically?
- Tell about your own place experience. Why is the place meaningful to you?
- Make a Power Point presentation with two slides (no more!):
  - Use the first slide for describing the place and another slide for explaining why the place is meaningful for you.
- OR: make a short video (max 3 min)

# 6 themes relevant for human-friendly environments



Your next task is to study independently the virtual material that I have saved in My courses web page in the Materials section.

There are short online lectures about the following 6 themes:

- Aesthetic experiences
- Sense of community
- Perceived safety
- Restorative environments
- Childfriendly Environments
- Place attachment

You are supposed to watch all these six short videos. It will take about 2 hours. In the Materials folder, there are also PDFs about all of these presentation – so please use them if you rather read than watch these videos.



# During the first contact session...

## 8.1 Present your individual assignment



During the first contact teaching session I will ask you to present and share your individual presentation. We will also discuss together more about each six themes.

You will be having a few minutes for your own presentation.

# Looking forward to...



I am looking forward to see you on the 8th of January. If you have anything to ask about the course or the pre-task, do not hesitate to contact me:

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